



GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards 2021

Entry Form

To submit an entry to the GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards please complete and email this form to secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org no later than **14 June 2021**.

Note: GPA member authorities can submit as many entries as they wish, but a separate form should be used for each different entry, submitted by the deadline above.

Languages: The GPA documentation Rule 6.2¹ applies.

1. CONTACT DETAILS FOR THIS ENTRY

Privacy/Data Protection
Authority:

European Data Protection Supervisor

2. ELIGIBILITY

By submitting this entry, I confirm that (*please tick all boxes to confirm*):

- The Authority is a member of the Global Privacy Assembly
- The initiative described in this entry was undertaken since January 2020.
- I am aware that the information in the entry (other than the contact details in 1(a) above) will be publicised by the GPA Secretariat.

3. CATEGORIES

Please indicate which category you wish to enter.

*Please tick **one**; please use a separate form for each category you wish to enter:*

- Education and Public Awareness
- Accountability
- Dispute Resolution and Enforcement
- Innovation
- People's Choice

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE

a. Please provide a brief summary of the initiative (no more than 75 words)

¹ [GPA Rules and Procedures](#), Rule 6.2 'Assembly documents':

Without prejudice to section 4.2, Assembly documents, including accreditation and observer applications may be submitted in English or in another language. In the latter case, the documents shall be accompanied by an English version. Members with the ability and the resources to do so are encouraged to translate proposed resolutions and other Assembly documents such as the Assembly Rules and Procedures.

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) regularly publishes TechDispatch reports that aim to explain emerging developments in technology. The TechDispatch reports are part of the wider EDPS activities on technology monitoring.

Each TechDispatch provides factual descriptions of a new technology, preliminarily assesses possible impacts on privacy and the protection of personal data, as we understand them now, and provides links to further recommended reading.

b. Please provide a full description of the initiative (no more than 350 words)

New technologies transform our lives in positive ways nobody could have imagined. Much of this technology relies on the processing of personal data. Unfortunately, some of the benefits of our digital society come at the expense of the fundamental rights of individuals such as privacy and data protection. This is why raising awareness of users of the implications of technology on their data protection rights is important.

To non-experts, new technologies and the data protection issues they may give rise to, can often seem technical and obscure. As the data protection authority for the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) endeavours to make technical issues more accessible for non-experts by tailoring our efforts to the varying degrees of knowledge of our audience.

As part of our wider activities on technology monitoring, the EDPS publishes reports called TechDispatch, which aims to explain emerging developments in technology. Each TechDispatch edition provides factual descriptions of a new technology, assesses the possible impacts on privacy and the protection of personal data and offers links to further recommended reading.

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c. Please explain why you think the initiative deserves to be recognised by an award (no more than 200 words)

One of the roles of the EDPS is to promote awareness and advise in particular on the principles of data protection by design and data protection by default. This is especially the case for developments in the information and technology sector. The increasing speed of digital transformation makes it harder to keep up with new developments in information technology.

The aim of the TechDispatch is to keep a wider public informed and raise awareness on the potential data protection issues surrounding new technologies. The Tech Dispatch serves as an awareness raising initiative directed at a broad public. The trend in the last decades has been to adopt new technologies that could have some utility or business value, without giving too much consideration to the implications of adopting those technologies. The average citizen is often lured by the latest gadget or app, advertised as the solution to all problems at little or no cost. It is for that reason that we need, more than ever, to raise public awareness to foster the debate on the technology we use and to

establish informed decision making. Our TechDispatch aims at being one of the elements in that awareness raising effort.

- d. **Please include a photograph or image, if you wish** (*This will be published with your entry on the GPA website. The image can be pasted into the box below, be sent as an attachment or a link may be provided*)



https://edps.europa.eu/sites/default/files/picture/td_head-taxonomy_0.jpg

- e. **Please provide the most relevant link on the authority's website to the initiative, if applicable** (*The website content does not need to be in English*)

https://edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-work/our-work-by-type/techdispatch_en

- f. **Please provide any other relevant links that help explain the initiative or its impact or success** (*e.g. links to news reports or articles*):

The EDPS TechDispatch subscription list at the moment has over 400 subscribers. Excluding the europa.eu domains, more than one thousand webpages can be found in Google search when using the EDPS and TechDispatch terms. Some of the webpages aim at a European Public (see [here](#) or [here](#)) while many others aim at public in countries around Europe such as [Italy](#), [the Netherlands](#), [Germany](#), [France](#), [Greece](#) or the [United Kingdom](#) and outside of Europe such as in [Brazil](#), [the United States](#) or [Taiwan](#).