



The Nordic Data Protection Authorities Decided on Common Goals and Forms of Cooperation

Nordic Data Protection Meeting 2022

The Nordic data protection authorities from Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Åland met in Helsinki on 13–14 October.

The data protection authorities (DPAs) discussed current data protection topics and shared best practices. Nordic cooperation between data protection authorities is based on a long tradition. Nordic meetings have been organized since 1988.

The Nordic DPAs agreed on the following cooperation and goals.

- 1) The Nordic data protection authorities will continue their close cooperation based on the Nordic values. The DPAs share a common goal: Making the digital environment safer and more responsible.
- 2) The DPAs who are members of the EEA agreed to further contribute to the European Data Protection Board's work on harmonized application of the GDPR. The DPAs also agreed to strengthen the cooperation and information sharing on matters related to freedom of information. This will mainly be done through the already established network of International Coordinators.
- 3) Protection of children's data is a priority for the Nordic DPAs. The DPAs decided to form an informal working group related to children and online gaming to share information, starting with awareness-raising and thereafter identifying possibilities for joint guidance and enforcement actions.
- 4) The DPAs discussed the Proposal for the Regulation on the European Health Data Space and decided on further cooperation because of the unique large-scale national health registers in Nordic countries and complex national legislation.
- 5) The DPAs recognized the overlap between the GDPR and EU's digital package and underline the importance of avoiding unwanted fragmentation of supervision and the need to ensure the consistent enforcement of the said legislations. The DPAs also emphasized the need for sufficient resources if the authorities are given new tasks.

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- 6) The DPAs decided to create a Digital Nordic Working Group for information exchange and cooperation of the IT-experts.
 - 7) The Nordic DPAs have developed effective tools in case handling. The DPAs agreed to share these tools, and this will be organized by in-house taskforces dedicated to this matter.

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