Press Release

The Privacy Symposium International Conference will gather in Venice the highest authorities and experts from 5 continents to support International Cooperation on Data Governance, Regulatory Compliance, and Innovative Technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence.

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The Privacy and Data Governance Symposium (also known as "Privacy Symposium") is an international conference that **aims at supporting international dialogue, cooperation, and knowledge sharing on data governance, regulatory compliance, and innovative technologies**. **From May 12 to 16, 2025, it will offer over 100 thematic sessions and will give the floor to over 300 top-level speakers and authorities in Venice, Italy.**

The conference will bring together the highest authorities in the domain of data regulation, including international organisations (Council of Europe, OECD, World Bank, ICRC, United Nations - UNESCO, WFP, IMF, etc.), the European Union (EDPB, EDPS, FRA, DG Justice, DG Santé, Europol), and national authorities (most European national data protection authorities, as well as the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Peru, Australia, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal), expert researchers, industry representatives as well as the EU Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, and the Rule of Law and the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy.

The programme of the conference will cover several tracks, including:

- Freedom of Expression and Data Regulation;
- International Cooperation, focusing on global convergence in data regulations, enforcement, and international standards;
- Artificial Intelligence Policies and Regulations;
- Technology and Compliance, discussing innovative technologies such as satellite communications, geolocation data, trusted cloud criteria, and digital identities;
- Data Protection in Practice, with guidance and clarifications from authorities and experts;
- DPO Cooperation, discussing the evolution of DPO roles, capacity building, and cooperation;
- Making Data Secure, with a focus on threats and security of personal data;
- Socio-Economic Perspective, with a focus on turning compliance into value creation;
- Health and Medical Data Regulation and Compliance, including for secondary use of data;
- Accountability, Trust, and Privacy-Enhancing Technologies (PET), with a focus on international data protection certification;
- Research and Innovation, with latest research results and achievements;
- Data Protection in Italy (presented in Italian);
- Deep Dive In Sessions focused on practical capacity building sessions for professionals;

- Scientific Track with presentations of selected papers from the Privacy Symposium Call for Papers.

Media Relevance

The conference will bring together several high-level authorities from various continents, including European Union officials and heads of data protection authorities. It offers a unique opportunity for journalists to:

- Meet and interview top level representatives of data protection authorities from around the world;
- Report on ongoing and upcoming regulatory changes for data and privacy at European and international levels;
- Learn about challenges and good practices for privacy and data protection;
- Access the latest developments for data regulation and compliance;
- Report on international cooperation for privacy and data protection.

Testimonials

Sébastien Ziegler, Chairperson of the Privacy Symposium Organising Committee: *"The Privacy Symposium gathers top level authorities and experts to discuss how to address and regulate data and digital transformation of our societies. It offers a unique platform for international cooperation, constructive dialogue on complex issues, and knowledge sharing. It enables to dive in the frontline of data governance evolution and to anticipate the future of data regulations."*

Luca Bolognini, President of the Italian Institute for Privacy: *"Italy and Venice can take immense pride in hosting, for the fourth consecutive year, one of the most prestigious global conferences on data protection and technology law. Over the course of one week, leading authorities and experts from across the globe will engage in in-depth discussions on cutting-edge issues related to data protection, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and the ethical implications of technological innovation. This is an unmissable event."*

Useful links:

- More information is available on the conference website: https://privacysymposium.org/
- Programme overview: https://privacysymposium.org/programme-overview/
- Programme schedule: https://privacysymposium.org/schedule/
- Full list of speakers: https://privacysymposium.org/programme-speakers/

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