

Member Welcome Kit

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Welcome to the Global Privacy Assembly

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new member authorities and observers of the Global Privacy Assembly (GPA). This Welcome Kit is aimed at providing capacity building advice and institutional guidance on privacy and data protection regulatory matters, as well as representing a handbook on the GPA structure, functioning and useful contacts.

The Welcome Kit was an initiative of the 40th conference in 2018, as the Assembly grows significantly across many global regions, and it is intended for distribution to all new members by email.

We hope you enjoy reading through the Welcome Kit. If you have any queries or require any further information, please contact the Secretariat at secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org

A brief history of the GPA

The Global Privacy Assembly (GPA), originally named as the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC), is the premier global forum for data protection and privacy authorities. The GPA first met in 1979, and has continued to provide leadership at an international level in data protection and privacy for more than four decades.

The GPA has grown substantially and now **connects the efforts of more than 130 data protection and privacy authorities** from across the globe.

Global data protection policy issues generate a number of work projects which continue throughout the year in the GPA, some of which may result in resolutions to be adopted for the following year and statements addressed to governments and policymakers presented at the highly successful annual conference.

Read more about the [history of the Global Privacy Assembly](#).

The purposes of the GPA are:

- a. To promote and enhance internationally personal data protection and privacy rights.
- b. To improve data protection and privacy by providing a forum that encourages dialogue, cooperation and information sharing.
- c. To draft and adopt joint resolutions and declarations on subjects that warrant the common interest or concern of the accredited members and promote their implementation.
- d. To be a meeting point between accredited members and other international fora or organisations that share common objectives.
- e. To encourage and facilitate cooperation and the exchange of information among accredited members, in particular regarding enforcement actions.
- f. To promote the development of international standards in the field of protection of personal data.

GPA Strategic Direction, Vision and Mission

VISION

“An environment in which privacy and data protection authorities worldwide can practically fulfil their mandates, both individually and in concert, to ensure high standards of data protection globally and promote and facilitate effective regulatory cooperation.”

At the 43rd Global Privacy Assembly 2021, the Assembly adopted the new [GPA Strategic Direction 2021-2023](#), which included an updated mission statement, strategic priorities and strategic plan.

MISSION

The Assembly seeks:

- To be a highly effective global forum for privacy and data protection authorities.
- To provide regulatory and policy leadership at the international level in data protection and privacy.
- To connect and support efforts at domestic and regional level, and in other international forums, to enable authorities to better protect and promote privacy and data protection.
- To disseminate knowledge, provide practical assistance, and help authorities to more effectively perform their mandates.
- To facilitate cooperation on cross border data flows.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2021 – 2023

1) Advancing Global Privacy in an Age of Accelerated Digitalisation

- Work towards a global regulatory environment with clear and consistently high standards of data protection, as digitalisation continues at pace.

2) Maximising the GPA's voice and influence

- Enhance the GPA's role and voice in broader digital policy.
- Strengthen relationships with other international bodies and networks advancing data protection and privacy issues, including through observer arrangements.

3) Capacity Building for the GPA and its Members

- Support Members' shared learning from experiences, strategies and best practices, including cooperation and capacity building tools.
- Recognise and strengthen the importance of working together to ensure a coordinated response to data protection and privacy issues.

GPA Structure

GPA Executive Committee

The GPA is led by a seven-member governance body, the Executive Committee, which consists of the elected Chair of the Assembly, four other elected members, the member state hosting the current conference and the member state that hosted the previous year's conference. The elected members, representing national authorities, are chosen by the Closed Session of the Assembly for two-year terms.

To the extent possible and to **encourage diversity in the cultural, geographic and legal background** of the Executive Committee, at least one member – and no more than two members – will be elected from each of the following four regions: Africa/Middle East, the Americas, Asia/Oceania and Europe.

The Chair of the Assembly has a crucial role in that he/she can provide a steer for the Executive Committee and the wider membership of the Assembly in order to develop a coherent approach and bold international agenda in the age of borderless data flows.

This Executive Committee provides leadership for the Assembly and ensures the attainment of the Assembly goals.

The Executive Committee meets at least twice annually, in person or by video/ teleconference, with three members required to constitute a quorum.

