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Data Protection and Privacy Newsletter

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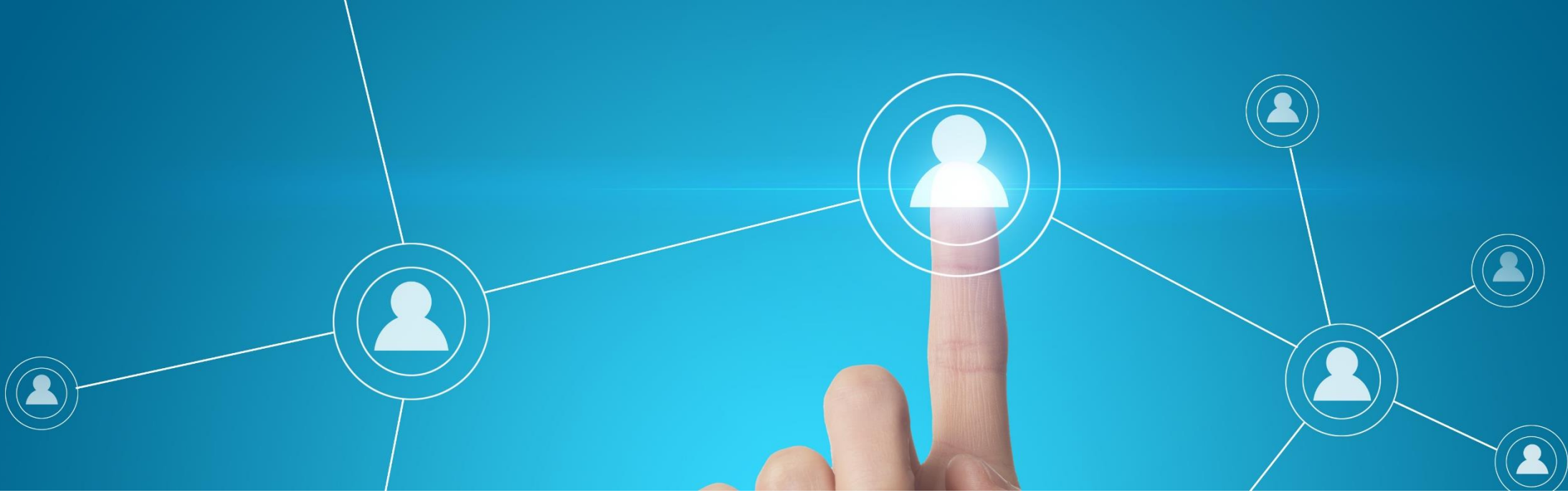


Investigation launched against TikTok

The Dutch Data Protection Authority (autoriteitpersoonsgegevens) has launched investigation on TikTok, a popular social media app by ByteDance Ltd.

The use of TikTok has considerably risen amongst children in Netherlands which has led to growing concerns about privacy.

The Authority will examine whether the privacy of children is adequately protected and how is personal data of children collected, processed and used.



Bill on Contact Tracing

To regulate contact-tracing and exposure-notification apps, the U.S. Senators have introduced multiple bills till now like COVID-19 Consumer Data Protection Act and Public Health Emergency Privacy Act with the recent introduction of the Exposure Notification Privacy Act. Given that the contact tracing apps collect and track significantly huge amount of personal and location data, this proposed legislation aims to safeguard individual privacy.



Norways' contact tracing app suspended

Datatilsynet, the Norwegian Data Protection Authority has ordered the Norwegian Institute of Public Health (FHI) to impose a temporary ban on processing personal data by the contact tracing app Smittestopp (“infection stop”) amid privacy concerns. Further to which FHI has now stopped the app and delete all data until further notice before the Data Protection Authority's response deadline on June 23.

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Enforcement updates



Swedish Healthcare Committee fined

Datainspektionen, the Swedish Data Protection Authority ordered a fine of SEK 120,000 on Healthcare Committee in Orebro County Region for publishing sensitive personal data of a patient on website without a legal basis.

Datainspektionen further ordered that written instructions are required for publication of personal data on the Region's website.



FTC settlement with Kids app developer

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently announced a settlement of USD 4 million with HyperBeard, a developer of mobile game apps popular with children.

HyperBeard was in violation of Children's Online Privacy Protection Act for illegally collecting kids' data without parental consent and behavioral advertising.

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