EU Data Protection Reform: a concerted effort to make it work

For new data protection rules to work in practice, it will be important that every actor plays its role:

**MEMBER STATES**

- Adapt national legislation to new rules as soon as possible to give operators enough time to prepare.
- ✓ Repeal and amend existing laws.
- ✓ Set up national data protection authorities.
- ✓ Repeat the text of the Regulation in national law.
- Ensure necessary resources and complete independence of Data Protection Authorities.

**DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITIES**

- Cooperate together including through the setting up of the European Data Protection Board.
- Ensure the application of the rules including through fines.
- Clarify the application of the rules, if need be, e.g. through guidelines.
- Promote a culture of dialogue with all stakeholders, including businesses.

**COMPANIES & ORGANISATIONS**

- Prepare for application of the new rules.
- Reach out to your national Data Protection Authorities if not sure what to do.
- Respect new rules as of 25 May 2018.

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

- Closely monitor the application of the General Data Protection Regulation and take appropriate actions as necessary, including – if necessary – the infringement procedure against EU countries which will not apply new rules.
- Promote consistency and limit fragmentation in the application.
- Co-finance awareness raising actions.

**CITIZENS**

- Get to know your new rights, e.g. right to portability of your personal data.
- Be an empowered citizen – if your rights are not respected, contact your national Data Protection Authority.