

# European Data Protection Bills

Country	Title of Bill	Date intro. to legislature	Est. date in force	COE Ratified [see note]	Registration /Notification	Manual Records	Legal Persons	Data export licence required
Belgium	Bill on the Protection of Private Life Regarding the Processing of Personal Data	06 May 91	1992	No	All data	Yes	No	N/A
Greece	Data Protection Bill	Nov 87	N/A	No	All data	Yes	No	Some data
Hungary	Bill on the Handling of Personal Data and on Access to Public Data	[Bill agreed by Cabinet in January 1989]	N/A	No	Some data	Yes	Yes	No
Italy	Draft Bill on the Administration of Automated Databanks	[Currently being considered by Ministry of Justice]	N/A	No	Some data	N/A	Yes	Some data
Spain	Bill Regulating the Use of Computers for the Protection of Personal Data	10 Dec 85	N/A	Yes	All data	No	No	Some data
Switzerland	Federal Bill on the Protection of Personal Data	23 Mar 88	1993	No	Some data	Yes	Yes	Some data

## NOTES

- ✧ This table is intended to provide a summary of certain aspects of each bill. It is not intended to be comprehensive or to render legal or other professional advice.
- ✧ Several of these bills have been redrafted at various times. This table is based on information available as at 1st June 1991 and is believed correct as at that date.
- ✧ All European data protection bills, subject to various exemptions, cover automated data in both public and private sectors relating to physical persons, give data subjects a right of access to records on themselves, together with a right of correction or a right to file a note of disagreement. All give powers to a Data Protection Authority to impose orders restricting the export of data in certain circumstances, and all contain provisions for imposing penalties on those who breach the law.
- ✧ "COE" refers to the Council of Europe's *Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to the Automatic Processing of Personal Data* (in force October 1985).
- ✧ "N/A" means information not available.

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