



INTERPOL

FACT SHEET

The INTERPOL Data Protection Office

Respect for data protection principles, such as transparency, accountability and data quality, as laid down in INTERPOL's Rules on the Processing of Data as well as in national and regional legislation, provides a basis of TRUST that enables the Organization's member countries to exchange data via INTERPOL's Information System.

► THE ISSUE

The digitalization of data collection and processing operations within the law enforcement sector has led to an increase of international data exchanges through INTERPOL's channels. Increased data processing, while necessary to facilitate international police cooperation, also brings along an increased risk for infringements of individuals' fundamental rights, such as privacy and data protection. To monitor and mitigate these risks, a Data Protection Officer was designated within INTERPOL in October 2015.

► OBJECTIVES

The INTERPOL Data Protection Office aims to strengthen the data protection culture within the Organization. With the cooperation of all the departments within the General Secretariat and the National Central Bureaus (NCBs), in particular via their Data Protection Officers, the Office promotes and facilitates INTERPOL's data processing regime through the appropriate legal, technical and organizational channels.

To achieve these objectives the Office focuses on:

- monitoring the lawfulness and compliance of the processing of data in the INTERPOL Information System with the Organization's Constitution and Rules;
- recommending appropriate supervisory or corrective measures with the aim of improving internal control and risk management regarding data processing operations;
- liaising and collaborating with all Data Protection Officers designated at NCB level and at international partnership level;
- providing training and raising awareness of data processing issues among the GS, including the informing of staff of their rights and obligations with regard to privacy and data protection;
- liaising with the Commission for the Control of INTERPOL's Files on data processing issues; and
- cooperating with Data Protection Officers of other institutions to exchange best practices.

In order to independently and effectively fulfil its role, the Office reports directly to the Secretary General.

The INTERPOL Data Protection Office

► ACTIVITIES: PAST & UPCOMING

- Since its creation the INTERPOL Data Protection Office advised on data processing developments which may result in a high risk for the rights and freedoms of individuals and monitored their implementation.
- The INTERPOL Data Protection Office collaborated in setting up training for the NCBs' Data Protection Officers in Harare (September 2015), Lyon (December 2015), Abidjan (May 2016) Singapore (October 2016), Lyon (November 2016), Doha (February 2017) and Buenos Aires (March 2017). The Office will develop the current training programme and a new platform for Data Protection Officers to further support the development of the NCBs' expertise in the field of data protection.
- Furthermore, the Office participated in a workshop of Data Protection Officers of International Organizations on the sharing of best practices (February 2016) and is pursuing further cooperation with the Data Protection Officers of these organizations.
- In addition, the Office participated in meetings in order to monitor new developments on data protection policies and regulations, such as the Data Privacy Asia Conference (November 2016) and a meeting at the Council of Europe (March 2016) of the Bureau of the Consultative Committee of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data.
- The Office promoted International Data Privacy & Data Protection Day by organizing a workshop (January 2016 and 2017) on the implementation of Privacy by Design within the law enforcement sector and by circulating (January 2016) a data protection quiz within the INTERPOL General Secretariat as well as among NCBs that can be further used as a training tool. The Office furthers its efforts to raise data protection awareness within the Organization and to encourage the development and implementation of data processing measures that meet user needs and enhance efficiency while protecting the rights of individuals. To this end, the Office will support the development of privacy and data protection impact assessments as a best practice within the Organization.
- The Office will organize the first Conference for Data Protection Officers of the NCBs in fall 2017.



INTERPOL

► CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact us via our web site. For matters relating to specific crime cases, please contact your local police or the INTERPOL National Central Bureau in your country.

► **Twitter:** @INTERPOL_HQ

► **YouTube:** INTERPOLHQ

► **WWW.INTERPOL.INT**

