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PART I – LEGISLATION AND POLICY MEASURES FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT<sup>1</sup>

Country	Law on Access to Information and Documents	Law on Administrative Procedure	Law on Ombudsman/Commissioner	Law on Privacy and Data Protection	Law on Electronic Data and Signatures	E-government policy
<b>1. Australia</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>2000 (1977, 1975)</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>2000; 1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Date</b>				<b>Nov-88</b>	<b>25-Nov-00</b>	<b>Apr-00</b>
<b>Title</b>	Freedom of Information Act	Administrative Reform Act	Ombudsman Act	Privacy Act	Electronic Signature Act Electronic Transaction Act	Government Online Strategy
<b>2. Austria</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1999 (1987, 1978)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2000 (1997)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>15-May-87</b>			<b>Dec-99</b>		<b>Spring (Oct-97)</b>
<b>Title</b>	"Auskunftspflichtgesetz" obliges federal authorities to answer citizens' questions - does not give rights of access to documents	General Law on Administrative Procedure	"People's Attorney" introduced	Data Protection Act	Digital Signature Act	Information and Communication Project (Strategy & Action Plan for Information Society)
<b>3. Belgium</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1994</b>		<b>1995</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>11-Apr-94</b>		<b>22-Mar-95</b>	<b>8-May-92</b>	<b>09-Jul-01</b>	<b>30-May-97</b>
<b>Title</b>	Law on Openness of the Administration At the regional level: Parliament of Flanders Act on the Public Nature of Government (18 May 1999)		Federal Ombudsmen Act At the regional level: Parliament of Flanders Act on the Flemish Ombudsman Service (1998)	Law on the Protection of Private Life Regarding the Processing of Personal Data	Law establishing certain rules related to the juridical framework for electronic signatures and certification services	Federal Action Plan for the Information Society At the regional level: Government of Flanders decree on e-government (8-Dec-00)
<b>4. Canada</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1982</b>		<b>1982</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Date</b>					<b>Apr-00</b>	<b>25-Feb-00</b>
<b>Title</b>	Access to Information Act		Information Commissioner	Privacy Act	The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act	Government On-Line: Serving Canadians in a Digital World

<sup>1</sup> Year in brackets indicates date of first passage of legislation in this field. For example: 2001 (1978). This means that the current law dates from 2001, and that legislation was first passed in 1978.

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<b>5. Czech Rep.</b>						
<b>Year</b>	1999	1967	1999	1998; 1992	2000	1999
<b>Date</b>	May-99			Apr-92	Jun-00	31-May-99
<b>Title</b>	Act on Free Access to Information (No. 166/1999 Coll.)	Law on Administrative Procedure (No. 71/1967 Coll)	Act on the Ombudsman (No. 349/1999 Coll.)	Protection of Concealed Facts Act on the Protection of Personal Data in Information Systems	Law on Digital Signature	State information policy
<b>6. Denmark</b>						
<b>Year</b>	1998 (1993,1991,1985, 1970)	1985	(1953)	2000 (1987, 1978)	2000	1999 (1995)
<b>Date</b>	(30-Jun-93, 6-Jun-91, 19-Dec-85, 10-Jun-70)	Dec-85		Jul-00 (Jun-87, Jun-78)	Mar-00	Dec-99
<b>Title</b>	Act on Access to Public Administration Files (Law No. 276, No. 504, No.572, No. 280)	Law on Administrative Procedures (Law No. 571)	(Under the Constitution)	Law on Processing Personal Data (Law No. 429)	Law on Electronic Signatures	IT Policy Strategy: "Realigning to a Network Society" (IT Policy Action Plan "From Vision to Action")
<b>7. Finland</b>						
<b>Year</b>	1999 (1951)	1982	(1919)	1999 (1987)	2000, 1999	1998 (1995)
<b>Date</b>	9-Feb-51				01-Jan-00	Dec-98 (Jan-95)
<b>Title</b>	Act on Openness of Government Activities (Publicity of Official Documents Act)	Administrative Procedure Act	(Under the Constitution)	Data Protection Act (Personal Data Act)	-Act on Electronic Services in the Administration -Act on Electronic Transaction	Second Strategy "Quality of Life, Knowledge and Competitiveness" ("Finland towards the Information Society")
<b>8. France</b>						
<b>Year</b>	1979 (1978)	1979	2000 (1973)	1978	2000	1998
<b>Date</b>	(17-Jul--78)	11-Jul-79	12-Apr-00 (03-Jan-73)	06-Jan-78	29-Feb-00	Jan-98
<b>Title</b>	Law No. 79-583 (Law No. 78-753 on access to administrative documents)	Law on the justification for administrative acts	(Law No. 73-6 establishing the Mediator of the Republic)	Act on Processing, Data Files and Individual Liberties (Law of 6.01.1978 on IT, files and freedoms)	Law on Electronic Signatures No. 2000-230	Governmental Action Programme "Preparing for the Information Society" (PAGSI); Ministerial Action Programmes (PAMSI)

