



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
DATA PROTECTION INSPECTORATE

Ahmad Nasereddine
Donamix OÜ
admin@donamix.com

Yours: 07.02.2026

Ours: 25.02.2026 nr 2.2-9/26/512-2

Answer to request

The Estonian Data Protection Inspectorate (DPI) has received your request in which you ask whether any GDPR certification bodies are accredited or recognized in Estonia. You also inquire whether the DPI endorses any specific GDPR-related standards or frameworks. Finally, you request guidance on how an organization can obtain GDPR certification within the European Union.

Thank you for your letter and for your commitment to complying with all applicable data protection regulations, including the GDPR. We appreciate your interest in pursuing GDPR certification as a way to strengthen user trust and demonstrate accountability.

In response to your questions, we would like to provide the following information:

1. Accredited or recognized GDPR certification bodies in Estonia

At present, there are no GDPR certification bodies accredited or recognized in Estonia. The Estonian Data Protection Inspectorate (DPI) has not yet approved any national certification criteria under Article 42 of the GDPR, and therefore no certification bodies can be accredited under Article 43.

2. GDPR-related standards or frameworks endorsed by Estonian DPI

The DPI does not endorse any specific GDPR certification standards or frameworks. The Inspectorate follows the guidance issued by the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) as well as the applicable legislation.

3. Guidance on obtaining GDPR certification in Europe

To obtain GDPR certification, organizations must rely on a certification mechanism approved by a supervisory authority in an EU Member State and listed by the EDPB. Certification must be issued by a body accredited both by the national accreditation authority and the national data protection authority. The certification process typically includes an assessment of the organization's data-protection measures, governance practices, and compliance controls. Certifications are generally valid for up to three years and are subject to ongoing monitoring.

The official list of all approved GDPR certification mechanisms is published by the European Data Protection Board (EDPB). This list includes: the certification name, the approving supervisory authority, the scope of certification, and the accredited certification bodies. It is the most reliable source for identifying where certification is available.

Accordingly, organizations can obtain GDPR certification in Europe by selecting an approved certification mechanism from the EDPB's public register, choosing one that aligns with their data-processing activities, and contacting the accredited certification body in the relevant Member State. The organization must then complete the required assessment and comply with ongoing monitoring obligations. Certification is valid across the entire EU¹.

If you have any further questions or require additional clarification, we would be happy to assist.

Respectfully

Liina Kroonberg
lawyer
authorized by Director General

¹ GDPR article 42 p 7