

Data protection academy

for the **Western Balkans** and **Eastern Partnership Region**

9-13 September 2024



2nd High-level exchange and learning week



An initiative from



#DataProtectionWeek

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

In September 2023, representatives of data protection authorities and competent Ministries from the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership countries met with different EU institutions and bodies (the European Commission, European Parliament, European Data Protection Board (EDPB) and European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)) as well as national data protection authorities as part of a “Data-protection high level learning week”. This week was organised with the support, among others, of the SIGMA Programme and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) Programme “EaP Regional Fund for Public Administration Reforms”, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and Regional School for Public Administration (ReSPA).

Building on this successful encounter and to further strengthen the partnership between the data protection authorities of the two regions and their EU counterparts, the EDPB, the EDPS, also for this upcoming edition the SIGMA Programme, GIZ, ReSPA, RCC agreed to team-up and in collaboration with the European Commission (Directorate General Justice and Consumers, DG JUST) jointly develop a Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership Region’s Data Protection Academy as part of the week.

The Data Protection Academy is a project created by the European Commission (DG JUST) that offers support and training for data protection authorities of non-EU countries. It provides a platform for data protection authorities outside the EU to exchange views, best practices, and lessons learned with their EU counterparts. As such, it helps to build capacity, establish contacts, and facilitate effective international cooperation between data protection authorities, which often find themselves dealing with or investigating similar issues. These trainings also contribute to global convergence in the area



of data protection and strengthen partnerships in the area of justice with key foreign partners of the EU.

General aims of the data protection week are:

- Support capacity building for the DPAs, including part of the training to be on good practice on the organisation (optimal capacity, profiles of employees etc.) and management of an independent authority;
- Provide for exchange of experiences and knowledge with EU data protection authorities, including on oversight of the public sector, and technical matters related to the most critical issues of GDPR implementation and investigation and enforcement of compliance issues;
- Meeting with key players EUROJUST, EUROPOL, CoE, EDPB, EDPS and national DPA's;
- Provide best practices and share experiences on training of data protection officers;
- Share knowledge and experience on the data protection implications of increased digitalisation of services, unified approach and data protection of the services.

PROGRAMME

9 September 2024

Arrival of participants to Brussels

Day 1 - 10 September 2024



Charlemagne Building, European Commission
Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels (Room 221/ 3rd Floor)

08.45 – Welcome and Registration

Please allow sufficient time for badge collection at the entrance

09.15 – 09.30 – Opening remarks and tour de table for introduction

Opening remarks

- Louisa Klingvall, Head of Unit for International Affairs and Data Flows, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Anu Talus, Chair of the European Data Protection Board
- Pranvera Kastrati, Acting Head of Programme Department at RCC (tbd)
- Maja Handjiska-Trendafilova, Director of ReSpa (tbd)
- , German Development Agency – GIZ (tbd)
- , Support for Improvement in Governance and Management - OECD SIGMA (tbd)

09.30 – 17.00 - Sessions

Each session includes a presentation by experts followed by a group discussion and Q&A.

Day Facilitator: Estelle Massé, Policy Officer, International Affairs and Data Flows Unit, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

	Topics and Experts	Timing
	<p>The role of an independent Data Protection Authority in the data protection ecosystem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Governance frameworks, staff management and internal audit ○ Short-term and long-term priorities and planning (organisational, communication and engagement strategies) ○ How to conduct inspections ○ Example of awareness raising activities <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gwendal Le Grand, European Data Protection Board ● Anne-Charlotte Recker / Hielke Hijmans, Belgium's Data Protection Authority 	<p>09.30 - 12.30</p> <p>Coffee Break at 11h</p>
	 <p>Lunch break <i>Atrio Restaurant & Bar</i> <i>Rue Stevin 132, 1000 Brussels</i></p>	<p>12.30 - 14.00</p>
	<p>The Role of Data Protection Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Importance of the figure of the DPO ○ Details of its role and example of relationship with the DPA ○ Example of trainings <p>Presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Albine Vincent, French Data Protection Authority (CNIL) <p>Data Protection in the era of the digitalisation of services and AI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation on challenges/opportunities of digitalisation, and ○ Examples of new skills/trainings required <p>Presentation by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Karin Bruinenberg / Christiaan Duijst, Dutch Data Protection Authority 	<p>14.00 - 15.30</p> <p>15.30 - 17.00</p>

