

From: European Data Protection Board
Sent: 29 September 2021 16:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: New message via the EDPB website

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your follow-up request.

Under the GDPR, enforcement is the responsibility of the national supervisory authorities. The EDPB itself is not an SA and is generally not involved in investigations at the national level. As such, we cannot comment on potential fines or ongoing cases at the national level. If they wish to do so, SAs can share information regarding enforcement decisions with the EDPB. You can find an overview of this on the national news page: https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news_en?news_type=2 Please note that as SAs only share this information with us on a voluntary basis, the information here is by no means exhaustive.

In addition, you can consult the Art. 60 register, which contains final decisions by SAs for cross-border data protection cases: https://edpb.europa.eu/our-work-tools/consistency-findings/register-for-article-60-final-decisions_en

For further information, we recommend consulting the annual activity reports of the national supervisory authorities which often include further information on enforcement actions taken. You can find an overview of EEA SAs here: https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/board/members_en

Kind regards,

The EDPB Secretariat



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From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: 28 September 2021 15:34
To: European Data Protection Board <edpb@edpb.europa.eu>
Subject: [REDACTED]: New message via the EDPB website

Dear EDPB

Thank you for the answer. I have another question that you maybe could help me with. We have been writing about the GDPR's influence on religious institutions, and we have heard that the fines for

violating GDPR can be huge. Therefore I would like to know if there have been any fines given to religious institutions for violating the GDPR?
And the size of the fines? Are there any cases against religious institution violating the GDPR on the way?
Feel free to contact me on cellphone [REDACTED].

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

Fra: European Data Protection Board [<mailto:edpb@edpb.europa.eu>]
Sendt: 28. september 2021 14:44
Til: [REDACTED]
Emne: RE: New message via the EDPB website

Dear [REDACTED]



Thank you for your request and for your interest in data protection.

Please note that in line with Article 91 GDPR "Existing data protection rules of churches and religious associations", processing of personal data by religious institutions can be governed by national laws. As the EDPB does not have knowledge of the national laws applicable in this case, we recommend contacting the national data protection authority for further information. You can find their contact details here: https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/about-edpb/members_en#member-dk

Kind regards,

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Your message

Dear EDPB
I am a journalist at the [REDACTED] newspaper, [REDACTED] I would like to understand some of the GDPR

regulations. We have published a story today about [REDACTED] Church, where >70% of the population have a membership, where the priests cant write emails to confirmand preparation groups, unless they omit any signs of religion in the email.

A quote from a guidebook to the priests regarding GDPR.

"Just the fact that you as a priest are communicating to the confirmand indicates a affiliation to the danish peoples church. Therefore write to the confirmands in neutral and general terms and use formulations as 'dear thursdayteam' or 'dear 8b' instead of 'dear confirmands'. Write short, 'here is this weeks assignement' and insert a link to the confirmands centers assignement cataloug, and don't sign with your title as priest, and it is also best if you dont mention the church in the message"

Is this interpretation to strict, in the regard that the religious information is categorized as sensitive information?

I can be contacted by telephone: [REDACTED] or by email: [REDACTED]

Kind regards [REDACTED]