

Control on personal data

Summary of 2018 Annual Report

People in the Netherlands are concerned about their privacy. Research commissioned by the Data Protection Authority (DPA) has shown that at least 94% of people are worried about the protection of their personal data. People are primarily concerned about fraudulent use of their identity documents, monitoring of their online search behaviour and Wi-Fi tracking. In regard to these situations people tend to feel that they don't have complete control over their personal data. The latest EU legislation in relation to data protection – the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – came into force on 25 May 2018, not a moment

– came into force on 25 May 2018, not a moment too soon. One of the key objectives of the GDPR is to empower individuals and give them more control over their personal data, as well as regulating the processing of personal data by both private and public parties.

"What it's ultimately about is people having greater control over their personal data."

Aleid Wolfsen
Chair of the Dutch DPA

Our mission statement

The Data Protection Authority is the independent supervisory body in the Netherlands that promotes and enforces personal data protection rights.



The Dutch DPA currently employs 167 people

The board



Monique Verdier Vice chair



Aleid Wolfsen Chair



Katja Mur Member of the board

To promote

The DPA encourages public authorities, businesses and individuals to take responsibility for the protection of personal data. We do this by informing them of the rules and the risks. We provide legislators with solicited and unsolicited advice on legislation relating to the processing of personal data. In 2018 we:



Answered almost 27,000 questions



Gave 70 presentations to organisations and industry bodies



Received over 11,000 complaints



Ran a public information campaign on data privacy



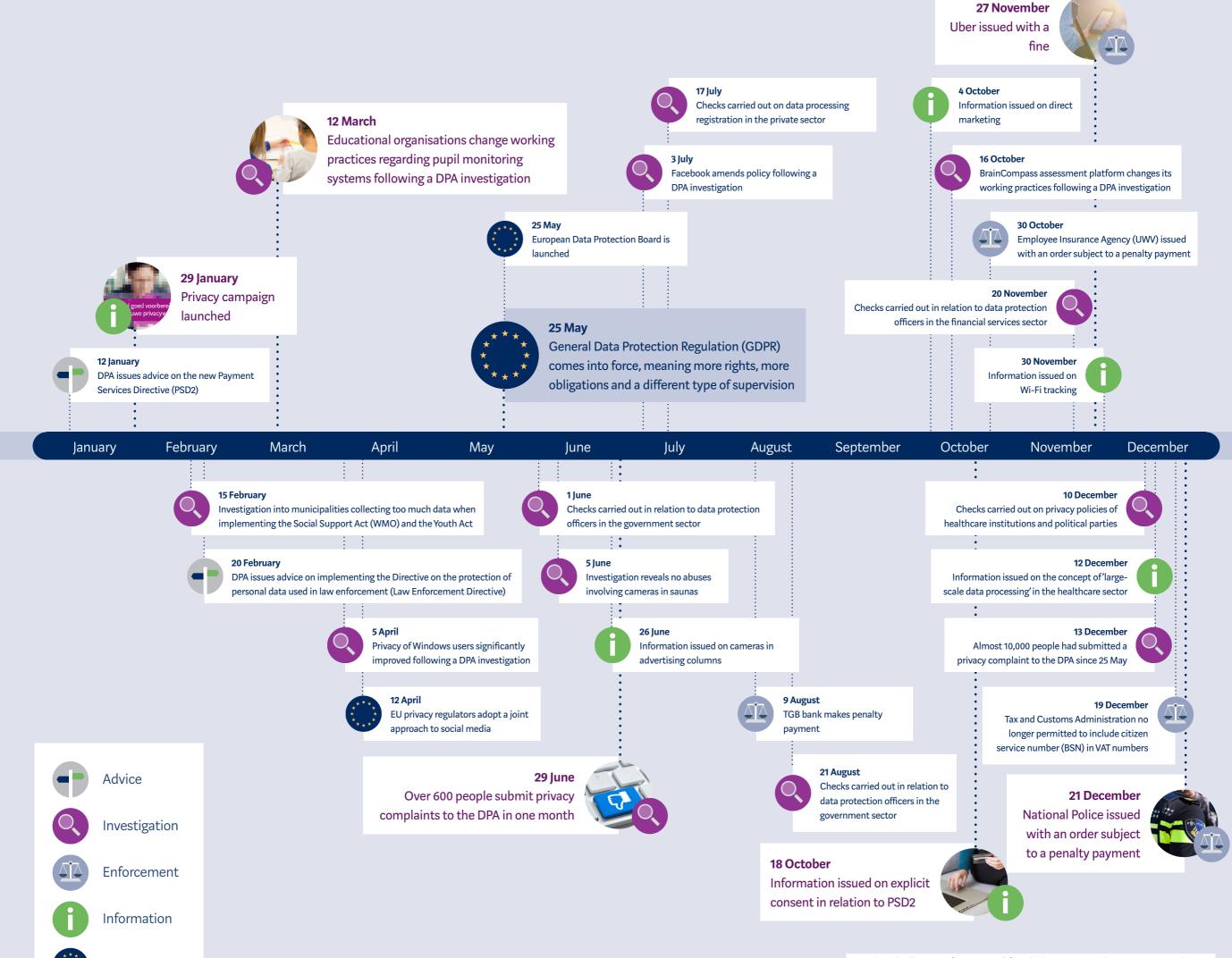
Issued more than 80 advisory opinions on legislation

To enforce

We monitor compliance with data protection regulations by conducting independent investigations into alleged breaches by public bodies and the private sector. Investigations can be carried out on our own initiative but can also be a result of a complaint that was lodged with our DPA. If necessary, we take enforcement action. In 2018 we conducted investigations in the following areas:



2018 in brief



> The full text (in Dutch) of the annual report can be found at autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/jaarverslagen

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Questions about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) You can find more information and answers to questions about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl. If you can't find the answers you're looking for on the website, you can contact the DPA privacy information and reporting line on +31 (0)88 1805 250

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