

## Co-operation with Ibero-American Countries

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## Main Lines

- **Creating spaces and fora for discussion and co-operation**
  - Yearly Ibero-American Data Protection Conference
  - Ibero-American Data Protection Network
- **Promoting the adoption of legislative measures to effectively implementing the fundamental right to data protection**
  - Consultative role on the drafting of new legislation in several Ibero-American countries (Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Venezuela)
  - Joint work with existing Ibero-American Data Protection Authorities
- **Explaining the advantages of an Adequacy Decision from the European Commission**

## II Ibero-American Conference on Data Protection – June 2003

### Declaration of La Antigua

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6. The participants stress the importance of strengthening initiatives for pooling experience among the Ibero-American Countries by establishing permanent channels for dialogue and cooperation in matters of data protection.

7. To this end, and with the object of reinforcing mutual ongoing cooperation among them, advancing upon the basis of the Permanent Forum created on the occasion of the First Summit, the participants hereby constitute the Ibero-American Data-Protection Network (henceforth “the Network”), whose membership shall be open to representatives of all the Ibero-American Countries.

## Thirteenth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government

### Declaration of Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia) November 2003

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45. Likewise we are aware that the protection of personal data is a fundamental right of all persons, and we highlight the importance of Ibero-American regulatory initiatives for protecting the privacy of citizens contained in the La Antigua Declaration creating the Ibero-American Data-Protection Network, open to all the countries of our Community.

## III Ibero-American Conference on Data Protection –Cartagena de Indias– May 2004

- **Focus on “Personal data protection as a guarantee of service quality: New challenges and opportunities for the financial, commercial and telecommunications sectors in Ibero-America”**
- **Four Working Groups created**
  - Electronic Government and telecommunications (Chile)
  - Access to public information and data protection (Mexico)
  - Strategy of the Ibero-American Data Protection Network (Colombia-Spain)
  - Viability of creating Supervisory Authorities in Ibero-America (Argentina-El Salvador)

## III Ibero-American Conference on Data Protection- Cartagena de Indias – May 2004

- **Main conclusions:**
  - Periodic briefing on national legislative developments and relevant court decisions
  - Publication of the proceedings of the Conference on the web pages devoted to the Ibero-American Network of the Spanish DPA website
  - Creation of a *pro tempore* Secretariat to organise Conferences, made up of the Spanish Data Protection Agency and delegations from the host countries of the upcoming encounter and the last encounter
  - Beginning preparations for the Fourth Ibero-American Encounter on Data Protection, which the representatives of Costa Rica offered to host in their country in 2005. Preparatory work was assigned to the *pro tempore* Secretariat
  - The Network Secretariat and Presidency for the next two years shall remain in the Spanish Data Protection Agency



## Logo of the Network



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