



European Data Protection Board

Who we are

The European Data Protection Board (EDPB) started its activities on the 25th May 2018 with the entry into force of the General Data Protection Regulation and is based in Brussels. The EDPB is an independent European body with legal personality that contributes to the consistent application of data protection rules throughout the European Union and promotes cooperation between supervisory authorities. The EDPB replaces the Article 29 Working Party, which previously grouped the EU's supervisory authorities, the EDPS and the European Commission.

The EDPB is composed of the heads of the supervisory authorities and the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) or their representatives. The EDPB has a Secretariat, which is provided by the EDPS. A Memorandum of Understanding determines the terms of cooperation between the EDPB and the EDPS.

Mission

The EDPB abides by the following mission:

- The EDPB aims to ensure the consistent application in the European Union of the GDPR and of the European Law Enforcement Directive.
- We can adopt general guidance on European data protection laws, by adopting, among others, opinions, guidelines, and decisions aiming at a consistent interpretation of everyone's rights and obligations.
- We are also empowered by the GDPR to make binding decisions addressed to the supervisory authorities to ensure a consistent application of the GDPR.
- We act in accordance with our rules of procedure and the guiding principles set out in the GDPR.

Tasks and duties

We can:

- Provide **general guidance** (including guidelines, opinions, recommendations and best practices) on data protection law;
- **Advise** the European Commission on any issue related to the protection of personal data and new proposed legislation in the European Union;
- Adopt **consistency decisions and opinions** in cross-border data protection cases;
- Promote **cooperation** and the effective exchange of information and best practice between national supervisory authorities.

We also publish an annual report on our activities, which is made public and sent to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.