Today, the European Commission adopted its adequacy decision on the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework entering into force with immediate effect.

Key principles

- Based on the adequacy decision, personal data will be able to flow freely and safely between the EU and participating US companies.

- A new set of rules and binding safeguards to limit access to data by US intelligence authorities to what is necessary and proportionate to protect national security; US intelligence agencies will adopt procedures to ensure effective oversight of new privacy and civil liberties standards.

- A new two-tier redress system to investigate and resolve complaints of Europeans on access of data by US Intelligence authorities, which includes a Data Protection Review Court.

- Strong obligations for companies processing data transferred from the EU, which includes the requirement to self-certify that they adhere to the standards through the US Department of Commerce.

- Specific monitoring and review mechanisms.
**Benefits of the framework**

- Adequate protection of Europeans’ data transferred to the US, addressing the requirements of the European Court of Justice
- Safe and secure data flows
- Durable and reliable legal basis
- Competitive digital economy and economic cooperation
- Continued data flows underpinning €900 billion in cross-border commerce every year

**March 2022:** President von der Leyen and President Biden reach an agreement in principle on a new trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework.

**December 2022:** The Commission adopts its draft adequacy decision on the EU-U.S. Data Privacy Framework.

**February 2023:** The European Data Protection Board adopts its opinion on the draft adequacy decision.

**July 2023:** Member States representatives approve the draft adequacy decision.

**October 2023:** President Biden signs the US Executive Order on ‘Enhancing Safeguards for United States Signals Intelligence Activities’.

**July 2024:** First periodic review of the framework.