



DATA PROTECTION DAY 28-01-2025

A NEW MANDATE FOR DATA PROTECTION



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About CPDP - Data Protection Day

To mark Data Protection Day (28 January), the Council of Europe (CoE), CPDP Conferences and the European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) are co-organising a one-day event focused on exploring the current and future landscape of data protection.

The CPDP - Data Protection Day event takes place on 28 January as a celebration of the opening for signature in 1981 of Convention 108, the first legally binding international instrument to protect privacy in the digital age. While celebrating this historical milestone, this conference serves as a platform for discussing the challenges and opportunities that arise when emerging technologies and privacy risks intersect on one hand, and those that arise when innovation meets regulatory frameworks.

Programme: a new mandate for data protection

CPDP - Data Protection Day arrives at a pivotal moment, as new EU political mandates begin to shape the policy landscape, with the recent election of the European Parliament and subsequent appointment of a new European Commission. These changes also coincide with the new mandates of the Council of Europe's Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Data Protection Supervisor.

At the same time, new technological developments in areas such as Artificial Intelligence and neuroscience bring new challenges to the right to the protection of personal data and other fundamental rights. Recurrent challenges, such as access to data for law enforcement and national security purposes, remain high on the political agenda.

During the 2025 edition of CPDP - Data Protection Day we invite participants to reflect on and discuss the evolving mandate of data protection, particularly its essential role as safeguard of our democratic society against excessive intrusions in citizens' privacy by public or private actors.





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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

TIME	TITLE	TOPIC	ROOM
08:30 – 09:30	REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE		Reception Area 2 floor
09:30 – 09:45	Opening Remarks		De Gasperi Room 2 floor
09:45 – 10:30	Organisers' Panel	Data Protection Day: what to celebrate?	De Gasperi Room 2 floor
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK		Reception Area 2 floor
11:00 – 12:00	Main Session 1	EU institutions and data protection: what lies ahead?	De Gasperi Room 2 floor
12:00 – 13:00	Main Session 2	What's in your mind? Neuroscience and data protection	De Gasperi Room 2 floor
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK		Reception Area 2 floor
14:00 – 15:15	Side Session 1	Access to data: balancing between effective law enforcement and mass surveillance	De Gasperi Room 2 floor
14:00 – 15:15	Side Session 2	Beyond Privacy: unveiling the true Stakes of data protection	Jenkins Room 0 floor
14:00 – 15:15	Side Session 3	Trainees event	Mansholt Room 0 floor
15:15 – 15:45	COFFEE BREAK		Reception Area 2 floor
15:45 – 16:45	Main session 3	Forging the future: reinventing data protection	De Gasperi Room 2 floor
16:45 – 17:00	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks by the Polish Presidency of the EU Council	De Gasperi Room 2 floor
17:00 – 18:30	FAREWELL RECEPTION		Reception Area 2 floor
18:00 – 22:00	SPECIAL EVENT - Data Protection Day celebrations organised by the Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU. A separate registration is mandatory.		Rue Stevin 139 1000 Brussels

