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"It is unacceptable that the company fundamentally changed the default settings on its social-networking platform to the detriment of a user", the group of European data protections authorities said in a letter Wednesday.

The EU group, known as the Article 29 Working Party, met on May 11-12 in Brussels to discuss safer networking principles.

It reminded [Facebook](#) that user profile information "is limited to self-

selected contacts" and any further access "should be an explicit choice of the user."

On April 21, the social networking site rolled out a series of new features including the ability for partner websites to incorporate Facebook data, a move that would further expand the network's presence on the Internet.

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