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Dear Madam, Sir

The European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is celebrating this week its first anniversary!

GDPR will be on the schedule for a long time and is identified as a top risk in many organisations. It is necessary to develop clear data protection strategies and governance that support the broader corporate strategy and the company's value while maintaining high standards of security and compliance.

Digital transformation is a key advocacy area for FERMA and ECIIA and both have already worked jointly in 2017 to develop a position paper "at the junction of corporate governance and cybersecurity".

Again, in a joint collaboration, ECIIA and FERMA, have decided to launch a GDPR research with contributors across Europe to collect evidence on the role of internal audit and risk management regarding the GDPR and personal data related risks, in order to promote good governance alongside the regulation.

The project consists of a short survey to gather data and a series of interviews of practitioners. Results will be used to provide unique insight on the implementation of the GDPR by companies to the European policymakers.

In order to formalize the professionals' views regarding the implementation of GDPR, we need your support by answering the survey.

It will not take you very long to fill in the questionnaire and it is a unique opportunity to contribute to the evolution of the European legislation in terms of Data Protection.

Data will be treated confidentially, and we will share the conclusions with you and with the European regulators before the end of the year.

Please complete the survey before 28 June and do not hesitate to contact us for any question you would have.

Thank you for your support,

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ECIIA Secretary General

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About ECIIA

The European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ECIIA) is an international not-for-profit association founded in 2001. The ECIIA intends to be the consolidated voice for the profession of internal auditing in Europe, and to promote the role of internal audit and Enterprise Risk Management at large, to foster good corporate governance.

In particular, the ECIIA deals with the European Union institutions, the European professional regulators and associations representing key stakeholders. Through its 34 national institutes of internal auditors, the ECIIA represents approximately 48.000 internal auditors.

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About FERMA

The Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA) represents the risk management profession at European level. We bring together 21 risk management associations in 20 European countries, representing nearly 4800 risk managers active in a wide range of business sectors from major industrial and commercial companies to financial institutions and local government bodies. We provide the means of coordinating risk management and optimising the impact of these associations at a European level.

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