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### [ICO News: New UK Information Commissioner begins term](#)

John Edwards begins his new role as UK Information Commissioner Tuesday 4 January. Mr Edwards, who joins on a five year term, spent the past eight years as New Zealand Privacy Commissioner, and before that worked as a barrister. He succeeds Elizabeth Denham CBE, whose term as UK Information Commissioner ended last year.

### [News Article: European Commission defends Ireland tech watchdog amid criticism of privacy record](#)

Amid mounting criticism of Ireland's privacy watchdog, top European Commission official Didier Reynders has come to Dublin's defense, brushing off calls to penalize the country over claims it has failed to uphold Europeans' privacy rights.

*[Relates to the EU]*

### [News Article: France fines Google and Facebook €210m over user tracking](#)

France's data privacy watchdog has fined Google and Facebook a combined €210m (£176m) for hampering users' ability to stop the companies tracking their online activity.

*[Relates to France]*

### [News Article: Morgan Stanley Agrees to Data Breach Settlement](#)

American multinational investment bank and financial services company Morgan Stanley has agreed to pay \$60m to settle a legal claim over data security. A class-action lawsuit was filed against the company in July 2020 over two security breaches that compromised the personal data of approximately 15 million of its customers.

*[Relates to the USA]*

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