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## Purpose of this presentation

- The need for international co-operation.
- A case study: the Article 29 Working Party.
- Lessons for the future.



## Why is international co-operation necessary in the EU?

- To achieve deeper harmonization within the EU.
- To facilitate a soft interface with other systems.
- To give national data protections a saying in policy shaping.



## A case study: the Article 29 Working Party

- The status of this group.
- Its Mandate.
- The role of the European Commission.



## A case study: the Article 29 Working Party

- Some examples of contributions for a deeper harmonization within the EU.
- Some examples of contributions for a soft interface with other systems.
- Recent examples of contributions in policy shaping.



## Lessons for the future

- A constructive relationship between the European Commission and the Article 29 Working Party is vital.
- European experiences on international co-operation may also prove useful for the international community.



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