

## 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 April 20 to 24, 2026, it will offer over 100 thematic sessions and will give the floor to over 400 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, United Nations, International Monetary Fund - IMF, etc.), the European Union (EDPB, EDPS, FRA, DG Justice, Europol), and national authorities (most European national data protection authorities, as well as the U.S., Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Benin, Canada, Ghana, Kenya, Philippines, Zambia), expert researchers, industry representatives as well as the European Data Protection Supervisor, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy, the Ministers of Justice from Italy and Montenegro and Ministers of Health from Greece and Romania.

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

- **International Cooperation**, focusing on global convergence in data regulations, enforcement, and international standards;
- **Artificial Intelligence and Compliance**;
- **Innovative Technology and Law**, focusing on emerging innovative technologies, such as Quantum, Blockchain, Biometric Data, Neuro Privacy and Neuro Rights;
- **Data Regulations in Practice**, with guidance and clarifications from authorities and experts;
- **Health and Medical Data Regulation and Compliance**, including for secondary use of data;
- **Economy and Compliance** with particular attention to the transformation of compliance into value creation;
- **Research and Innovation**, with latest research results and achievements;
- **Accountability, Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PET), and Certification**;
- **DPO and Bar Associations’ Cooperation**, discussing the evolution of DPO roles, capacity building, and cooperation;

- **Data Security** addressing cybersecurity related threats and concerns, as well as technology developments;
- **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 is a unique conference focused on supporting international cooperation, constructive dialogue, and knowledge sharing to support digital transformation. 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 fifth 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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