The GPA Secretariat is currently provided by the authority which Chairs the Assembly. The current Chair is Blanca Lilia Cadena Ibarra, President Commissioner at the National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection (INAI), Mexico. The Secretariat has a permanent website – separate to that of the authority providing the service - which acts as a central archive of the Assembly's documentation.

The 2021-2022 Executive Committee include the following members and observers:

- Chair - Blanca Lilia Cadena Ibarra, President Commissioner at the National Institute for Transparency, Access to Information and Personal Data Protection (INAI), Mexico
- Angelene Falk, Information and Privacy Commissioner, Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, (OAIC), Australia
- Eduardo Cimato, National Director, National Access to Public Information Agency (AAIP), Argentina
- Ulrich Kelber, Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, (BfDI), Germany
- Omar Seghrouchni, President, The National Commission for the Control and Protection of Personal Data, (CNPd), Morocco
- Bilir Faruk, President, Personal Data Protection Authority, (KVKK), Turkey (Observer Host 2022)

Functions of the Executive Committee

- 1) To implement the decisions of the Closed Session.
 - a) To provide leadership to the Assembly in attaining its strategic goals, including by adopting Executive Committee Statements on time critical emerging global issues, or appointing Rapporteurs to consider an emerging global issue.
- 2) To ensure the application of the resolutions of the Closed Session.
- 3) To seek proposals from **member authorities by a specified deadline** to host or co-host the annual conference; to evaluate such proposals; and to recommend a hosting or co-hosting authority to the members of the Assembly with **sufficient time to allow** the selected hosting or co-hosting authority to execute orderly preparations.
 - a) If no member objects within a period designated by the Executive Committee, the recommendation will become the decision of the Assembly.
 - b) If any member objects, the Executive Committee will as soon as practicable arrange for a membership electronic vote on the recommendation.
- 4) To assist the Hosting Authority in organising the next Annual Meeting.
- 5) To draft press releases, statements and any other media resources, including to draft Executive Committee Statements on time critical emerging global issues.
 - a) To propose statements to be made by the Assembly outside of the Closed Session where the Executive Committee judges that timely action by the membership is needed in response to an emerging global issue and/or to appoint a Rapporteur to explore the issue and report back to the membership;
 - i) The preparation of a draft GPA statement shall be communicated to all members, together with a call for a rapporteur(s) where applicable. A draft shall be circulated for comments, with a deadline of no less than 7 days for responses (consultation period). The rapporteur(s) and/or Executive Committee shall make best efforts to integrate the comments received and reach a consensus draft on this basis. Where significant changes have been proposed, the rapporteur(s) and/or Executive Committee may circulate a revised version with a further period of 7 days for comment. Otherwise, a final draft will be circulated to all members at the end of the consultation period.
 - ii) Once a draft is finalised, GPA members will be given a 14-day period to abstain or opt out from the GPA statement. This will be noted in a footnote to the GPA statement with an explanation from the abstaining/opting out member if required by that member. If more than 10% of members opt out or abstain, the statement will not be issued as a GPA branded statement. Interested members may choose to proceed to make a joint statement on their own initiative, but this shall not bear GPA marking.
 - iii) In line with section 2.3 on Closed Session decision-making, national and subnational authorities from the same country should make a single response.

- 6) To appoint, for renewable two-year terms, representatives of the Assembly to attend and report back from those fora and/or international organisations in which the Assembly has observer status or to which the Assembly may be invited to attend. Insofar as possible, the delegates shall be **representing different cultural, geographic and legal backgrounds**.
- 7) Recommend the accreditation of new Members or Observers.
- 8) Consider requests to review the status of Member or Observers.
- 9) To maintain a permanent Assembly website as a repository for Assembly documentation.
- 10) To keep Members informed of the work of the Executive Committee.
- 11) To ensure that processes are in place to support the operation of the Global Cross Border Enforcement Cooperation Arrangement.
- 12) To recommend the appointment of the Secretariat to the Closed Session.

List of Member Authorities

The GPA is an entity in its own right representing the collective accredited members. Supervisory authorities that meet the criteria as set out under article 5.1 in the Assembly's [Rules and Procedures](#) can apply to be members.

