



EUROPEAN DATA
PROTECTION SUPERVISOR

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HIGHLIGHTS

PUTTING THE EDPS 2020-2024 STRATEGY INTO ACTION

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We launched two investigations as part of our EDPS Schrems II Strategy so that **ongoing and future international transfers are carried out according to EU data protection law.**

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We continued to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on data protection by providing advice, producing guidelines, and other initiatives to support EUIs in their processing activities during this time.

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We continued to supervise the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: we ordered Europol to delete data concerning individuals with no established link to criminal activity, for example.

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We delivered legislative Opinions that **contribute to shaping Europe's digital future**, such as Opinions on the Digital Markets Act, the Digital Services Act, and Artificial Intelligence.

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In 2021, we responded to 88 Formal Legislative Consultations, compared to 27 in 2020. This included 12 EDPS Opinions and 76 EDPS Formal Comments.

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We participated in four hearings before the Court of Justice of the European Union concerning different matters, such as data retention, anti-money laundering, and Passenger Name Records.

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We launched TechSonar, a new initiative with the aim to anticipate emerging technology trends to better understand their future developments, especially their potential implications on data protection and individuals' privacy.

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In October 2021, our TechDispatch reports received the Global Privacy and Data Protection 2021 Award, for the "Education and Public Awareness" category at the 43rd Global Privacy Assembly 2021.