

German Association of Data Protection Officers



- Longest history of DPO associations in Germany (founded 1989)
- 1,800+ professional & 1000+ corporate members (external & internal DPOs)
- Publisher of the internationally very first [Code of Practice for Data Protection Officers](#)
- 12 Regional Chapters & 9 Focus Working Groups
- Publisher of print magazine „BvD News“ and various other publications (whitepapers, guidelines, studies, expert opinions)
- Organizer of two annual congresses (in cooperation with German SAs)
- Sole shareholder of a non-profit institution that offers data privacy awareness programs for students and awards a data privacy media prize
- Initiator & founding member of EFDPO

Implementation of the GDPR in Germany



- Estimated **number of** organizations with a registered **DPOs** varies **between 155,000** (BvD survey) **and 182,000** (IAPP survey)
- In 2020, SAs imposed **283 fines** (2019: 187) totaling **48.1 million euros**. Highest fine in 2020 (and to date): 35.3 million euros imposed by Hamburg SA against H&M for spying on hundreds of employees at its Nuremberg service center. Majority of fines in the three- to four-digit euro range.
- **26,057 data breach notifications** in 2020 (2019: 21,000)
- On June 1, 2021 German SAs announced **joint controls** regarding **international data transfers** using five different questionnaires on five different topics: mailhoster, web host, tracking, applicant portals, intra-group data transfers

GDPR implementation survey in Germany

"How far along are you in implementing the GDPR?"