The current membership consists of approximately 130 data protection and privacy commissioners who come together to share knowledge and skills, providing leadership and disseminating learning, with more joining each year.

[View the full list of member authorities.](#)

List of Observers

Specific entities and organisations can take part in the Assembly with an Observer status. This may be granted for a particular annual meeting or for a period of time covering more than one annual meeting as set out under article 5.3 of the Assembly's [Rules and Procedures](#).

[View the full list of Observer authorities.](#)

GPA Work in Practice

Working Groups and their activities

The GPA membership is organised into Working Groups that concentrate on the **more significant Assembly initiatives identified by the membership**, deriving their mandate and direction from the Closed Session, typically leading from the Assembly Resolutions.

Observers can be invited to participate in Working Groups on an ad hoc basis.

Participation is voluntary. Working Groups are chaired by one or more member authority and can come from the same or different regions. Working Group Chairs encourage participation from all regions and insofar as possible, a Working Group's members represent different cultural, geographic and legal backgrounds.

Working Groups typically operate for a single year and their work culminates in a report given to the Closed Session of the annual conference. However, the Executive Committee is kept informed of their progress throughout, usually through the ExCo Strategic Direction Sub-Committee.

Working Groups may be temporary or permanent, as stated at the time of their establishment.

Current Working Groups are:

- Global Standards and Frameworks
- Digital Economy
- Data protection and other rights and freedoms
- Digital Education
- International Enforcement Cooperation
- Ethics and Data Protection in Artificial Intelligence
- Digital Citizen and Consumer
- Digital Education
- Data Sharing for the Public Good
- Personal Data Protection in International Development Aid, International Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management

Would you like to join a Working Group? Any member can join a Working Group. Please contact the Secretariat at secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org to be put in touch with the relevant Working Group coordinator.

You can view the latest Working Group Reports on our [website](#), as well as their [Quarterly Stocktake Reports to the Executive Committee](#).

International Cooperation: Tools for cooperation with other GPA members

International Enforcement Cooperation: Support for GPA members

The GPA provides its members with several tools to help build their capacity and enable them to undertake International Enforcement Cooperation. These include:

- 1) **Closed enforcement sessions:** confidential meetings for members to discuss emerging privacy and enforcement matters of global impact and explore collaborative opportunities.
- 2) **[The Enforcement Cooperation Handbook](#):** practical guidance to assist authorities wishing to engage in cooperation, including:
 - detail on the issues faced in preparing for, and engaging in, enforcement cooperation;
 - models and approaches to address such issues; and
 - considerations for selecting appropriate cooperation strategies.
- 3) **[The Global Cross Border Enforcement Cooperation Arrangements](#):** a multi-lateral arrangement giving members a non-binding framework to signal commitment and support coordinated working and information sharing on enforcement matters.
- 4) **[The Enforcement Cooperation Repository](#):** a digital library centralising links to publicly available and non-confidential resources of value to the global community privacy enforcement authorities, including: guidelines; regulatory opinions; investigation reports; enforcement notices; annual reports; Memoranda of Understanding; press releases and joint statements.

International Enforcement Cooperation Working Group (IEWG)

The GPA has long been an active proponent of enforcement cooperation among its members with significant work in this area reflected in several relevant historic resolutions and working group reports.

The GPA's [International Enforcement Cooperation Working Group \(IEWG\)](#) continues to build on and strengthen this work, with an ongoing focus on capacity building and support for practical enforcement cooperation on live and pressing issues.

Would you like to participate in a closed enforcement session?

A key benefit of joining the IEWG is the ability to participate in its closed enforcement sessions – a space for authorities to share experience and explore collaborative enforcement opportunities on specific matters of privacy concern.

The IEWG aims to hold at least four closed enforcement sessions each year on a variety of topics and issues relevant to its members.

Any member of the IEWG can lead a closed enforcement session on their chosen topic. The IEWG developed the closed enforcement session framework to support members in this.

For more information, or to enquire about leading your own closed enforcement session, please contact the GPA Secretariat secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org to be put in touch with IEWG's co-chairs and Secretariat.

Would you like to join the International Enforcement Working Group?

The IEWG is a regionally and linguistically diverse group that benefits greatly from its members' broad range of views.

