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What are the Policy, Legal and Regulatory Implications of Regional Clouds?

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Over the past year there has been on-going discussion regarding the re-alignment of cloud computing services to a number of European policy objectives, which include the consideration of an "EU-only Cloud" and a so-called Schengen data zone and European specific standards and certification. Motivations seem to vary, from ensuring a high standard of data privacy, reducing the risk of unauthorized access by not routing data via non European countries, to purely commercial incentives in restricting market access to non European cloud players. In parallel, DG Connect has made substantial progress in its Cloud Specific Interest Groups, aimed at building more confidence from the end user perspective in moving to the Cloud through a voluntary approach.

What is the right blend of policy, legal and regulatory measures for this new era? How does the concept of an open standards based Cloud fit with that? What are the implications of opting for a more restrictive approach for Cloud in Europe?

This round table will feature three leading experts:

Professor Christopher Millard, Professor of Privacy and Information Law at the Centre for Commercial law Studies, Queen Mary University of London, has led the QMUL Cloud Legal Project since it was established in 2009. He is also editor and co-author of Cloud Computing Law (Oxford University Press, 2013). He will present findings from a recently completed research paper from the Microsoft Cloud Computing Research Centre (MCCRC) initiative (available at the meeting).

Hans Graux, Development Leader – Project Editor for the EC Data Protection Code of Conduct for Cloud Computing. A Time.lex partner, Graux is also an independent advisor to the Flemish Supervisory Council, which supervises data protection compliance in the public sector.

Pablo Troyon Rama, Vice President Cloud Europe for IBM, who is responsible for leading the IBM European Cloud Business Unit, which is in charge of all aspects of the European Cloud offerings.

Discussions will be moderated by **Graham Taylor**, CEO of OpenForum Europe.

The event will be held from 8.00 to 10.30 at Silken Berlaymont (Boulevard Charlemagne 11, 1000 Brussels).

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