

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
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	Yes	All data	Yes	No	Some data
Czech and Slovak Republics	The Protection of Personal Data in Information Systems Law	29 Apr 92	01.06.92	No	Some data	No	No	No
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	Yes	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 90	Yes	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	Yes	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

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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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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
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	Yes	Yes	Some data

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