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Country	Law on Access to Information and Documents	Law on Administrative Procedure	Law on Ombudsman/Commissioner	Law on Privacy and Data Protection	Law on Electronic Data and Signatures	E-government policy
<b>9. Germany</b>						
<b>Year</b>		<b>1976</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>1990 (1976)</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1999 (1996)</b>
<b>Date</b>		<b>25-Jul-76</b>		<b>20-Dec-90 (27-Jan-77)</b>	<b>13-Jun-97</b>	<b>Nov-99 (Feb-96)</b>
<b>Title</b>	(No general freedom of information law)	Act on Administrative Procedure	No Ombudsman at the federal level. The Parliament's (Bundestag) petitions committee	Federal Data Protection Act (last amended in 2000)	Digital Signatures Act enacted as Art. 3 of the Information and Communication Services Act (last amended 2001)	Action Programme "Innovation and Jobs in the Information Society of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century" (Info-2000: Germany's way to the Information Society)
<b>10. Greece</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2000 (1986)</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999 (1995)</b>
<b>Date</b>				<b>Apr-97</b>		<b>Feb-99</b>
<b>Title</b>	Right of Access to Administrative Document (Act No. 1599/1986 on Access to Information )	Law No. 2690/1999 Code on Administrative Procedure	Law No. 2477/1997 establishing the Ombudsman	Law No. 2472/1997 on the Protection of Individuals with Regards to the Processing of Personal Data	Law No. 2672/1998 on Information by E-mail	2 <sup>nd</sup> White Paper "Greece in the Information Society: Strategy and Actions" (White Paper "Greek Strategy for the Information Society")
<b>11. Hungary</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1991 (1957)</b>	<b>(1990)</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>2001; 2003</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Date</b>			<b>(Under the Constitution)</b>	<b>(Combined FOI and Data Protection Act)</b>	<b>29-May-01, 24-Nov-03</b>	<b>Nov-03</b>
<b>Title</b>	Act LXIII of 1992 on the Protection of Personal Data and the Publicity of Personal Data of Public Interest	General Rules of State Administration Procedures Act XXVI (Act IV of 1957)	(3 Parliamentary Commissioners for civil rights; ethnic and national minorities; data protection)	Act LXIII of 1992 on the Protection of Personal Data and the Publicity of Personal Data of Public Interest	Act on Electronic Signature Act on Electronic Communications	Hungarian Information Society Strategy (MITS) 1126/2003. (XII. 12.)