The group is always looking for new members, no matter their size or experience, to bring new perspectives and important contributions to its work.

The co-chairs of the IEWG warmly welcome you as a new member of, or observer to, the GPA and strongly encourage you to join and participate in the group's activities.

Simply contact the GPA Secretariat at secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org to express your interest in joining, and they will pass on your request to the IEWG's co-chairs and Secretariat to get in touch with you.

COVID-19 Response Repository

Another important resource demonstrating effective GPA cooperation is the **COVID-19 Response Repository** which encompasses the GPA response to COVID-19.

On 15 October 2020, at the 42nd GPA 2020 Conference, the GPA Membership adopted the [Resolution on the Privacy and Data Protection Challenges arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) [ES] [FR], which established a new temporary Working Group on COVID-19 Related Privacy and Data Protection Issues with an initial mandate of one year. This Working Group continued the work of the [GPA COVID-19 Taskforce](#) with the National Privacy Commission of the Philippines represented by Chairman and Privacy Commissioner, Raymund Enriquez Liboro as Chair.

The aim of the Working group was to build and strengthen the GPA's collective capacity in responding to data protection and privacy issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, by:

- 1) Considering, making recommendations for and coordinating the GPA's responses on privacy and data protection issues arising in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the road to recovery, particularly those issues and priorities identified through the 2021 GPA COVID-19 survey;
- 2) Engaging with GPA members and observers with a view to keeping the Compendium of Best Practices updated as new privacy and data protection issues emerge as part of the ongoing COVID-19 recovery response;

- 3) Collaborating with relevant international organizations, networks and privacy advocates in strengthening the capacity of GPA members and observers and sharing of information on the other pressing issues identified through the 2021 GPA COVID-19 survey; and
- 4) Reporting on the progress of the Working Group, and the scope of any related considerations for future working arrangements, to the 2021 GPA Closed Session.

The significant outputs of both the 2020 [GPA COVID-19 Taskforce](#) and the 2021 [Working Group on COVID-19 Related Privacy and Data Protection Issues](#) have both informed and aided the global response by data protection and privacy authorities to the impact of COVID-19 on data protection rights, as both protectors and enablers. The outputs are listed below:

- The [COVID-19 Resources Repository](#) – a comprehensive database of guidance, statements and news items released by the GPA data protection and privacy authorities regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- The [Compendium of Best Practices in Response to COVID-19 \(Part I\)](#) and the [Compendium of Best Practices in Response to COVID-19 \(Part II\)](#) – bringing together examples of best practice on policy areas of critical significance during the Pandemic;
- On 31 March 2021, the GPA Executive Committee published the [Joint Statement on the use of health data for domestic and international travel purposes](#). This Joint Statement was proposed to the Executive Committee by Privacy Commissioner Raymund Enriquez Liboro, National Privacy Commission (NPC), Philippines, Chair of the GPA Working Group on COVID-19 related privacy and data protection issues and drafted in collaboration with the working group members.

This landmark document, marked the first GPA Executive Committee Joint Statement published using the [Joint Statement on emerging issues mechanism](#) adopted by Resolution at the 42nd GPA 2020 Closed Session.

- Capacity building Webinars and three Workshops held in collaboration with the OECD, please see the link here to the GPA Website for more information:
<https://globalprivacyassembly.org/covid19/>

At the 43rd Global Privacy Assembly 2021, the membership adopted the [Resolution on Data Sharing for the Public Good](#), this acknowledged the need to continue and broaden the work of the COVID-19 Working Group and evolve its mandate to focus on data protection and privacy issues and concerns related to sharing of personal data as the global pandemic response shifts towards economic recovery.

The new Working Group will continue the work of the COVID-19 Working Group and will:

- i. Focus on identifying practical and pragmatic approaches on how personal data can be shared and used to enable innovation and growth while protecting individual rights and promoting public trust and provide principles and best practices on key components of data sharing for public good;
- ii. Collaborate with relevant stakeholders, such as international networks, civil society organizations, and privacy advocates, on efforts geared towards strengthening capacity of GPA members and observers to tackle emerging challenges related to data sharing;

- iii. Develop proactive responses on any emerging data protection and privacy concerns relative to sharing of personal data, for example, on areas of concern identified in the surveys on emerging data protection and privacy issues, such as health passports, health monitoring of incoming travellers and returning nationals, contact tracing measures, handling of children's or student's data in e-learning technologies;
- iv. Consult with the GPA Reference Panel on emerging policy ideas to consider integrating into future approaches towards data sharing; and
- v. Report on the progress of the Working Group, and the scope of any related considerations for future working arrangements, to the 2022 closed session.

