



DATA PROTECTION

The volume of operational personal data processed by the EPPO continues to rise significantly, in line with the overall increase of the EPPO's caseload, the growing complexity and size of cases, and associated seizures of information. Moreover, the volume of administrative personal data has increased due to staff expansion, and the addition of new Member States.

At the beginning of the year, the EPPO received the outcome of the **European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) audit** conducted in April 2023. Additionally, further consultations with the EDPS were held in relation to the development of an enhanced forensic capacity as part of the EPPO's dedicated case analysis environment. Furthermore, active and regular exchanges continued between the dedicated contact points at the working level.



The **IT autonomy** program, which requires the EPPO to transition from the IT services provided by the European Commission, has consumed significant resources, including from a data protection perspective. However, the investment of time and resources has also contributed to ensuring compliance with the established data protection standards and regulatory requirements. Lastly, the College of the EPPO also re-appointed the Data Protection Officer.

During 2024, the EPPO received a total of seven access requests or requests to exercise other data subject rights, in relation to operational but also to administrative personal data. At the end of the year, the EDPS closed an open complaint from 2021, concluding that there were no infringements by the EPPO.