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ALEXANDER DIX

*2017 INTERNATIONAL PRIVACY CHAMPION*

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM – The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) has awarded the 2017 International Privacy Champion Award to German privacy expert and open government advocate Dr. Alexander Dix.

The award was presented at the annual conference on Computers, Privacy, and Data Protection in Brussels, Belgium on 25 January 2017, in advance of International Privacy Day.

In accepting the award, Alexander Dix said, “I am honored to receive this Award from EPIC. I have always taken the view that privacy and freedom of information can only be defended effectively on an international level. EPIC has built up an impressive record in this field. International cooperation in support of data protection and open government remains crucial.”

Dr. Dix served as Commissioner for Data Protection and Access to Information in Berlin, as well as Chair of the International Working Group on Data Protection. He is currently Vice-Chair of the European Academy for Freedom of Information and Data Protection in Berlin.

EPIC President Marc Rotenberg said, “Throughout his career, Alexander Dix has championed privacy and open government. As Chair of the International Working Group, he welcomed NGOs and encouraged a spirit of collaboration and friendship. Still he remains focused on the hard work of developing new legal approaches for privacy protection.”

Former privacy commissioner David Flaherty, a member of the jury and the EPIC Advisory Board, said Alexander Dix is the perfect choice for this honor.

The EPIC International Privacy Champion Award was given first in 2009 to Italian jurist Professor Stefano Rodotà. Since then the EPIC Award has gone to Australian jurist Michael Kirby (2010), MEP Sophie in’t Veld (2011), Canadian Privacy Commissioner Jennifer Stoddart (2012), EU privacy campaigner Max Schrems (2013), MEP Jan Philipp Albrecht (2014),

European Data Protection Supervisor Peter Hustinx (2015), and European Commissioner Viviane Reding (2016).

The EPIC Champion of Freedom Award was given first to Senator Patrick Leahy in 2004, on the occasion of EPIC's tenth anniversary. Since that time, the EPIC Champion of Freedom Award has gone to other US Senators, Members of Congress, Federal Judges, distinguished attorneys, scholars, journalists, news organizations, CEOs and advocates.

The 2017 EPIC Champion of Freedom Awards will be presented on Monday, June 5, 2017 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

The annual CPDP conference and the presentation of the EPIC International Privacy Award occurs in conjunction with January 28, Data Privacy Day, which recognizes the importance of privacy and celebrates the International Privacy Convention, Council of Europe Convention 108.

The members of the jury for the 2017 EPIC International Privacy Champion Award are Professor Ross Anderson, Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge; Professor Alessandro Acquisti, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University; Professor Colin J. Bennett, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria; Simon Davies, Founder, Privacy International and Privacy Surgeon; Professor Laura Donohue, Georgetown University Law Center; David Flaherty, former Commissioner British Columbia; Pamela Jones Harbour, Former Commissioner, US Federal Trade Commission; Professor Paul de Hert, Law, Science, Technology & Society, Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Dr. Kristina Irion, Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam; Dr. Pablo Molina, Chief Information Officer, American Association of Law Schools; Professor Helen Nissenbaum, Information Law Institute, New York University; Stephanie Perrin; and, Marc Rotenberg, President, EPIC and Georgetown University Law Center.

### About Alexander Dix

Dr. Alexander Dix is Vice-Chair of the European Academy for Freedom of Information and Data Protection in Berlin. From 1998 to 2005 he was Commissioner for Data Protection and Access to Information in Brandenburg. He was then elected as Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, a post which he held until January 2016. From 2005 to 2015, he chaired the International Working Group on Data Protection in Telecommunications (also known as "Berlin Group") and represented the German Länder in the Article 29 Working Party. Currently he is a member of the Privacy Advisory Group in the UN Global Pulse Project.

### About EPIC

The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) is one of the leading privacy advocacy and research organizations in the world. Based in Washington, DC, EPIC was established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues. More information is available at [epic.org](http://epic.org).