



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

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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 EDPB is GPA Observer*)
- ☒ 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

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)

On top of the one-stop-shop and the dispute resolution mechanism as the formal ways of enforcement cooperation between DPAs in the EU, the EDPB has the important role of promoting [enforcement cooperation](#) in a general sense.

The [Vienna statement](#) marked EU DPAs' clear commitment to strengthen their cooperation. A series of initiatives was launched to enhance the consistent application of GDPR enforcement and to combine national expertise.

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

In 04/2022, a high-level EDPB meeting signalled the commitment of EU DPAs to shift into a higher gear with regard to enforcement. The joint [Statement on enforcement cooperation](#) adopted following the meeting includes a series of key cooperation actions, implemented since then:

- On several [strategic cases](#), DPAs work closely together as of the investigation phase, according to an action plan.
- Under the Common Enforcement Framework (CEF), DPAs agree each year to focus on a common topic ([Cloud in the public sector](#) in 2022, [the role of DPOs](#) in 2023). They prepare their investigations together. The results are then analysed in a coordinated manner, generating deeper insight into the topic and allowing targeted follow-up at EU level. A [report](#) summarises the key findings. This method creates synergies, and allow DPAs to benefit mutually from each other's expertise.
- The EDPB signalled the need to further harmonise national procedural law, in its "[wish-list](#)". This will lead to a legislative proposal by the European Commission, in 2023.

The EDPB also supports cooperation through the [Support Pool of Experts \(SPE\)](#). This helps DPAs increase their capacity to supervise and enforce. A list of 473 experts was set up and 10 projects were launched, on cooperation, methodology, expertise or tools related to enforcement. In particular, the EDPB organises its first 'Enforcement boot camp' in June 2023, on website auditing and digital evidence collection. DPAs will share expertise in investigating websites, and put into practice the *EDPB website audit tool*, developed under the SPE in 2022 (code published at <https://code.europa.eu/spe/website-audit>). This tool is available on Windows and Linux. It collects evidence, classifies data and generates reports regarding online tracking. It includes an integrated browser and guides the assessment of trackers, and security of websites. Evidence can be stored through an analysis that gathers different interaction scenarios (e.g. consent, refusal, etc.). The tool has a database of 1300 pre-qualified cookies while the final compliance assessment is always made by the case officer.

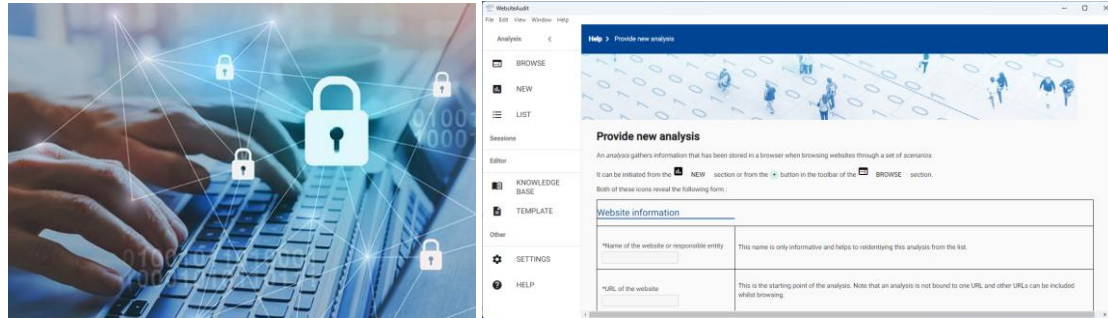
Finally, the EDPB has been promoting Taskforces to ensure consistent enforcement (e.g. Taskforce 101 -- Google Analytics -- Cookies -- TikTok).

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

The entry into application of the GDPR signalled an increase in enforcement responsibilities for a majority of DPAs and the need to cooperate closely through a new mechanism. 5 years after GDPR became applicable, EU DPAs have developed an operational and integrated network of cooperation on enforcement.

In addition to ensuring that the one-stop-shop mechanism was operational and functional since day 1, the EDPB and DPAs invested energy and resources in developing a true culture of structured enforcement cooperation to optimise the use of their limited resources.

- 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://edpb.europa.eu/our-work-tools/support-cooperation-and-enforcement/gdpr-cooperation-and-enforcement_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*):

Cyber Insights: 'Strategic' privacy cases by [Laurens Cerulus](#) • APR 28, 2022 •

DATA PROTECTION

GDPR WATCHDOGS VOW BETTER ENFORCEMENT: Europe's data protection authorities today vowed to "further enhance cooperation" to tackle cases of strategic importance to the bloc, according to a document seen by POLITICO. The statement is the result of a two-day meeting of Europe's data protection regulator network, the European Data Protection Board, in Vienna that kicked off on Wednesday. (Smiles all around, [if this pic](#) of Irish regulator Helen Dixon and EDPB chair Andrea Jelinek is any guide.)

Must do better: It comes amid growing dissatisfaction with the way the EU's flagship data protection regulation, [the General Data Protection Regulation](#), is enforced. Under the rulebook, Ireland and, to a lesser extent, Luxembourg take the lead on the lion's share of cases involving tech companies like Meta and Google, because the companies have their EU headquarters there. Both countries have faced accusations — which they deny — of limp enforcement of the rules.

Taking action: Under the EDPB proposal, data protection regulators will regularly identify so-called strategic cases for the EU, which it defines as cases that affect a large number of people in Europe and deal with structural or recurring problems. The pledge emphasizes "early and sustained" information sharing on those cases in an attempt to spur "rapid informal consensus building" and to ward off disputes between regulators arising at a later stage, which is currently an issue that dogs investigations involving the tech companies.

More details: The EDPB also wants to promote more cooperation by facilitating the use of joint investigations and the setting-up of task forces, but stresses that only a limited number of regulators will be allowed on the task forces to maximize efficiency. Looking ahead, the regulator grouping will propose a template to be used EU-wide to facilitate information sharing about

complaints, and will identify a list of procedural aspects that could be further harmonized in EU law to help GDPR cooperation.

Don't forget about us: With the EU finalizing a raft of new digital rules, such as the [Digital Services Act](#) and the [Digital Markets Act](#), the EDPB said it was "crucial to solidly embed the GDPR and DPAs in the overall regulatory architecture" that is being developed. "A clear distribution of competences among the regulators will need to be ensured, as well as efficient cooperation."

https://edpb.europa.eu/system/files/2022-04/edpb_statement_20220428_on_enforcement_cooperation_en.pdf

https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2022/call-experts-new-edpb-support-pool-experts_en

https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2022/launch-coordinated-enforcement-use-cloud-public-sector_en

https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2023/launch-coordinated-enforcement-role-data-protection-officers_en

https://edpb.europa.eu/our-work-tools/our-documents/other/coordinated-enforcement-action-use-cloud-based-services-public_en

https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2022/edpb-adopts-wish-list-procedural-aspects-first-eu-data-protection-seal-and-statement_en