**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](mailto: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 6.2[[1]](#footnote-2) applies.

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| 1. **CONTACT DETAILS FOR THIS ENTRY** | | |
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| 1. **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. |

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| 1. **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. **DESCRIPTION OF THE INITIATIVE** | |

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| 1. **Please provide a brief summary of the initiative** *(no more than 75 words)* |
| In 2024, the EDPS completed two major projects—the **Data Breach Awareness Campaign** and **Cyberattack Exercise PATRICIA**—to improve data breach preparedness across EU institutions. The initiatives introduced innovative tools, including the BreachHandling suite with an assessment toolkit and table-top exercise, to evaluate response maturity and legal compliance. Together, these efforts strengthened personal data protection and compliance, promoting a more resilient and coordinated approach to handling data breaches across the EU institutions. |

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| 1. **Please provide a full description of the initiative** *(no more than 350 words)* |
| In 2024, marking its 20th anniversary, the EDPS launched two strategic initiatives to enhance personal data breach management across EU institutions. These initiatives aimed to demystify the breach management process and promote a proactive, transparent, and accountable data protection culture. Both projects were designed in a modular format, allowing them to be adapted and reused in various institutional and international contexts.  The **Data Breach Awareness Campaign,** targeted at selected participants, was structured to assess existing breach management practices, identify critical areas, evaluate process implementation, and provide tailored recommendations. The project unfolded in four phases:  1. Distribution of two structured questionnaires  2. Data sorting and assessment  3. Active cooperation and feedback  4. Final reporting    A key deliverable was the assessment toolkit, developed by the EDPS to map three core pillars of effective data breach management against relevant data protection requirements. Information gathered during the survey phase fed the subsequent stages, enabling tailored analysis.    Each participant received a spider chart summarising strengths and weaknesses, along with concrete recommendations to improve compliance and accountability. Beyond individual assessments, the EDPS identified broader findings relevant across the EU institutional landscape.    The second initiative, **PATRICIA (Personal dATa bReach awareness In Cybersecurity Incident hAndling)**, was a table-top exercise simulating a fictional personal data breach. Participants—including Data Protection Officers, IT managers, and Security Officers—were invited to respond collaboratively to the incident through three structured phases. This interactive scenario encouraged participants to apply their institution’s internal procedures, identify potential gaps, and reinforce interdepartmental cooperation. The exercise also served as a platform for peer learning and the exchange of best practices.  Together, these initiatives advanced the principles of accountability, data protection by design, and risk-based personal data breach management. By empowering institutions to respond to breaches more effectively and with greater awareness, the EDPS reaffirmed its commitment to protecting fundamental rights in the digital age. |

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| 1. **Please explain why you think the initiative deserves to be recognised by an award***(no more than 200 words)* |
| The EDPS considers that, through these initiatives, it provided practical and targeted guidance on personal data breach management to the participants, supporting them in understanding and fulfilling their legal responsibilities. The focus was placed on internal processes, while fostering a culture of transparency and accountability. Strengthening preparedness, empowering Data Protection Officers and IT professionals, and advancing a resilient and compliant data protection framework remain core objectives in safeguarding fundamental rights in the digital era. The overall outcome of the initiatives led to specific recommendations to facilitate compliance under data protection law. The EDPS received highly positive feedback on both projects.  Moreover, both projects are adaptable to a wide range of contexts and may be replicated by other stakeholders. The EDPS is able to provide supporting materials upon request. In particular, the assessment toolkit developed during these initiatives holds potential for further development, with the aim of transforming it into an automated tool accessible to all data controllers in future.  Notably, the PATRICIA project was repeated in 2025 with updated and enriched content, reflecting the continued value and impact of this initiative. |

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| 1. **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)* |
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| 1. **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)* |
| 1. Patricia: <https://www.edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-work/publications/reports/2024-12-12-patricia-exercise-2024-personal-data-breach-awareness-cybersecurity-incident-handling_en>  2. Data Breach Awareness Campaign: <https://www.edps.europa.eu/data-protection/our-work/publications/reports/2024-12-11-edps-campaign-raising-awareness-personal-data-breaches_en>  [*https://20years.edps.europa.eu/en/initiatives/raising-awareness-personal-data-breaches.html*](https://20years.edps.europa.eu/en/initiatives/raising-awareness-personal-data-breaches.html) |

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| 1. **Please provide any other relevant links that help explain the initiative or its impact or success***(e.g. links to news reports or articles):* |
| As it was a restricted/non-public events, no public press coverage is available.  The table-top exercise PATRICIA was repeated by EDPS upon the success of the first Edition held in May 2024 and requested by the EUIs community.  <https://x.com/EU_EDPS/status/1930531129771049348> |

1. [GPA Rules and Procedures](https://globalprivacyassembly.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/GPA-Rules-and-Procedures-October-2020.pdf), 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)