Overview
The International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) quoted Charles Helleputte in an October 29 article titled "Nonprofit Group Approved for New Collective Action Ability in Belgium." The article highlights the enhanced private right of action under the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which has seen an uptick in Belgium. Belgium's Ministry of Employment, Economy and Consumer Affairs granted NOYB, a nonprofit group created by Max Schrems, status as a "qualified entity," allowing it to bring collective-action suits under the Belgian Code of Economic Law.

Helleputte indicates that any company seeking to bring an action will have to square it up the Code of Economic Law. "While allowing those actions for a number of instruments, including the GDPR, their admissibility should pass a form of 'efficiency test,'" he says. "The procedure has, however, the benefit of including the opportunity for settlement in due course."

The full article can be read at IAPP.