



Stockholm Declaration

On 21–22 May 2026, the Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) from Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Åland and Sweden met in Stockholm for their annual Nordic Meeting. The purpose of the Nordic Meetings is to discuss current data protection issues and exchange best practices. Nordic Meetings have been organised since 1988.

The Nordic DPAs will continue their strong cooperation based on shared Nordic values.

During this year's meeting, the Nordic DPAs discussed the impact of the current geopolitical climate on data protection and privacy. They also discussed several other topics, all with the aim of achieving a balanced and even more pragmatic approach in the performance of their various tasks. The DPAs acknowledged the need to further cooperate with other regulatory authorities, in particular with regard to the many overlapping rules in the digitalisation and data protection area, such as the AI Act and the Data Act.

The Nordic DPAs also agreed, among other points, on the following:

- **Procedural rules regulation:** to work together to ensure a significantly pragmatic implementation of the EU Procedural rules regulation¹ in their respective practices.
- **Artificial intelligence:** that it is essential for the DPAs to share experiences and best practices with regard to the internal use of artificial intelligence, as well as in the performance of their external tasks relating to artificial intelligence.
- **Complaints handling:** that they, due to ever-increasing complaints volumes and growing complexity (e.g. driven by artificial intelligence), will continue to exchange best practices to handle complaints in the most efficient way.
- **Awareness raising:** to explore the possibility of common awareness raising activities, relating to the importance of data protection in the current digital landscape, as well as data subjects' rights and controllers' and processors' obligations.
- **EDPB cooperation:** to continue their fruitful cooperation with the aim to contribute in a constructive way to the EDPB's work and approach established in the Helsinki statement on enhanced clarity, support and engagement.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2025/2518 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2025 laying down additional procedural rules on the enforcement of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

- **Application of the EU data protection rules:** to highlight the importance of an even more risk-based approach across Europe in the application of the EU data protection rules, which is necessary in order to ensure that the rules are still relevant and credible instruments for protecting individuals' fundamental rights.

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