Coelition technologies provide implementation frameworks for new European data legislation

Today the EU published the Data Governance Act. The proposed legislation introduces into law the concept of intermediaries that provide services to individuals but do not hold the personal data used to deliver those services.

Since 2013, Coelition has been working with open community projects to support the development of human-centric and privacy-preserving technologies for responsible innovation with personal data. The Data Governance Act will require organisations and regulators to implement new governance approaches that can be supported by the OASIS COEL standard and MyData Operators – initiatives in which Coelition has been deeply involved.

The OASIS COEL framework created a privacy-by-design approach for personalised digital services and IoT applications that capture data relating to an individual. The personal data intermediary concept was coded into the OASIS COEL and the called the Operator. The new Act would ensure these services are registered in the EU and requires that they comply with several restrictions already provided by OASIS COEL: structural separation of the different services provided by the intermediary, no formatting of data in proprietary formats and facilitating consent.

MyData operators are described in the Understanding MyData Operators white paper. They provide infrastructure and tools for the person in a human-centric system of personal data exchange. Operators enable people to securely access, integrate, manage, and use personal data about themselves as well as to control the flow of personal data within and between data sources and data using services.

Our contribution to an analysis of an early, leaked version of the Data Governance Act was published by MyData on 6 November. We look forward to continued work with these initiatives, the wider community, and European Commission as we follow this and future legislation in the personal data economy.

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About Coelition:
Coelition is an independent non-profit research and technology organisation, formed in 2013, to create privacy-by-design technologies for the recording of human behaviour and the Internet of Things. We host infrastructure built on global, open standards and support the growing global ecosystem for the responsible use of personal data. Coelition provides technology and services to organisations, helping them to provide individuals with personal services that handle data responsibly. We have contributed to research and innovation in areas such as pseudonymisation, machine-readable privacy policies, digital identities from behavioural data and human-centric personal data operators. We are members of MyData Global.

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About MyData Global:
MyData Global is an award-winning international non-profit. The purpose of MyData Global is to empower individuals by improving their right to self-determination regarding their personal data. MyData Global has nearly 90 organisation members and over 600 individual members from over 50 countries, on six continents. The non-profit facilitates the 2000+ strong MyData community of data experts and enthusiasts. MyData is described in the recently published EU data strategy as a promising initiative for empowering citizens through exercising their digital rights.

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