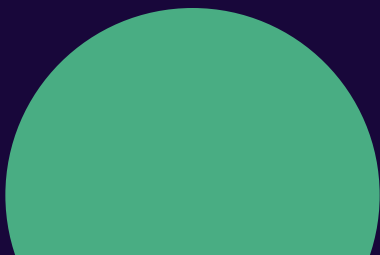
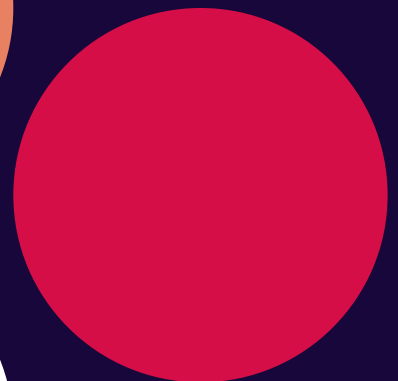
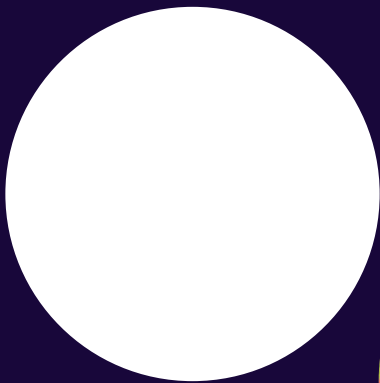
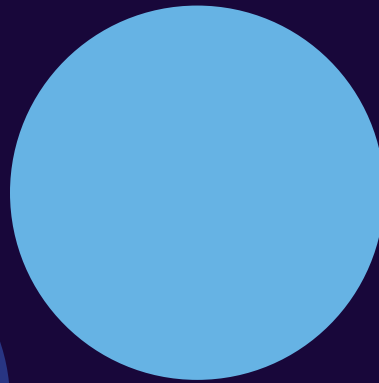
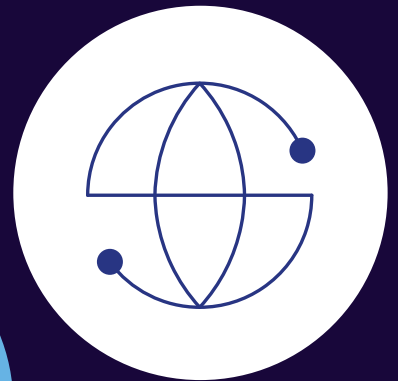


Clarity in action: Supporting stakeholders through guidance and dialogue

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In 2025, the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) operated in a rapidly evolving digital landscape, shaped by the expansion of the EU's digital regulatory framework and by swift technological developments, particularly in artificial intelligence. This environment reinforced the need for clear, consistent and practical guidance by the EDPB. Against this backdrop, the Board focused on enhancing legal certainty, simplifying compliance, and strengthening cooperation, both among Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) and with other regulators.

The adoption of the [Helsinki Statement](#) marked a key milestone, setting a new direction for a more accessible, transparent and collaborative approach to data protection. As a result, the Board developed practical tools such as templates and FAQs. In addition, it improved stakeholder consultation processes by organising stakeholder events such as the December 2025 [event on anonymisation and pseudonymisation](#), and by systematically publishing reports on stakeholder input.

Another central priority was on clarifying the interplay between the GDPR and other digital legislations, ensuring that innovation and the protection of fundamental rights progress hand in hand. Notably, [Guidelines on the interplay with Digital Services Act \(DSA\)](#) were adopted, [Joint Guidelines on the interplay between the Digital Markets Act \(DMA\) and the GDPR](#) were endorsed, and work also progressed on the interplay between the GDPR and the AI Act.

The EDPB contributed to legislative developments, by delivering **five adequacy-related opinions**, alongside **one joint EDPB-EDPS opinion** on legislative simplification proposals. It participated to the debate on the Digital Omnibus. Furthermore, it continued to support harmonisation across Europe by issuing **29 consistency opinions** under Art. 64(1) GDPR.

The Board promoted high standards of data protection worldwide by participating in international fora such as the G7 Data Protection Authorities Roundtable and the Global Privacy Assembly, and through **31 international speaking engagements** by the Chair and Deputy Chairs.

Supporting consistent and effective enforcement of the GDPR also remained a key priority.

The EDPB strengthened cooperation among DPAs through multiple instruments, including the Coordinated Enforcement Framework (CEF), the Support Pool of Experts (SPE) and dedicated taskforces, facilitating joint actions and knowledge-sharing. It contributed to improving cross-border cooperation, supporting DPAs in handling complex cases and ensuring alignment in enforcement practices. In 2025, **414 cross-border cases** were created in the EDPB's case register, and **1299 procedures related to the One-Stop-Shop** (Art. 60 GDPR) were triggered, out of which **572 led to Final Decisions**.

The EDPB Secretariat

The EDPB Secretariat played a central role in all of the Board's activities by providing legal and technical expertise alongside administrative and logistical support.

It led the drafting of **21 opinions** and contributed to a further **eight opinions**, while also supporting the adoption of **three new guidelines**, as well as **one guideline** following public consultation. It contributed to efforts to make GDPR information more accessible to a wider, non-technical audience, by publishing summaries of key guidelines for non-expert audiences that make EDPB guidance more user-friendly and accessible.

It played a role in enforcement-related activities, and led the litigation activities, with the EDPB involved in **15 cases** before the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The Secretariat also ensured the smooth functioning of cooperation among Data Protection Authorities (DPAs), notably through the provision and management of IT systems and operational tools.

Operationally, the Secretariat organised **over 500 meetings** throughout the year and handled a significant rise in technical support requests. In particular, it processed **over 10.000 inquiries** across EDPB IT systems, including more than **800 support requests** related to the Internal Market Information (IMI) system, thereby ensuring efficient communication and cooperation among DPAs.

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