



Providing resources to help European stakeholders navigate the complicated privacy terrain.

FPF has built strong partnerships across Europe through its convenings and trainings for policymakers and regulators. FPF's transatlantic engagement helps regulators, policymakers, and staff at European Union data protection authorities better understand the technologies at the forefront of data protection law.

FPF also explains EU data protection and privacy law and the European Court of Human Rights legal framework to make them easily understandable for stakeholders in the U.S. Thus, FPF bridges the gap between European privacy culture and U.S. privacy culture and builds a common data protection language.

Europe-focused Work

The European Council is a standalone membership group for companies active in Europe. The Council's monthly calls include European thought leaders, senior staff at the European Data Protection Board and Council of Europe, and representatives of Member States. Members also have input into FPF activities in the EU.

The Brussels Privacy Symposium brings together high-level thought leaders and regulators in data protection and privacy for an annual workshop. Featured speakers at the symposium have included heads of data protection authorities in EU Member States, CPOs of major tech companies, and leading academics from the U.S. and EU. Recent symposium themes have included privacy and competition law, AI ethics, and de-identification. FPF co-hosts the symposium with the Brussels Privacy Hub at the Vrije Universiteit – Brussel.

The Digital Data Flows Masterclass: Emerging Technologies series is a year-long educational program designed for regulators, policymakers, and staff seeking to better understand the data-driven technologies at the forefront of data protection law and policy. Classes are held both in person and virtually. The curriculum has featured discussions on AI and machine learning, ad tech, de-identification, location data, and more.

Convention 108+ is the only international convention on personal data protection. FPF has hosted high-level gatherings to help companies better understand the convention's scope and implications, featuring presentations from the President of the CNIL and the leader of the Council of Europe's Data Protection Unit.

Insights and Explanations

FPF's unparalleled convening power is essential to our Europe work. We facilitate two-way engagement among privacy leaders in Europe and the United States. Participants at FPF events have included European Data Protection Board Chair Andrea Jelinek, Data Protection Commissioner for Ireland Helen Dixon, and President of CNIL Marie-Laure Denis.

In addition, our monthly emails feature extensive summaries of legal, regulatory, legislative, and enforcement actions across the EU in order to help our members stay on top of all relevant data protection and privacy-related developments.

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