Country	Law on Access to Information and Documents	Law on Administrative Procedure	Law on Ombudsman/Commissioner	Law on Privacy and Data Protection	Law on Electronic Data and Signatures	E-government policy
<b>12. Iceland</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1989</b>		<b>2004</b>
<b>Date</b>				<b>Dec</b>		<b>Apr-04</b>
<b>Title</b>	Information Act	Administrative Act	Office of Ombudsman was established	Act Concerning the Registration and Handling of Personal Data		Resources to Serve Everyone: Policy of the Government of Iceland on the Information Society 2004 - 2007
<b>13. Ireland</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999 (1997)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>21-Apr-97</b>		<b>14-Jul-80</b>		<b>10-Jul-00</b>	<b>Jan-99 (Mar-97)</b>
<b>Title</b>	Freedom of Information Act No. 13	n.a.	Ombudsman Act	Data Protection Act	Electronic Commerce Act	Implementing the Information Society in Ireland: An Action Plan (Information Society Ireland: Strategy for Action)
<b>14. Italy</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1999 (1990)</b>		<b>1997; 1996</b>	<b>2001; 1997</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>7-Aug-90</b>			<b>Jan-1-97 31-Dec-96</b>	<b>31-Oct-97</b>	<b>23-Jun-00</b>
<b>Title</b>	Act No. 241 on Access to Administrative Documents	Administrative Procedure Law	No Ombudsman at national level (only sub-national level)	-Processing of Personal Data Act -Protection of Individual and Other Subjects with regard to the Processing of Personal Data Act N° 675	-Law on Electronic Signature and Data -Digital Document Regulations	E-Government Action Plan

Country	Law on Access to Information and Documents	Law on Administrative Procedure	Law on Ombudsman/Commissioner	Law on Privacy and Data Protection	Law on Electronic Data and Signatures	E-government policy
<b>15. Japan</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1984 (1966)</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2003 (2001)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>14-May-99</b>	<b>01-Oct-94</b>		<b>16-Dec-88</b>	<b>24-May-00</b>	<b>Jul-03 (29-Mar-01)</b>
<b>Title</b>	Law Concerning Access to Information Held by Administrative Organs	Administrative Procedure Act	No parliamentary ombudsman [Administrative Inspection Bureau (Administrative Counsellor's Law) functions as a point of appeal]	Law for the Protection of Computer Processed Data Held by Administrative Organs	Law Concerning Electronic Signatures and Certification Services	e-Japan strategy II 2003 (E-Japan Priority Policy Programme)
<b>16. Korea</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002 (1999)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>31-Dec-96</b>	<b>31-Dec-96</b>	<b>Apr-94</b>	<b>8-Feb-99;</b>	<b>27-Feb-01; 5-Feb-99</b>	<b>Apr-02</b>
<b>Title</b>	Act on Disclosure of Information by Public Agencies	Administrative Procedure Act	Ombudsman of Korea	Act on Promotion of Utilisation of Information System and Protection of Information;	Electronic Government Act; Digital Signature Act	E-Korea Vision 2006 (E-Government Project; Cyber-Korea 21)
<b>17. Luxembourg</b>						
<b>Year</b>		<b>1978</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Date</b>		<b>1-Dec-78</b>	<b>22-Aug-03</b>	<b>Mar-79</b>		<b>26-Jan-01</b>
<b>Title</b>	(No general freedom of information law)	Act on Administrative Procedures	Law establishing an ombudsman	Act of 30 March on the Identification of Physical and Legal Persons by Number; Act of 31 March on Use of Nominal Data in Data Processing	Draft law on Digital Signatures	E-Luxembourg

