

European Data Protection Laws

| Country | Legislation | Date enacted | Date in force | CE Ratified [see note] | Registration/ Notification | Manual Records | Legal Person | Data export licence required |
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| Austria | Data Protection Act | 18 Oct 78 | 01 Jan 80 | Yes | All data | Yes | Yes | Some data |
| Belgium | Law on the Protection of Private Life Regarding the Processing of Personal Data | 08 Dec 92 | 01 Apr 93 | No | All data | Yes | No | Some data |
| Denmark | Private Registers Act | 08 Jun 78 | 01 Jan 79 | Yes | Some data | Yes | Yes | Some data |
| Finland | Data Protection Act | 04 Feb 87 | 01 Jan 88 | No | Some data | Yes | No | Some data |
| France | Data Processing, Data Files & Individual Liberties Act | 06 Jan 78 | 01 Jan 80 | Yes | All data | Yes | Yes | No |
| Germany | Data Protection Act | 27 Jan 77 | 01 Jan 79 | Yes | Some data | Yes | No | No |
| Guernsey | Data Protection Act | 30 Jul 86 | 11 Nov 87 | Yes | All data | No | No | No |
| Hungary | Protection of Personal Data and Disclosure of Data of Public Interest Act | 27 Oct 92 | 01 May 93 | No | Some data | Yes | No | No |
| Iceland | Systematic Recording of Personal Data Act | 05 Jun 81 | 01 Jan 82 | Yes | All data | Yes | Yes | All data |
| Ireland | Data Protection Act | 13 Jul 88 | 19 Apr 89 | Yes | Some data | No | No | No |
| Isle of Man | Data Protection Act | 16 Jul 86 | 17 Oct 90 | Yes | All data | No | No | No |
| Jersey | Data Protection Act | 30 Apr 87 | 11 Nov 87 | Yes | All data | No | No | No |
| Luxembourg | The Use of Name Linked Data in Computer Processing Act | 31 Mar 79 | 01 Oct 79 | Yes | All data | No | Yes | No |
| Netherlands | Data Protection Act | 28 Dec 88 | 01 Jul 89 | No | Some data | Yes | No | No |
| Norway | Personal Data Registers Act | 09 Jun 78 | 01 Jan 80 | Yes | Some data | Yes | Yes | Some data |
| Portugal | Protection of Personal Data Act | 29 Apr 91 | 04 May 91 | No | All data | No | No | All data |
| Spain | Law on the Regulation of the Automated Processing of Personal Data | 29 Oct 92 | 01 Feb 93 | Yes | All data | No | No | Some data |
| Sweden | Data Act | 13 May 73 | 01 Jul 74 | Yes | All data | No | No | Some data |
| Switzerland | Data Protection Act | 19 Jun 92 | 01 Jul 93 | No | Some data | Yes | Yes | No |
| UK | Data Protection Act | 12 Jul 84 | 11 Nov 87 | Yes | All data | No | No | No |

Notes

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- All European data protection laws, 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 provision for imposing penalties on those who breach the law.
- "CE" means the Council of Europe's *Convention for the protection of Individuals with regard to the Automatic Processing of Personal Data* (in force October 1985)

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European Data Protection Bills

| Country | Title of Bill | Date intro. to legislature | Est. date in force | CE Ratified [see note] | Registration/ Notification | Manual Records | Legal Person | Data export licence required |
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| Greece | Bill on the Protection of the Individual with Regard to the Processing of Personal Data | Nov 87 | N/A | No | All data | Yes | No | Some data |
| Italy | Bill on the Protection of Individuals in relation to the Automatic Processing of Personal Data | 01 Sept 92 | N/A | No | Some data | N/A | Yes | Some data |

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