

Data Protection Day 2026: Reset or refine?



28 January 2026



Charlemagne building (Brussels)



in person and remotely

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

EVENT VENUE

The Data Protection Day event takes place at the heart of the EU Institutions, in the European Commission's [Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels, Belgium](#) (right in front of the European Commission headquarter: Berlaymont building). Panel discussions will take place in the De Gasperi Room, 2nd floor. A more detailed itinerary will be shared closer to the date.

PARTICIPATION

The event will take place in a hybrid format, with participation possible both in-person and online, on the 28th of January 2026 from 08:00 to 17:00. The accreditation period is from 8:00 to 9:00 and after the event we invite you to a farewell reception. The event is free of charge and the registration is mandatory.

ACCESS AND BADGE PICK-UP

The security measures of the European Commission will apply to all participants. Please note that it will not be possible to issue registrations on the spot.

1) Arrival between 8:00 and 9:00

Arrive at the Charlemagne building on Rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels, Belgium. Please note that parking is not possible in the building, and it is difficult to find a public parking spot in the area. We recommend using public transport (train, or [metro lines 1 and 5, stop Schuman](#)), bicycle or electric scooter.

2) Bring your identification document or passport

To enter the venue, participants must present to European Commission security their EU Institution badge or the identification document they provided in the registration form, jointly with the V-PASS email. Unfortunately, without these documents participants will not be able to enter.

3) Pick-up your badge

The main registration desk, located at the end of the ground floor corridor, is open from 8:00 until 9:00 (start of the event). We recommend arriving early to avoid queues. We will provide an event badge that participants should wear at all times. If participants do not wish to be photographed or filmed, please share this information in the [registration form](#) and keep the consent sticker visible during the event. After 9:00, the registration desk will still be open to accommodate late access to the venue.

4) Security check

Participants who do not work for an EU Institution will have to undergo security checks by European Commission security.

5) Welcome coffee

After your successful arrival, please take the escalator or elevator to the 2nd floor reception area. You will be served with a coffee and have the possibility to explore the exhibition area with booths of the EDPS, EDPB, and CoE. An unattended cloakroom is available in the same floor, as well as the main event room 'De Gasperi'.



ONLINE PARTICIPATION

The Data Protection Day event will be web-streamed via a dedicated WebEx platform (you will find the link on the main event page), via the European Commission's [Audiovisual Service](#), and on LinkedIn. Please note that active participation of online attendees is not foreseen. If you join via WebEx, you should keep your microphone and camera turned off at all times. Any inappropriate behaviour will result in immediate expulsion from the event.

HOW TO PLACE A QUESTION

In-person: you can ask a question by raising your hand and waiting for the moderator to call on you before activating the desk microphone in front of you. Please be brief and turn off your microphone after posing the question.

Online: you can pose a question by sending it to the chat of the WebEx meeting.

EVENT ROOMS

The main sessions take place in the De Gasperi Room located on the 2nd floor. The unattended cloakroom and reception areas are located on the 2nd floor in front of the De Gasperi Room. Refreshments, a lunch and a farewell reception are provided in the reception area.

WI-FI

The visitors Wi-Fi of the European Commission is available to all participants:

Wi-Fi: EC_GUEST

Login: xicb510

Password: Demeter

VIDEO RECORDINGS AND PHOTOPGRAPHY

The panels are recorded, and recordings will be published on the [EDPS website](#) and [YouTube channel](#) after the event. Only speakers and active participants will be recorded. A photographer and a videographer will be on site to document the event. Video and pictures will be published on the organisers' social media. In case of further information, consult our [data protection notice](#).

UPDATES AND NEWS

Check the [Data Protection Day website](#) for more news about panels, topics and speakers, to be communicated in the next few days and weeks. Subscribe to the EDPS or CoE newsletters for more updates on the organisers' work.

CONTACT

For any further logistical questions, please contact EDPS-Events@edps.europa.eu

