# DATA GOVERNANCE ACT (DGA)

## Policy brief

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| **Weblink** | https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/data-governance-act |
| **Relevance** | ☐ National policy     X EU policy     ☐ other: _____ |
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## Short summary of the policy

The Data Governance Act (DGA) is a regulatory framework adopted by the European Union to facilitate the reuse and sharing of data across sectors and member states, promoting a trustworthy and secure data-sharing environment. The DGA introduces mechanisms to encourage voluntary data-sharing by businesses and individuals while ensuring strong protections for privacy and security. The Data Governance Act also supports the setup and development of Common European Data Spaces in strategic domains, involving both private and public players, in sectors such as health, environment, energy, agriculture, mobility, finance, manufacturing, public administration and skills. The regulation aims to strengthen data availability and interoperability across Europe to support innovation, economic growth, and the deployment of artificial intelligence and other digital technologies.

The DGA establishes data intermediaries, which are organizations facilitating data-sharing services under neutral and trustworthy conditions. It also introduces the concept of data altruism, allowing individuals and organizations to voluntarily share their data for public-interest research. Moreover, the Act creates a framework for European data spaces, fostering sector-specific and cross-sector data exchange.

The Data Governance Act entered into force on 23 June 2022 and, following a 15-month grace period, became officially applicable from 24September 2023.

## Main objectives of the policy (in bullet points)

—  Promote fair and secure data-sharing across the EU.
—  Establish neutral data intermediaries to facilitate data access and exchange.
—  Enable data altruism, allowing voluntary data-sharing for public benefit.
—  Ensure compliance with EU privacy and security standards.
—  Support the creation of sector-specific data spaces for digital transformation.
—  Improve access to high-value datasets for innovation and research.

## Context and relation to DIGITAL EUROPE

The DGA aligns closely with Digital Europe Programme (DEP) objectives by fostering a robust digital economy and enhancing data-sharing frameworks essential for AI, cloud computing, and high-performance computing.

## What parts of the Policy are directly related to specific objectives (SO) in DEP

Please add here the sections of the policy linked to SOs in DEP. Please explain the link and why proposers should consider the policy in their applications – the more concrete information you give, the better.

SO2: Artificial Intelligence & Data: The Data Governance Act aims to fulfil the vision of a Common European Data Space in which data could be used irrespective of its physical storage location in the Union in compliance with applicable law, which, inter alia, could be pivotal for the rapid development of artificial intelligence technologies.

SO4 (Advanced Digital Skills): DGA supports education and training initiatives related to data governance and digital skills.

SO5 (Deployment of Digital Solutions): Encouraging businesses and governments to leverage data-driven innovation through the reuse of public and private data.

## Which activities in the current DEP Work Programme contribute to meeting the objectives of the policy

WP 2025-2027:

— Data for AI Factories - New actions include creating a digital tool to manage data altruism consent under the Data Governance Act and building a system to simplify compliance and support EU industry competitiveness.
  o Data Space for Skills - This action focuses on working with the Data Spaces Support Centre to ensure that data spaces are aligned and interoperable. It involves developing reference architecture, common tools, standards, and governance models under the Digital Europe Programme. While not explicitly mentioning the DGA, this action relates to it through data governance models and interoperability, which are key principles of the DGA in managing and sharing data across the EU.
  o Data Space for Manufacturing - Consortia are encouraged to use data intermediaries, as outlined in Chapter III of the Data Governance Act, or other appropriate mechanisms to manage the secure access to and processing of these datasets.
  o Data Space for Cultural Heritage - This action will advance and spread the deployment of the common European data space for cultural heritage, the flagship initiative to accelerate the digital transformation of the EU's cultural sector, to foster the creation, reuse and preservation of content in cultural, creative and other sectors.
  o Data Space for Tourism - The objective is to maintain, further develop and expand the functionalities, services and user community of the common European data space for tourism through a range of actions that guarantee tangible added value, building on the results of the deployment action selected under the DIGITAL work programme 2023-2024.
  o Public Procurement Data Space - The objective is to further scale up the Public Procurement Data Space (PPDS)64 which was developed under the previous WPs, enhance its analytics capabilities, to make more use of AI and to connect to other Data Spaces through Simpl.
  o Health: Data ingestion capacities and data services for the European Genomic Data Infrastructure in the European Health Data Space - This action aims to enhance the European genomic data infrastructure by supporting the deployment of advanced tools for data curation and use and its alignment with the European Health Data Space (EHDS).
— Data Spaces Support Centre - In collaboration with the stakeholder network, the second work strand focuses, among others, on promoting data governance models, business strategies, and operational approaches for running data spaces.
— Open Data Portal - This action has the purpose to further develop the platform in compliance with the requirement of the Open Data Directive and the Data Governance Act (DGA).
— A European Data Altruism Consent Management Tool - The Data Governance Act (DGA) promotes trust in data sharing, particularly through data altruism, where individuals and companies voluntarily share data for the public good. DGA mandates a European data altruism consent form to standardize consent processes across the EU, ensuring easy granting and withdrawal of consent while providing legal clarity, especially for research and statistical use.

— Digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data - Among others, activities are expected to include a comprehensive data governance framework must be established. This should include policies for data quality management, data stewardship, and data lifecycle management.

## Please match any specific activity mentioned in the policy with concrete call topics from the current/upcoming DEP Work Programme

1. DEP Call: AI Testing and Experimentation Facilities
2. Encourages the use of shared datasets for AI training and innovation.
   Data Spaces Support Centre
3. Digital solutions for regulatory compliance through data

## Events

For finding related events, please check out the following online calendars: Shaping Europe's digital future

| Event Title | Date | Weblink | Comment |
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| World Data Summit | 21-23 May 2025 | World Data Summit 2025 - European Edition | |
| Data Innovation Summit | 7-8 May 2025 | Data Innovation Summit 2025 \| 10th Edition | |

## Further information you´d like to pass on to NCPs

Linked to European Data Strategy