Country	Law on Access to Information and Documents	Law on Administrative Procedure	Law on Ombudsman/Commissioner	Law on Privacy and Data Protection	Law on Electronic Data and Signatures	E-government policy
<b>18. Mexico</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1992</b>		<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Jun-02</b>	<b>01-Jun-95</b>	<b>23-Jun-92</b>		<b>7-Jun-00</b>	
<b>Title</b>	Federal Transparency and Access to Public Government Information Law	Federal Law on Administrative Procedure	Law of the commission of human rights	No specific privacy law (in the Constitution, Penal Code Article 214)	E-Commerce Act (covers privacy, e-signature and e-documents)	The National e-Mexico System
<b>19. Netherlands</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1998, (1992, 1980, 1978)</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999 (1981)</b>	<b>2001 (1988)</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>18-Jun-98</b>	<b>01-Jan-98</b>	<b>12-May-99 (31-Feb-81)</b>	<b>01-Sep-01</b>	<b>08 May-03</b>	<b>Mar-99</b>
<b>Title</b>	Government Information Act Stb. 356 (9-Nov-78 St. 581)	General Administrative Procedural Law Act	National Ombudsman Act	Personal Data Protection Act (Data Registration Act)	Law on Electronic Signatures	Electronic Government Action Programme
<b>20. New Zealand</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>2001 (1969)</b>	<b>2003 (1975, 1962)</b>	<b>1994 (1993)</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003 (2001)</b>
<b>Date</b>			<b>21-Oct-03</b>			<b>Jun-03</b>
<b>Title</b>	Official Information Act	Administration Amendment Act (Administration Act)	Ombudsmen Act	Privacy Amendment Act (Privacy Act)	Electronic Transactions Act	government.nz@your.ser vice
<b>21. Norway</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>2000 (1978)</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002 (1999)</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>19-Jun-70</b>	<b>10-Feb-70</b>		<b>14-Apr-00 (9-Jun-78)</b>	<b>15-Jun-01</b>	<b>May-02</b>
<b>Title</b>	Freedom of Information Act	Public Administration Act	Act on the Parliamentary Ombudsman for Public Administration	Act N° 31 on the Processing of Personal Data (Act on Personal Data Registers)	Act 2001/81 on Electronic Signature	eNorway 2005 Action Plan (E-Government Action Plan)
<b>22. Poland</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>1999 (1960)</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>6-Sep-01</b>	<b>01-Jan-99 (14-Jun-60)</b>	<b>15-Jul-87</b>	<b>29-Aug-97</b>	<b>18 Sep-201</b>	<b>Jan-04</b>
<b>Title</b>	Law on Access to Public Information	Act on Administrative Proceedings Code	Act on the Ombudsman	Law on the Protection of Personal Data	Act on Electronic Signatures	The Strategy on the Development of the Information Society in Poland

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<b>23. Portugal</b>						
<b>Year</b>	1993	1976	1996 (1991, 1975)	1998	2003	2003 (2000)
<b>Date</b>	26-Aug-93		14-Aug-96 (9-Apr-91)	Oct-98	3-Apr-03	Feb-03 (22-Aug-00)
<b>Title</b>	Law nº 65/93	Code of Administrative Procedure	Statute of the Ombudsmen	Law Nº 67/98 on the Protection of Personal Data	Electronic Signatures Decree-Law (Decree-Law nº 62/2003)	e-Government action plan (Internet Initiative RCM No. 110/2000)
<b>24. Slovak Rep.</b>						
<b>Year</b>	2000		2001	2002 (1998)	2002	2001
<b>Date</b>	17-May-00		23-Feb-01	3-Jul-02 (Feb-98)	15-Mar-02	
<b>Title</b>	Act on Free Access to Information		Constitutional Statute No. 90/2001 Coll. (constitutional amendment creating a Public Defender of Rights)	Act n. 428/2002 on Personal Data Protection	Act n. 215/2002 on Electronic Signatures	Policy for the Development of the Information Society in the Slovak Republic
<b>25. Spain</b>						
<b>Year</b>	1998 (1992)	1999 (1992, 1958)	(1981)	1999 (1992)	2003	2003 (1999)
<b>Date</b>	13-Jul-98 (26-Nov-92)	(26-Nov-92, 17-Jul-58)		13-Dec-99 (Oct-92)	19-Dec-03	Dec-99
<b>Title</b>	Law No. 29/1998 (Law No. 30/92 on Public Administration and Common Administrative Procedures)	Act on Administrative Procedure	(Under the Constitution)	Personal Data Act (Law on the Regulation of the Automatic Processing of Personal Data)	59/2003 Law on digital signature	Plan de Choque para el impulso de la Administración Electrónica (Strategic Investment Plan for IT)
<b>26. Sweden</b>						
<b>Year</b>	1994 (1766)	1998	1986 (1809)	1998 (1994, 1973)	2000	2002 (2000)
<b>Date</b>			13-Nov-86	29-Apr-98	Apr-00	Nov-02
<b>Title</b>	Freedom of Information Act (Freedom of Press Act now part of the Constitution)	Government Public Administration Bill	The Act with Instructions for the Parliamentary Ombudsmen	Personal Data Act (Personal Data Protection Act)	Act on Qualified Electronic Signature (2000:832) (Regulation on Services concerning Electronic Certifications)	The Swedish e-Government Strategy (National Strategy for Information Society)



