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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.