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Dear European Ombudsman

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**Complaint 2193/2025/MIG (FATCA, etc.)**

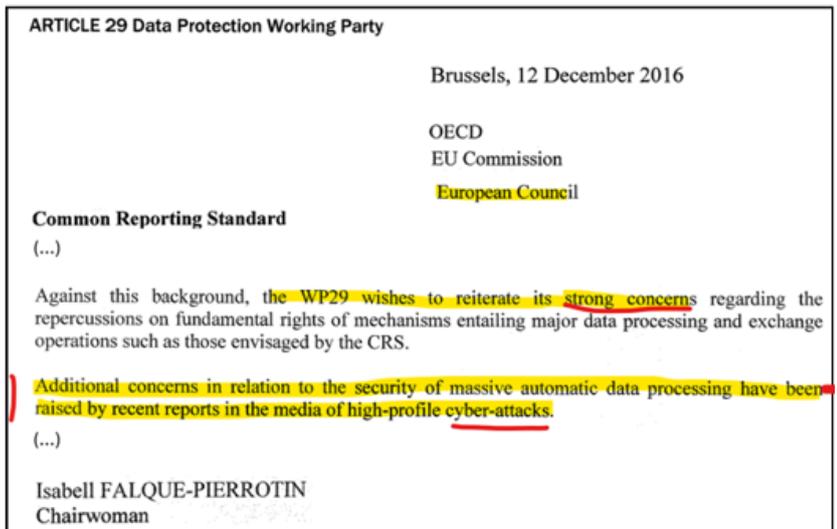
I am writing further to the complaint dated 3 August 2025 and the follow-up correspondence.

— **Data of 1.2m French bank accounts hacked**

See below and attached from *Le Monde*, informing that the bank account data of **1.2m** French citizens has been illegally accessed by a "malignant actor" (according to the French finance ministry. This comes hot off the heels of a previous attack during which the data of **17m** French judicial data concerning victims of crimes was also hacked.

— **"Told you so"**

Yesterday's bank accounts' hacking is the latest example of the disproportionate and unnecessary data protection risks caused by systems of bulk data processing such as FATCA and the CRS highlighted by the EU Working Party Article 29 (➡), which the EU and the OECD have been trying to sweep under the carpet, including by denying access to important internal documents (as they tried to do with former MEP Sophie in 't Veld until the Ombudsman intervened). The attached letter from 27 September 2021 to the Commission shows how the present Commission ignored the warnings from the previous Commission in a user friendly 'timeline' format.



— **Need for transparency and accountability**

Hopefully, the latest incident [reported](#) by Le Monde (also [here](#)) will act as a wake-up call and assist the EU Ombudsman with the decision in the matter at hand to restore a much needed degree of transparency and accountability. It is clear in the mind of the EU FATCA petitioners that the Council of the EU embarked on an obfuscation exercise to avoid embarrassment, divert criticism and avoid accountability for departing from the previous Commission's course and ignoring the clear opinion of its own data protection experts.

Best regards,

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