For more information and to join the new Data Sharing for the Public Good Working Group please contact the GPA Secretariat at secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org

Rules & Procedures

The Rules & Procedures express the GPA's purposes and set out its governance arrangements and the processes for its annual meetings and ancillary matters. The Rules and Procedures as consolidated in their present form took effect in October 2021.

A consolidated version of the Rules and Procedures, incorporating amendments has been compiled by the Secretariat and is available [here](#).

Resolutions

The GPA began routinely adopting and publishing resolutions in 2003, when firm procedures for submitting and adopting resolutions were in place.

Members or Working Groups may submit proposed resolutions or declarations to the Chair of the Executive Committee, with a copy to the Hosting Authority for consideration at the Closed Session of the annual conference.

Proposed resolutions or declarations must have at least four other co-sponsors, representing insofar as possible, different cultural, geographic and legal backgrounds.

Proposed resolutions or declarations are circulated to all GPA Members in advance for review and for the proposal of amendments, and following debate and Q&A in the Closed Session of the annual conference, it will be voted on by accredited members.

Proposed resolutions or declarations should be:

- clearly and concisely expressed;
- address matters that are sufficiently related to the purposes of the GPA;
- an offer of enduring guidance or contributing to public debate on matters related to data protection of privacy rights; and
- made available in English and the language of other major linguistic communities.

View more information on [Adopted Resolutions](#).

Declarations and communiqués have been released by the hosts of various annual conferences both before and since the establishment of formal criteria and rules for adoption

of resolutions. These differ from resolutions in that they often have not been debated by GPA Members, nor voted upon, but instead seek to celebrate and mark the event and reflect the spirit of the presentations and discussions.

View more information on [Declarations & Communiqués](#).

Joint Statements

The Global Privacy Assembly (GPA) adopted the [Joint Statement on emerging issues mechanism](#) by Resolution at the 42nd GPA 2020 Closed Session as a means to transform the Assembly from a once-per-year event towards co-operatively working together in a proactive way throughout the year to:

- Generate an active voice which promotes a global regulatory environment based on commonly held principles of data protection, and thus provide consistent, predictable and articulated reminders of the privacy issues that must be considered by those subject to regulation;
- Use the GPA's active voice, where new products or services have the potential to impact data subjects on a global scale, to encourage those designing such new products and services to be proactive in demonstrating how they have accounted for privacy risks.

To date the GPA Executive Committee has published the following statements:

- [Statement by the GPA Executive Committee on the use of health data for domestic or international travel purposes](#)
- [Statement by the GPA Executive Committee on achieving privacy by design in contact tracing measures](#)
- [Statement by the GPA Executive Committee on the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)

GPA Census

Every three years the GPA takes stock of the work of the Global Privacy Assembly (GPA) membership through the GPA Census. This work began in 2017, and the 2020 Census marks the second Global Privacy Assembly Census.

The GPA Census 2020 collected information from 70 members to provide a 'point in time' picture of the policies and delivery approaches that currently guide and regulate data protection and privacy globally.

The Census provides a useful reference tool for those whose business and data crosses jurisdictions and to national policy makers considering new legislative approaches. It also supports member

authorities' capacity building and collaboration through dissemination of 'how it's done' in other jurisdictions.

Finally, the data in this Census informs the GPA's Working Groups which are responsible for delivering activity in support of the GPA 2019-2021 Conference Strategic direction and the successor document to follow.

This report bears many similarities to the picture reported in the 2017 census, but there are some noteworthy differences in 2020, and we look forward seeing how the privacy landscape changes in the next edition, in 2023.

