



GPA Global Privacy and Data Protection Awards 2025

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 16 June 2025**.

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 initiative described in this entry was undertaken before 16 June 2025.
- ☒ 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)

The EDPS proposed the creation of a **Digital Clearinghouse 2.0**, a forum for ‘digital regulators’ to exchange and coordinate on issues of common interest, to align at the level of priorities and legal interpretations. The Digital Clearinghouse 2.0 can also become a forum where participating authorities share information about ongoing enforcement actions to facilitate further engagement across regulatory silos in concrete cases.

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

In response to the rapid pace of development of artificial intelligence, and increasing risks to fundamental rights on large online platforms, countries around the world are passing laws that intersect with privacy and data protection frameworks. Some of these laws provide the various competent authorities with new tools to promote a sustainable and rights-oriented digital economy. However, they also lead to parallel investigations by various authorities into the same practices of the same entities, with a potential for regulatory conflicts and inconsistencies in relation to data-related practices. Therefore, the EDPS observes a need for greater cross-regulatory cooperation to avoid an inconsistent application of legal requirements in this complex landscape.

To this end, the EDPS has identified key areas to work on, based on current initiatives rolled out in the EU and beyond and the feedback received from various stakeholders. This encompasses the need for a coherent and consistent application of EU law in the digital economy, in particular of the so-called ‘EU Digital Rulebook’ (including the Digital Services Act, the Digital Markets Act, the Data Act and the Artificial Intelligence Act); the need for cross-regulatory cooperation between competent regulators; and the need to uphold data protection as the backbone of this digital regulatory framework.

Building on an earlier experience that ran from 2017 to 2021, the EDPS proposes the establishment of a Digital Clearinghouse ‘2.0’ that would provide authorities and bodies with a forum to exchange and coordinate on issues of common interest. This forum should facilitate proactive, collaborative efforts among participating authorities to address potential issues before they become practical problems, ensuring that different authorities are aligned on goals, methods, and responsibilities to avoid duplication of efforts or inconsistencies in their actions.

A Digital Clearinghouse 2.0 should promote cooperation in ‘variable geometry’, providing relevant authorities, bodies and networks the flexibility to join only discussions and working groups on issues where they have or need relevant expertise. This Clearinghouse should have a permanent Secretariat to assist in the timely delivery of concrete outcomes, such as joint statements and guidelines that garner each participant’s expertise. The Digital Clearinghouse 2.0 should also become a forum where participating authorities lawfully share information about their ongoing enforcement actions.

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

The EDPS's initiative acknowledges the proliferation of legal requirements that companies operating in the digital economy need to comply with - data protection being key among them - and proposes a pragmatic solution for the various competent regulators to align and increase legal certainty.

The Digital Clearinghouse 2.0 would be a forum to promote cross-regulatory cooperation at EU level, building upon initiatives for cross-regulatory cooperation that are operating in different regions (Australia, Canada, the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, France, and Germany). This initiative is aligned with the [strategic objectives of the GPA](#) to:

- Map cases of intersection between personal data protection, competition, consumer protection, and other intersecting regulatory spheres;
- Identify barriers to cross-regulatory cooperation and develop or advocate for solutions where they do not exist;
- Encourage and facilitate greater bilateral or multilateral cross-regulatory cooperation between DPAs and other regulatory authorities.

This proposal of the EDPS feeds the current discussion between the European Commission, the European Parliament and EU Member States on how to ensure simplification and competitiveness for businesses. One of the ways to pursue such goals is through enhanced dialogue, cooperation, and coordination among regulatory bodies to ensure a predictable and effective legal environment that places fundamental rights at the core.

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://www.edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-work/publications/other-documents/2025-01-15-towards-digital-clearinghouse-20_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*):

https://www.edps.europa.eu/press-publications/press-news/blog/towards-digital-clearinghouse-20-championing-consistent-approach-digital-economy_en

<https://www.ceps.eu/to-connect-the-dots-how-about-an-eu-digital-clearinghouse-to-coordinate-across-eu-digital-law/>

<https://verfassungsblog.de/the-looming-enforcement-crisis-ai-dsa-eu/>

<https://digi-con.org/making-sense-of-the-eus-cross-regime-digital-enforcement-extended-accountability-redundancy-and-interdependence/>