



GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards 2023

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 9 June 2023**.

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:	PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION OFFICE (PL: URZĄD OCHRONY DANYCH OSOBOWYCH, UODO)
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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 2022.
- 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

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.

4. DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE

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

'Michał Serzycki' Data Protection Award was established in 2018 by Ph.D. Edyta Bielak-Jomaa, the previous President of the Personal Data Protection Office. It is awarded to individuals and organisations recognised for promoting, both in Poland and abroad, the value of personal data protection and the right to privacy. It is also an award for those who, with their achievements, emphasize the extremely important role of social education.

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

Michał Serzycki was the Inspector General for Personal Data Protection (GIODO), in the years 2006 – 2010. He attached great importance to educational activities. He considered raising citizens' awareness and disseminating knowledge on the protection of personal data and the right to privacy as one of his priorities. The implementation of many educational and information initiatives aimed at a wide group of recipients both in Poland and abroad was started as well.

The idea behind this Award is to draw attention to the role played by activities that increase citizens' awareness of the protection of personal data and the right to privacy. The aim is also to disseminate such initiatives, as they are of particular importance at a time when more and more of our data and information about us are processed.

This award has been presented every year during the celebration of the Data Protection Day. This date has a symbolic dimension, as Poland joined the celebration of the Data Protection Day in 2007, so at a time when Michał Serzycki held the position of the Inspector General for Personal Data Protection.

For the first time, the 'Michał Serzycki' Data Protection Award was granted during the celebration of the 12th Data Protection Day in Poland.

The late Michał Serzycki was also the originator and initiator of the GIODO's national educational program for schools "Your data – Your concern. Effective protection of personal data. Educational activity addressed to students and teachers", which is carried out to this day under the honorary patronage of the Minister of National Education and the Ombudsman for Children. Currently, about 300 educational institutions, nearly 4000 teachers and almost 40 000 students participate in it annually. The activities undertaken by them involve not only the entire school community (students, teachers, parents), but also the local community (residents of cities and communes and numerous authorities all around Poland).

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

The initiative deserves to be recognised because the Office undoubtedly contributes to promoting the excellent attitudes of the laureates who, through their daily work, promote the values of personal data protection and the right to privacy. **'Michał Serzycki' Data Protection Award** is itself an award in the field of education and public awareness. The winners were distinguished for their activities in the field of education about personal data protection. They range from lawyers, scientists, representatives of NGOs, above all, teachers, coordinators of the "Your Data – Your Concern" Programme. It is through their

engagement that our society has more and more knowledge in the field of personal data protection, more and more willingness to fulfil its obligations and more and more awareness to exercise one's rights.

- 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*)



- 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://archiwum.uodo.gov.pl/en/553/1211>

<https://archiwum.uodo.gov.pl/en/628/1300>

<https://www.uodo.gov.pl/en/553/1326>

- 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*):