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There has been a positive response from Francois Mitterand, President of the EEC Council of Ministers, and Jacques Delors, President of the EEC Commission, to the proposal for an EEC Data Protection Commission (see PL&B Sep '89 p.20). Still at an early stage, the project is a recognition of the growing importance of data protection principles in a wide range of EEC policies (see p.7). The EEC DPC would influence policies and practicalities, for example, producing a standard EEC data protection registration form.

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