



The 14th Annual European Data Protection and Privacy Conference

What next for European and global data privacy?

26 March 2025 – Brussels

Liisa-Ly Pakosta
Minister of Justice and Digital Affairs
Estonia

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Dear Minister Pakost,

On behalf of Forum Europe, we are writing to invite you to deliver a keynote address at our **14th Annual European Data Protection & Privacy Conference** which will take place in Brussels on 26 March 2025.

As you may be aware, this conference is held annually and is an important event in the Brussels calendar for data privacy experts, attracting in excess of 250 cross-sector delegates each year. The event typically carries not only a European but also international dimension, with speakers and delegates coming from around the globe. You will find in the Annex details of previous editions.

This year's conference's themes will center on supporting innovation within robust privacy standards amid growing regulatory complexity. Spanning topics such as the **evolving implications of the GDPR within the EU's digital rulebook**, balancing **security and public safety with individual privacy**, and navigating the complex interplay between **privacy and competition in digital markets**, the conference will explore key issues that will define the digital landscape. Sessions will also spotlight **AI governance, fostering the untapped potential of personal data for societal benefit**, and the necessity to **align data privacy rules across borders** to enhance trust, ensure compliance, and enable responsible innovation in this data-driven era.

We are pleased to share that we have recently confirmed the keynote addresses from **Commissioner McGrath** and **Anu Talus**, Chair of the EDPB.

You will see from the attached agenda that we would like to invite you to deliver a **keynote address** at **09:00 - 09:30 CET** alongside **Anu Talus, Chair, EDPB**.

Both Forum Europe and the conference delegates, who represent the full cross-section of the stakeholder community, would very much appreciate your input to this event. We hope that you will be able to take part and look forward to discussing this further in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Adamson".

Paul Adamson
Chairman
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne-Lise Simon".

Anne-Lise Simon
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Annex 1 – Previous editions:

[The 13th Annual Data Protection & Privacy Conference](#) – with attendance from

Didier Reynders, Commissioner for Justice, European Commission; **Mathieu Michel**, Secretary of State for Digitization, in charge of Administrative Simplification, Privacy and Building Administration, Federal Government of Belgium; **Guido Scorza**, Member of the Board of the Guarantor for the protection of personal data Italian Data Protection Authority; **Morgane Donse**, Deputy Director International Data Flows UK Government; **Naomi Lefkowitz**, Senior Privacy Policy Advisor, Information Technology Lab, NIST, U.S. Department of Commerce; **Bruno Gencarelli**, Head of Unit, International Affairs and Data Flows, DG Justice, European Commission; **Peter Eberl**, Deputy Head of Unit, Cybersecurity and Digital Privacy Policy, DG CONNECT, European Commission; **Clarisse Girod**, Head of the Data Governance and Privacy Unit, OECD; **Sergey Lagodinsky**, Member, European Parliament.

[The 12th Annual Data Protection & Privacy Conference](#) – with attendance from

Didier Reynders Commissioner for Justice, European Commission; **Grant Harris**, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Industry and Analysis, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; **Aleid Wolfsen**, Deputy Chair, EDPB; **Karolina Mojzesowicz**, Deputy Head of Unit Data Protection, European Commission; **Bruno Gencarelli**, Deputy to the Director for Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law, European Commission, **Peter Eberl**, Deputy Head of Unit, Cybersecurity and Digital Privacy Policy, DG CONNECT, European Commission; **Yordanka Ivanova** Legal and Policy Officer for Artificial Intelligence, DG CONNECT, European Commission; **Brando Benifei**, Member, European Parliament.

[The 11th Annual Data Protection & Privacy Conference](#) – with attendance from

Věra Jourová, Vice President for Values and Transparency, European Commission; **Marjan Dikaučič**, Minister of Justice Slovenia; **Éric Dupond-Moretti**, Minister of Justice, France; **Bruno Gencarelli**, Deputy to the Director for Fundamental Rights and the Rule of Law, European Commission; **Christian D’Cunha**, Policy Officer, Cyber Security and Digital Privacy Policy, DG CONNECT, European Commission; **Cathrin Bauer-Bulst**, Head of Unit, Security in the Digital Age’ Unit, DG HOME, European Commission; **Juan Fernando López Aguilar**; Chair of the LIBE Committee, European Parliament; **Deirdre Clune**, Member, European Parliament.

[The 10th Annual Data Protection & Privacy Conference](#) – with attendance from

Věra Jourová, Vice President for Values and Transparency, European Commission; **Didier Reynders**, Commissioner for Justice European Commission; **Timo Harakka**, Minister of Transport and Communications Republic of Finland; **James Sullivan**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Services U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce, **Bruno Gencarelli**, Head of the International data flows and protection Unit, DG Justice, European Commission; **Olivier Micol**, Head of Unit, Data Protection, DG Justice, European Commission; **Peter Eberl**, Deputy Head of Unit, Cyber Security and Data Privacy European Commission; **Birgit Sippel**, Member, European Parliament ; **Karen Melchior**, Member, European Parliament.

[The 9th Annual Data Protection & Privacy Conference](#) – with attendance from

Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, European Commission; **Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society, European Commission; **Yeong Zee Kin**, Deputy Commissioner Personal Data Protection Commission, Singapore; **Peter Davidson**, General Counsel, US Department of Commerce; **Andrea Jelinek**, Chair, European Data Protection Board; **Mercy Wanjau** Chair of the Taskforce on Data Protection and Privacy Policy; Kenya; **Tetsuo Narukawa** Commissioner for International Cooperation, Personal Information Protection Commission, Japan; **Bruno Gencarelli**, Head of Unit, International data flows and protection, DG JUSTICE, European Commission; **Despina Spanou**, Director Digital Society Trust & Cybersecurity DG CONNECT, European Commission; **Paolo Cesarini**, Head of Unit, Media Convergence and Social Media, DG CONNECT, European Commission; **Birgit Sippel**, Member, European Parliament.



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