17.00 – 17.15 Closing of Day 1 and Group photo

Day 2 – 11 September 2024



Charlemagne Building, European Commission
Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels (Room 221/ 3rd Floor)

09.00 – Welcome and Registration

09.30 – 16.00 - Sessions

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Day Facilitator: Estelle Massé, Policy Officer, International Affairs and Data Flows, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

	Topics and Experts	Timing
	<p>Oversight of authorities in the public sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Example of investigations and enforcements activities <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anne-Charlotte Recker / Hielke Hijmans, Belgium’s Data Protection Authority <p>Balancing data protection legal requirements with freedom of information laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Example of balancing exercise and application of legal obligations <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nevena Ruzic, Data Protection Expert	<p>09.30 - 11.00</p> <p>Coffee Break at 11h</p> <p>11.30 - 13.00</p>
	<p>Lunch break</p> <p> Atrio Restaurant & Bar Rue Stevin 132, 1000 Brussels</p>	<p>13.00 - 14.30</p>
	<p>Data Protection in the context of cooperation agreements with EUROPOL and Eurojust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentation/Review of data protection measures under the agreements <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mattia Tempini / Estelle Massé, European Commission	<p>14.30 - 16.00</p>

16.00 – 16.15 – Closing Remarks

Closing remarks by: European Commission, Regional Cooperation Council, Regional School of Public Administration, German Development Agency - GIZ, and Support for Improvement in Governance and Management - OECD SIGMA

19.00 - The dinner at the restaurant **La Brasserie de la Presse**, address: Rue Royale 100, Brussels

Day 3 –12 September 2024



EDPS Premises Rue Montoyer 30, Brussels

- 9:00 - 9:15** Welcome by *Wojciech Wiewiórowski, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)*
- 9:15 - 9:45** Opening speech by *Leonardo Cervera-Navas, Secretary General of the EDPS*
- 9:45 - 10:45** Session on the EU digital rulebook: interplay between the GDPR and the new European data regulations (DSA, DMA, DGA, Data Act)
- *Brendan Van Alsenoy, Deputy Head of Policy and Consultation Unit, EDPS*
- 10:45 - 11:15** Coffee Break and Group photo
- 11:15 - 12:30** Presentation of EDPS investigation policy and methodology and of some recent examples
- *Snežana Srdic and Anze Ogrinc, Legal officers, Supervision and Enforcement Unit, EDPS*
- 12:30 - 13:30** Lunch break
- 13:30 - 14:30** Presentation of the Council of Europe's legal framework and cooperation activities on data protection
- *Moritz Taylor, Senior Project Officer, Data Protection Unit, Council of Europe*
- 14:30 – 15:45** Session on international transfers and the regulation of global data flows:
- Presentation on GDPR transfer rules
- *Estelle Massé, Policy Officer, International Affairs and Data Flows, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission*
- Presentation on ongoing initiatives at a more global level (at the level of the Council of Europe, OECD, Global Privacy Assembly, G7 DPAs roundtable, etc.)
- *Olivier Matter, Head of International Cooperation, Policy and Consultation Unit, EDPS*
- Presentation on international transfers under the Law Enforcement Directive
- *Evanthia Chatziliasi, Head of Sector (acting) – Area of Freedom, Justice and Security - Supervision & Enforcement Unit*
- Tour de table with participants about their own practices (including on contractual clauses), needs and strategies on global data flows
- 15:45 – 16:45** Session on biometrics and facial recognition (CoE to propose an expert)
- 16:45 – 17:00** Closing by EDPS and Data Protection Unit of the Council of Europe

Day 4 –13 September 2024



Thon Hotel EU
Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Bruxelles

- 09:00 – 11:00** Exchange session between Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership Regions on main developments that have happened in both regions since last high-level week in September 2023 discussion and agreement on the next steps/potential joint activities
- 11:00** End of Data Protection Week

