

## **Facebook Class Action: More than 20.000 Participants. Support exceeds all expectations.**

The class action against Facebook, which was submitted last Thursday in Vienna, exceeds all expectations. Up to 7.000 new participants per day were registered by the organizers. This translates to one additional claim every 6 seconds at peak times. Schrems: *"We have hoped for large support, but the number of participants in such a short time exceeded my most optimistic expectations."* More than 20.000 people from more than 100 countries have joined the privacy law suit so far. The majority comes from Europe, but there are supports from all parts of the world. The top 10 countries so far are:

1. Germany	5.287	6. United Kingdom	913
2. Austria	3.712	7. Belgium	894
3. Netherlands	2.438	8. France	736
4. Finland	1.179	9. Serbia	588
5. Croatia	1.106	10. Poland	415

Schrems: *"We were well prepared for this huge amount of claims. Nevertheless we have to limit the claims after this short time, because we will have to verify and administer every individual claim."* The number of participants will therefore be limited at 25.000 Facebook users for now.

Supports of the cause can still join the class action until this target is reached. Schrems: *"We want to give everyone the chance to finalize his claim."* All other users can still register on [www.fbclaim.com](http://www.fbclaim.com) and will be prioritized if the class action is further expanded beyond the 25.000. *"The number of registered additional claimants will surely be an important factor for Facebook"*. Name and Address will be the only information necessary for registration.

*"We can run a class action very well with this number of class members"*, notes Dr. Proksch, the lawyer representing the class. The lawsuit is meanwhile following the usual procedure and will likely be heard in courts before the end of the year.

Schrems: *"With this number of participants we have a great basis, to stop complaining about privacy violations and actually do something about it. If we are successful, the outcome will of course have a positive impact on all users."*

*"The great support shows that this class action is at the heart of a very urgent matter. The fact that we have reached the number of participants in such a short time is a clear sign."* says Dr. Eversberg, the CEO of the legal financing provider ROLAND ProzessFinanz AG.

Further Information, Photos and all Documents on the class action can be found at  
<http://www.europe-v-facebook.org/EN/Media/media.html>

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