



Greece strengthens data protection framework | Ratification of the Amending Protocol to Convention 108

Greece ratified the Protocol amending the Council of Europe's Convention for the Protection of Individuals regarding Automatic Processing of Personal Data, originally opened for signature in 2018. New Greek Law 5169/2025 supplements existing data protection legal framework and underscores Greece's commitment to further align with international standards regarding data protection and privacy.

What is the Amending Protocol to Convention 108

The Amending Protocol to Convention 108 is a significant update to the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with

regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data, aiming to modernise the Convention and to address contemporary challenges posed by advancements in technology and the globalised nature of information processing.

Key objectives

Increased Scope

The Amending Protocol to Convention 108 extends the scope of the Convention to effectively include all types and new forms of data processing, such as those involving artificial intelligence (AI) and big data, and more categories of personal data (e.g., genetic and biometric data).

Improved Rights for Individuals	It introduces several new rights for individuals aligning the Convention with the GDPR and expanding individuals' rights to control their personal data.
Cross-border Data Flows	It aims to create a more predictable and consistent legal framework for cross-border data transfers.
International Cooperation	It aims to promote greater cooperation between countries in terms of data protection, making it easier for them to collaborate on enforcement and oversight.

Supplementary application of the existing legal framework

In the event that an issue arises concerning the application of the Amending Protocol to Convention 108, the existing legal framework -including the GDPR and Law 4624/2019- will continue to apply in a complementary manner. This encompasses, for example, provisions related to appeals and remedies before the Supervisory Authority and the courts, as well as the enforcement of sanctions for any violations of the provisions set forth in the Convention.

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