



CNPD Activity Plan for 2021

In 2021, CNPD anticipates setting up requirements and procedures for the approval of codes of conduct and measures to guarantee the application of the principles of Privacy by Design and by Default, as well as new guidelines on children data processing, cookies, and privacy policies. Audits and supervision will focus on areas such as video surveillance and call centres.

The Portuguese Data Protection Authority (CNPD) launched its plan of activities for 2021, a plan that is conditioned by and considers the current situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Social confinement as well as other limitations in social interaction have contributed to the promotion of new types of personal data processing, due to telework, distance learning, and matters of protection of privacy and public interest in health data processing, which requires monitoring by CNPD in 2021.

Regarding the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) ('GDPR'), CNPD will propose requirements and procedures for the approval of codes of conduct and measures to guarantee the application of the principles of Privacy by Design and by Default.

CNPD will also provide guidance in matters that have gained importance over the years, such as data processing of children and other vulnerable groups, by offering guidelines to those responsible for processing and raising awareness amongst children and young people, using language adequate to the recipients.

The legal regime applicable to cookies will be monitored and further explained. CNPD will assist in the compliance of the GDPR as well, especially when it comes to the form and content of privacy policies and the obligation to inform data subjects. The Activity Plan focuses mainly on raising citizens' and companies' awareness about personal data protection and privacy as well as supervision of personal data processing.

In 2021, CNPD will conduct audits and inspections to verify compliance with the personal data protection legal regime, especially focusing on areas such as: (i) video surveillance in public space; (ii) call centers; and (iii) TVDE platform.

Regarding specific measures, the Activity Plan emphasizes the supervision and monitoring of data processing within the 2021 Census and the presidential election, as well as in the context of teleworking and distance learning.

The plan includes the implementing and connection, at a national level, of the large-scale European information system for recording the entry and exit of third country nationals (ENS), and the monitoring of the transition to the new Schengen Information System, adaptation to the new legal framework of the Schengen Information System (SIS) and consequent changes in the national system and procedures for the entry into operation of the system.

The national parties of the European Information Systems SIS II, VIS and Eurodac will also be inspected regularly, as well as the Office of Single Contact Point Management for International Police Cooperation (PUC-CPI).

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