

Today, the European Commission adopted its adequacy decision on the **EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework** entering into force with immediate effect.

Key principles

- Based on the adequacy decision, personal data will be able to flow freely and safely between the EU and participating US companies
- A new set of rules and **binding safeguards to limit access to data** by US intelligence authorities to what is **necessary and proportionate** to protect national security; US intelligence agencies will adopt procedures to ensure effective oversight of new privacy and civil liberties standards
- A new two-tier redress system to investigate and resolve complaints of Europeans on access of data by US Intelligence authorities, which includes a Data Protection Review Court
- Strong obligations for companies processing data transferred from the EU, which includes the requirement to self-certify that they adhere to the standards through the US Department of Commerce
- Specific monitoring and review mechanisms

Benefits of the framework

- Adequate protection of Europeans' data transferred to the US, addressing the requirements of the European Court of Justice
- Safe and secure data flows
- Durable and reliable legal basis
- Competitive digital economy and economic cooperation
- ◆ Continued data flows underpinning €900 billion in cross-border commerce every year



March 2022: President **von der Leyen** and President Biden reach an agreement in principle on a new trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework.

December 2022: The Commission adopts its draft adequacy decision on the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework.

May 2023: Non-binding resolution of the European Parliament.

July 2023: The Commission adopts its adequacy decision on the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework.

October 2022: President Biden signs the US Executive Order on 'Enhancing Safeguards for United States Signals Intelligence Activities'.

February 2023: The European Data Protection Board adopts its opinion on the draft adequacy decision.

July 2023: Member States representatives approve the draft adequacy decision.



2024: First periodic review of the framework.

