

Data Protection Report 2022

Data Protection Officers (DPO)

Since summer 2020, Mistale Taylor and Robert Seifert have been the DPOs of Volt Europa. They can be contacted at dpo@volteuropa.org. Robert Seifert will discontinue his role at the end of the year for personal reasons.

Data governance

DPO Mistale Taylor continued her participation in the “Governance Commission” in 2022, until the EUR Board decided to dissolve this commission.

Accountability

An intense discussion has been going on about handling membership data after leaving the organisation. The DPOs took part in this project. The DPOs have been asked for advice on handling candidate data during and after elections. As requested, the DPOs advised national chapters on questions related to data protection.

Data subject rights

As in previous years, many requests about data subject rights reached the DPOs. The DPOs coordinated the requested actions (information, correction or deletion) in close cooperation with the responsible General Secretary and the European Tech Team.

Data analytics

How far do “legitimate interests” under the GDPR stretch to allow keeping personal data? The balancing act of protection of personal data and data analytics requirements in membership administration and evaluation of voting results was discussed with the DPOs taking part.

Software used by Volt

The DPOs have been involved in the implementation of new software systems for an assessment of data protection compliance.

Outlook

The Data Protection Library on Google Drive is a collection of relevant data protection documents, which is kept updated.

The DPOs hope that the vacancy of a Co-DPO will be filled soon to fulfil all important tasks.

Staying aware of data protection considerations in Volt Europa requires continuous checks, advice and proposals for the whole organisation.

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