

Leonardo Cervera Navas

Welcome Letter

Dear Reader,

It is with great honour that I welcome you to the second issue of the Journal of Personal Data Protection Law, a great academic initiative of the Georgian Data Protection Authority, aiming at contributing to and enriching the educational sources in the field of data protection, as well as cultivating a data protection culture.

Our era is characterised by rapid and ever-evolving technological developments and digitalisation, which in turn entails an unprecedented increase in the processing of personal data. Both the opportunities and the risks that come with such advances are important, and they each deserve consideration on their own merits.

The present day, therefore, dictates an imperative need for data protection authorities to deepen their understanding of practical legal challenges in the field of privacy and data protection on the one hand, and, on the other hand, raise and reinforce public awareness around those topics. Initiatives like the Journal of Personal Data Protection Law, bringing together academics, legal practitioners and individuals interested in law and fundamental rights, in particular these of privacy and data protection, present a great opportunity to achieve both objectives, and fulfil the tasks that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) vests in data protection authorities.

Following a promising first issue, where topics such as data subjects' rights under the GDPR, transparency, the role of Data Protection Officers and Artificial Intelligence were analysed, I am confident that this Journal will continue providing a platform for discussion that manages to surpass the geographical borders of Georgia.

I invite you to enjoy this issue and I hope that it inspires you.

Kind regards,

Leonardo Cervera Navas

Secretary-General of the European Data Protection Supervisor