

Takeaways

Nordic GDPR Working Group

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The basis for the discussions

- Differences and similarities

The WG started their work by clarifying each country's

- Products and services
- Legal basis for the processing of geospatial data in the exercise of official authority
- Interpretations of specific rules under GDPR

The discussions in short

- The group has explored a number of issues
 - Interpretation of terms e.g. personal/non-personal data, data minimization, accountability, transfers to third countries, appropriate technical and organizational measures
 - We have explored and collated an number of sources and material both on GDPR and our national situation
 - The resulting report should be helpful in demonstrating the issues involved and basis for dealing with them

The conclusion in a nutshell

The lack of an encompassing understanding of the rules between the Nordic countries can be linked to the following reasoning

‘However, within the area of data protection law, the ideal of a single uniform and comprehensive piece of legislation covering practically any purpose for which data can be processed will invariably cause friction due to the impact of legal and national culture. The reasons for protecting personal data are linked to the values that sustain information privacy. And privacy is a vague and imprecise concept with little general consensus as to how it should be understood.’

‘The Proposed Data Protection Regulation: The Illusion of Harmonisation, the Private/Public Sector Divide and the Bureaucratic Apparatus,’ article by PETER BLUME AND CHRISTIAN WIESE SVANBERG.

Proposal

- The GDPR Working Group suggests that its members will continue update each other on relevant matters, with inclusion of other experts from the organizations when required.
- This could be done by setting up a resource group whose mandate will be to hold either in-person or virtual meetings once or twice a year.
- The Resource Group could also propose initiatives for more in-depth discussions on a Nordic or European basis.