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[ICO News: Your views matter: Information Commissioner to conduct major listening exercise](#)

Newly appointed Information Commissioner John Edwards has announced a major listening exercise to hear direct from businesses, organisations and people about their experiences of working with the ICO. The exercise will include a survey, as well as a series of events held across the UK. In February, the ICO will hold events for business and industry and for the public sector, with guests invited to share their experiences with Mr Edwards directly.

[News Article: Data Privacy Day | 10 Major Data Breaches from 2021](#)

Data Privacy Day is upon us and it feels more relevant than ever as conversations around how our information is handled and the impact of major data breaches are more contentious than ever. Over the last decade, the collection of personal data has ramped up significantly, and our awareness of what is being given away is still not fully know – Data Privacy Day hopes to bring this issue under the spotlight.

[News Article: GDPR Fines Way Up, But Distribution is Uneven; Data Regulators Target Big Tech, EU Nations Differ in Approach](#)

The annual survey of EU data breaches and GDPR fines from DLA Piper finds that at least some member nations are more willing to take big tech companies to task, with overall GDPR fines up 7x in 2021. Data regulators are also receiving more data breach notifications, a trend that has steadily increased each year since the GDPR went into effect in 2018.

*[Relates to the EU]*

[News Article: Austrian DPA Finds Use of Google Analytics Outside of EU Constitutes a GDPR Violation](#)

Google Analytics, a popular tool for analyzing website visitation and what users are most frequently engaging with, may be off-limits to foreign organizations that collect the data of European Union (EU) web users. Under the terms set by the Schrems II ruling, the Austrian data protection authority (DPA) has determined that the data it collects is sufficient to potentially identify individuals and thus constitutes a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) violation.

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