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DPC releases Annual Report

The Data Protection Commission has published its 2022 Annual Report ([‘the Report’](#)) sharing the specifics of breach notifications, complaints, ongoing large-scale inquiries and its interaction with the European Data Protection Board.

The Report shows that there were fewer breach notifications last year — the DPC received 5,695 valid notifications, 13% less than in 2021. 62% of the notifications related to unauthorised disclosures of personal data and 105 were received under the ePrivacy Regulations, which represented an increase of 176%

compared to 2021. 38 breach notifications related to the Law Enforcement Directive. Most incidents originated from the private sector (52%), followed by the public sector (44%), with the remaining coming from the voluntary and charity sector (4%).

The Report shows that the DPC concluded 10,008 cases in 2022, a slight reduction on last year. The most frequent GDPR topics for queries and complaints were access requests, fair processing, disclosure, direct marketing and right to be forgotten (delisting and/or removal requests).

The most common cause

of breaches related to correspondence inadvertently being misdirected to the wrong recipients.

According to the Report, there were 17 large-scale inquiries concluded last year, resulting in fines totalling over €1.3 billion. The Report states that the DPC issued two-thirds of the total number of GDPR fines by EU Supervisory Authorities.

The DPC’s inquiry into the Department of Social Protection, which commenced in 2021, is ongoing. This inquiry involves the processing of personal data in relation to biometric facial tem-

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EDPB launches its 2022 Annual Activity Report

The European Data Protection Board (‘EDPB’) has presented its 2022 Annual Activity Report ([‘the Report’](#)).

The Report provides a summary of the work carried out by the EDPB in the last year, includes the results of a guidance review and, for the first time, a thematic digest with a selection of examples of final One-Stop-Shop decisions.

Andrea Jelinek Chair of the EDPB wrote in her Foreword to the Report:

“it is my pleasure to introduce the fifth Annual Report of the European Data Protection Board, also the last one published during my mandate as EDPB Chair. Once again, this Report clearly demonstrates how much work is done by the EDPB in the span of a year, in terms of issuing guidance, con-

sistency documents, legal advice and adopting binding decisions. What is also abundantly clear from this report is how the role of the EDPB has changed. Today, we are much further than we were in 2018. The GDPR is at the heart of the newly adopted digital single market legislation, which will determine how large online platforms operate in the decades to come.”

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