Please see below the GPA Census documents:

- [The-2020-GPA-Census.pdf \(globalprivacyassembly.org\)](#)
- [GPA Census 2017 – Global Privacy Assembly](#)

Reference Panel

Established in March 2021, the GPA Reference Panel is a contact group of varied external stakeholders. They support the Global Privacy Assembly (GPA) and its members by providing expert knowledge and practical expertise on data protection and privacy, as well as on data protection related issues and developments in information technology, thereby equipping the GPA with the ability to identify cross-disciplinary policy solutions to privacy and data protection issues.

The independent panel of 16 members provides expertise from around the world from relevant civil society organisations, academic institutions and think tanks with a keen interest in the vision and mission of the GPA.

The Reference Panel is chaired by Ulrich Kelber, member of the GPA Executive Committee, and Germany's Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information.

For more information, see the website [here](#).

Key dates

The GPA website has an [Events Calendar](#) which provides information on upcoming events of interest to the membership. We invite you to share the dates of key events upcoming on data protection and privacy in your jurisdiction and global region.

Making the most of your membership

Benefits and opportunities

We welcome new members to the Global Privacy Assembly (GPA) and hope that the information contained so far has helped with your understanding of its role and work.

We have included the list of GPA 2021 new members and observers below.

List of New Members:

- Office of the Queensland Information Commissioner, Australia
- Commissioner of Data Protection, Abu Dhabi Global Market

List of New Observers:

- National Data Protection Authority (Autoridade Nacional de Proteção de Dados), Brazil
- Saudi Data and AI Authority, Saudi Arabia
- Ministry of Transport and Communication, Qatar
- Data Protection Office, Qatar Financial Centre
- Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, United States
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, United States
- Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IAIHR)
- Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities Forum (APPA)

For your further information, the GPA Secretariat has the contact details of those authorities who have volunteered to take part in the 'Buddy Group' initiative – a list of authorities prepared to provide guidance to new members on how to make the most of the membership opportunities available. If you would like to contact the 'Buddy Group', please contact the Secretariat at secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org

Resource repository

Members have offered some golden nuggets from their knowledge bank of resources in the [list](#) below which they believe might offer some assistance to new authorities which are just starting up.

You can find a variety of ideas about good practice undertaken by other member authorities in the GPA community by visiting our roundup of the **Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards 2021** entries [here](#). With information on the activities undertaken by the GPA Working Groups [here](#).

Finally, the GPA website [resources page](#) also enables access to the World Legal Information Institute (WorldLII) Privacy Law Library.

The International Privacy Law Library is the world's largest freely available online searchable database of privacy cases in one place.

Contacting your member community

If you wish to contact another authority member, have you seen the list of [GPA accredited members](#)? Many members have a social media presence, so you can also follow them via these [channels](#).

You can also see the [Working Groups section](#) for a list of the relevant coordinators in charge of activities in each Working Group.

You can also contact the Secretariat at secretariat@globalprivacyassembly.org which can assist you in making contact to a particular authority.

Other networks

The GPA as the premier global forum for data protection and privacy authorities has established collaborative relationships with other networks, for example, the African Network of Data Protection Authorities, the Ibero-American Network, the European Data Protection Board, the Common Thread Network (CTN), Global Privacy Enforcement Network (GPEN) and Asia-Pacific Privacy Authorities (APPA).

Moreover, the data protection authority members of the GPA also participate in a **variety of networks of different kinds whether focussed on a specific regulatory/enforcement topic (e.g. border enforcement and telecommunications) and these exist at different geographic levels, either regionally, or globally.**

In addition, the GPA has formal reciprocal observer arrangements with the following organisations:

- APEC Electronic Commerce Steering Group(ECSG)
- OECD Data Privacy Committee
- Council of Europe Committee of Convention 108
- International Standards Organisation (ISO)
- UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee.

The GPA is open to proposals for observing activities relating to data protection and privacy at other international organisations too. The Executive Committee will review existing arrangements in 2021.

Some privacy and data protection networks are also arranged on the basis of **common language or cultural affinities**.

Specialist networks can involve GPA member authorities. Some of these networks involve only member authorities while others include participation of other experts, government representatives or enforcement authorities.

More information can be found about this range of networks on our [website](#). While the GPA works closely with some of these networks, it should not be assumed that there is an established relationship between the GPA and these other networks in all instances.



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