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## **New European Data Protection Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor appointed**

On 3 December, the European Parliament and the Council appointed by common accord Giovanni Buttarelli as the European Data Protection Supervisor for a term of five years. They also appointed Wojciech Rafał Wiewiórowski as Assistant Supervisor for the same period.

The term of office of the European Data Protection Supervisor and of the Assistant Supervisor starts on the day when the decision is signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, which takes place on 4 December.

The task of the European Data Protection Supervisor is to ensure that the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons, and in particular their right to privacy, are respected by the EU institutions and bodies.

The Assistant Supervisor assists the Supervisor in all his duties and acts as a replacement when the Supervisor is absent or prevented from attending to them.

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