

Data Protection Metrics Working Group

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Introduction

The Data Protection Metrics Working Group was constituted in 2016 following the adoption of the Resolution on Developing New Metrics of Data Protection Regulation at the 38th Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco. The resolution mandated that Conference to play a part in helping to develop internationally comparable metrics in relation to data protection and privacy and to support the efforts of other international partners to make progress in this area, direct the Executive Committee to identify ways in which the Conference can encourage the development of internationally comparable metrics and to encourage member authorities to include certain common core questions in their regular community attitude surveys touching upon for example awareness levels of DPAs and applicable privacy and data protection law.

Working group activities

From May till October 2022, in cooperation with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of New Zealand, the Personal Data Protection Service of Georgia has co-Chaired the Data Protection Metrics Working Group. It is committed to developing internationally comparable metrics concerning data protection and privacy. In June 2023, the data protection authority of Côte d'Ivoire raised a hand to co-Chair the Data Protection Metrics Working Group.

Earlier in the beginning of 2023, the WG members discussed and drafted the activities to be steered; the WG helped to conduct the GPA census by developing a process for common questions, building the capacity of the GPA as a whole to contribute to metrics debates at the international level and improved DPA statistical collection and classification practices.

The working group recently reviewed the previously identified activities and considered that the proposed project to assess the effectiveness of previous resolutions should be considered by working group members:

- On March 7, 2023 the first introductory meeting was held. Twenty-three participants were represented and engaged in active discussion.
- Later, the Personal Data Protection Service of Georgia announced the vacant position of Co-Chair of the Working Group and shared information about the application process.
- The working group planned the main activities of the Working Group for the 2023 year.
- By the end of March, WG received the draft Census questionnaire for further consideration and kind perusal. In the scope of cooperation, WG members provided their comments and observations, which were shared with the GPA Secretariat.
- In June, the Telecommunications/ICT Regulatory Authority of Côte d'Ivoire (ARTCI) joined the WG as a co-Chair.

Forward-looking plan

Personal Data Protection Service of Georgia had identified the potential activities to be undertaken in 2023-2024 and circulated them to the WG members. According to the draft action plan, the WG will contribute successful circulation of the GPA census by developing a process for common questions and analyzing provided answers, building the capacity of the GPA as a whole to contribute to metrics debates at the international level, improving DPA statistical collection and classification practices.

Vision for the upcoming years (2023-2027):

- Increasing the members of the WG in order to allow greater participation of the countries of the world in the various surveys that WG offers.
- Developing surveys that will measure the performance of data regulations of different jurisdictions and awareness-raising campaigns upon the global and specific indicators.
- Initiation of projects that seek to improve DPA statistical collection, analysis and classification.
- Initiation of projects that identify and fill gaps in available internationally comparable metrics.
- Sharing best practices on a metrics newsletter, disseminating new resources, and holding relevant workshops focusing on the presentation and communication of statistical information.