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The European Data Protection Board (EDPB) is an independent European body which contributes to the consistent application of the General Data Protection Regulation and the Law Enforcement Directive throughout the European Economic Area (EEA), and promotes cooperation between the EU's Data Protection Authorities (DPAs). The EDPB is supported in its work by the EDPB Secretariat. The Secretariat performs its tasks under the Chair's instructions. It provides analytical, administrative and logistical support to the Board; it organises all the Board's meetings and manages IT platforms used by DPAs to cooperate. In addition, the Secretariat has a major role in supplying legal analysis.



To ensure the consistent application of the GDPR across the EEA, the EDPB issues general guidance to clarify European data protection law. This guidance provides the public and stakeholders with a consistent interpretation of their rights and obligations, and ensures that DPAs across the EEA have a benchmark for applying and enforcing the GDPR. The EDPB organises stakeholder events and public consultations to gather input and views on specific issues in the interest of developing future guidance.



The EDPB also issues opinions and binding decisions to guarantee the consistent application of the GDPR by DPAs and advises the European Commission on any issue related to the protection of personal data and new proposed legislation in the European Union. In some instances, the EDPB issues Joint Opinions together with the EDPS.



Moreover, the EDPB actively promotes and supports the cooperation between the DPAs. Over the last few years, the EDPB has set up several initiatives to enhance enforcement cooperation, such as the Coordinated Enforcement Framework, the Support Pool of Experts and the selection of Strategic Cases.



Finally, in 2019, the Coordinated Supervision Committee (CSC) was formally established. The CSC operates autonomously within the framework of the EDPB. It brings together the DPAs of each EU Member State and the EDPS, as well as DPAs of non-EU Members of the Schengen Area when foreseen under EU law, to ensure the coordinated supervision of large-scale IT systems and of EU bodies, offices and agencies. The CSC currently covers the Internal Market Information System (IMI), the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (Eurojust), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), and the Schengen Information System (SIS). Over the next few years, many more large-scale information systems are expected to come within its scope.

