

Volt Europa Data Protection Report 2024

Data Protection Officers

Two DPOs, who have been on the team since 2020 and 2023, remained on the team in 2024. At the end of 2023, these DPOs onboarded two more team members, who are experts in data protection law and technology. One Data Protection team member resigned in 2024, leaving a total of three team members by the end of 2024. The new General Secretary responsible for Legal started joining the fortnightly DPO calls from April 2024. The team implemented a more efficient emailing system.

The Data Protection Officers can be contacted at dpo@volteuropa.org.

Accountability

As requested, the Data Protection team advised national chapters on questions related to data protection. The team also set up a separate group for collaboration amongst all Data Protection teams within Volt, with a monthly check-in call to discuss i.a. best practices.

Data subject rights

As in previous years, the DPOs received multiple subject access requests from individuals. The DPOs coordinated the requested actions, such as providing information, correcting or deleting personal data, in close cooperation with the General Secretary, the IT Team who has access to the databases and the respective chapter. The team implemented a workflow to efficiently deal with the incoming requests from data subjects.

Revised privacy note

The Data Protection team has been collaborating with, among others, the IT Team to revise and update Volt Europa's privacy policy to ensure it is aligned with the latest legal requirements and organisational practices. The Data Protection team paid extra attention to sub-processors, joint controllership, data sharing and data retention periods. The Data Protection team also worked to ensure the privacy note matches the national chapters' privacy policies, using Germany as an example. In October, the new external privacy note was published on the Volt Europa page and can be amended as needed. The chapters that use the Volt Europa privacy notice have been asked to update theirs accordingly.

Internal audit

Two DPOs met with the internal audit committee in April to answer questions about Volt's data protection practices, ultimately to ensure compliance and manage any risks. The members of the Data Protection team also signed Non-Disclosure Agreements to ensure confidentiality of the information handled by them.

Future outlook

Volt Europa will continue to respond to data requests and provide guidance where necessary, while supporting national chapters in managing their own responsibilities. Regular updates, ongoing monitoring and proactive advice remain essential to ensuring Volt's continued compliance with data protection regulations.

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The DPO Team