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Dear Commissioner, President, Supervisor and EDPB Chair

EU bulk processing of information in the age of AI and cyber attacks

I write further to our letters dated [5 August](#) and [6 August 2026](#), and more generally our correspondence on [BO-Registers](#) and [AEOL](#). This morning I woke up to the [news](#) of the inevitable (also [here](#) and [here](#)):



**French taxpayers' data
stolen in cyber attack,
French Finance Ministry
says**

Data of close to 700,000 taxpayers were stolen in a cyberattack that led to the consulting and extraction of taxpayers' data.

The stolen data includes taxpayers' names, birthdates, taxable income and tax paid, withholding rate, postal and email addresses, telephone numbers, and communications with the tax authority, as well as other information that could be used in scam attempts. The intrusion happened in June but had not been reported until now.

It is noteworthy that the French ministry of finance only acknowledged the breach 13 hours [after](#) it was [reported](#) by French Breaches, showing a culture of contempt and cover-up.

Today's incident makes the requests contained in our 5 August letter, in particular in relation to a temporary moratorium and thorough data security audit of all EU and EU Member States' systems that hold sensitive personal and financial data of individuals and businesses pursuant to measures requiring a bulk collection of information enacted by the EU.

Best regards,

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