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## Can Privacy and Security Survive in an Age where Data Rules? Protecting our Digital Information and Infrastructure

Our economy and society in Europe are ever more dependent on information as the fuel for their development and success. As the data revolution continues apace, the debate about how to protect this information and with it our individual privacy and collective security, whether from cyber-attacks or misuse, is really only just beginning.

Responding properly to these challenges is therefore anticipated to feature highly among the key priorities of the new European Commission, due to enter office in November.

This debate, followed by a cocktail reception, will take place in the context of the [European Cyber-Security Month](#) to discuss and reflect on if and how these challenges can be successfully overcome to ensure that privacy and security can indeed survive in an age where data rules.

Hosted by MEP Andreas Schwab, with the participation of Director Paul Timmers, responsible for Sustainable and Secure Society, DG CONNECT, and Symantec's Senior Vice-President for EMEA, Matt Ellard, this event will also offer opinion and insight from Symantec which aims to offer a fresh and critical perspective on these highly pressing issues.

## programme- 7th October 2014

### Welcome and introduction:

**Andreas Schwab**, MEP and EIF Member

### Speakers:

**Matthew Ellard**, Senior VP EMEA, Symantec

**Paul Timmers**, Director of the Sustainable & Secure Society Directorate, European Commission (DG CONNECT)

### Exchange of views with participants

## Speakers



**Mr Andreas Schwab**

MEP and EIF Member



**Mr Matt Ellard**

Senior Vice President, Europe,  
Middle East and Africa

Symantec



**Mr Paul Timmers**

Director of the Sustainable &  
Secure Society Directorate, DG  
CONNECT

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