

EU

European Data Protection Supervisor Makes Recommendations for the New General Data Protection Regulation

The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) has recently called for pragmatism in the wording of data protection reforms. Among the EDPS' recommendations, there are proposals to simplify the planned new rules on data protection impact assessments and the reporting of data breaches to regulators and affected customers. The EDPS has highlighted the importance of providing corresponding guidance to the Regulation in order to minimise excessive detail in the Regulation itself.

[EDPS recommendations on the EU's options for data protection reform](#) (PDF)

European Court of Human Rights Rules that Privacy Right is More Important than Journalistic Freedom

The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruled in the case of *Satakunnan Markkinapörssi and Satamedia v Republic of Finland* that a magazine who had published publicly available tax data could be prevented from doing so in order to protect the privacy rights of individuals. The ECHR ruling confirmed that there is no overall protection for journalism under data protection legislation. Equally, the importance of the public interest value of the publications and its significant role in the court's reasoning were also re-emphasised.

[Case of *Satakunnan Markkinapörssi Oy and Satamedia Oy v Finland*](#)

UK

A Committee of MPs to Scrutinise "Big Data" Opportunities and Risks

The Science and Technology Committee is to consider how to create opportunities in big data for entrepreneurs and to ensure that the most is made of the increasing availability of data and power of analytics software. The Committee has encouraged input from industry, particularly in relation to how organisations can obtain an individual's informed consent to the processing of their personal data and feedback on the perceived skills gap that could prevent big data opportunities being realised.

[The Big Data Dilemma](#)

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- The draft General Data Protection Regulation
- The opportunities and challenges from Big Data
- Managing multi-country privacy compliance
- Technology takeover
- Cybersecurity

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