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<b>27. Switzerland</b>						
<b>Year</b>		<b>1968</b>		<b>1992</b>		<b>1999</b>
<b>Date</b>		20-Dec-68		19-Jun-92		Jul-99
<b>Title</b>	(No general Freedom of Information law)	Federal Law on Administrative Procedure	No Ombudsman at the Federal level	Federal Law on Data Protection		Report on Information Society
<b>28. Turkey</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2003</b>					<b>1999</b>
<b>Date</b>	9-Oct-03					Jun-99
<b>Title</b>	Law on the Right to Information (Law No 4982)					Project on Restructuring Management
<b>29. United-Kingdom</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1994 (1967)</b>	<b>1998 (1984)</b>	<b>2002 (2000)</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>31-Jan-00</b>	<b>Nov-00</b>		<b>Jul-98</b>	<b>14-Feb-02 (25-May-00)</b>	<b>30-Mar-99</b>
<b>Title</b>	Freedom of Information Act	Code of practice on Written Consultation	Parliamentary Commissioner Act	Data Protection Act	The Electronic Signatures Regulations (Electronic Communication Act)	Modernising Government White Paper New: March 2000
<b>30. United States</b>						
<b>Year</b>	<b>1996 (1966)</b>	<b>1946</b>		<b>1974</b>	<b>1999; 1997;1996</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Oct-96</b>				<b>Oct-96</b>	<b>17-Dec-02</b>
<b>Title</b>	Electronic Freedom of Information Act (Freedom of Information Act)	Administrative Procedure Act	No national ombudsman	Privacy Act	-Digital Signatures Act -Electronic Data Security Act -Electronic Freedom of Information Act	The "E-Government Act" (H.R. 2458)

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31. European Commission						
Year	1999		2000	1995	1999	2002 (1994)
Date	1-May-99		22-Jun-00			Jun-02
Title	The Amsterdam Treaty (establishing right of access to Community Institution documents)		Statute of European Ombudsman (first appointed in 1995) (Treaty of Maastricht 1992)	EC Data Protection Directive (95/46/EC)	Directive for the Electronic Signature	eEurope Action Plan (Project on Information Society in Europe)

- Country responses to the OECD/PUMA questionnaire on "Strengthening Government-Citizen Connections" [PUMA/CIT(2000)1], received in the Autumn of 1999.
- Country responses to the OECD/PUMA questionnaire on "Parliamentary Procedures and Relations" [PUMA/LEG(2000)1], received in the Summer of 2000.
- "Comparative Analysis of the Member States' Legislation Concerning Access to Documents", Secretariat General of the European Commission, January 2000.

PART II. – OVERSIGHT INSTITUTION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT

Country	Ombudsman	Parliamentary Commissioners <sup>2</sup>	Supreme Audit Institution <sup>3</sup>
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	Commonwealth Ombudsman [est. 1976] Link: <a href="http://www.comb.gov.au">www.comb.gov.au</a>	Privacy Commissioner for Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Federal Privacy Commissioner Link: <a href="http://www.privacy.gov.au">www.privacy.gov.au</a>	The Auditor General [est. 1901] Link: <a href="http://www.anao.gov.au">www.anao.gov.au</a>
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	The Austrian Ombudsman Board (Volksanwaltschaft) [est. 1977] Link: <a href="http://www.volksanw.gv.at">www.volksanw.gv.at</a> Federal Children's Ombudsman (Kinder & Jugend Anwaltschaft des Bundes) [est. 1989]	Data Protection Commission (Datenschutzkommission) Link: <a href="http://www.dsk.gv.at">www.dsk.gv.at</a>	The Court of Audit (Rechnungshof) [est. 1761] Link: <a href="http://www.rechnungshof.gv.at">www.rechnungshof.gv.at</a>
<b>BELGIUM</b>	The Federal Ombudsman (De Federale Ombudsman) [est. 1995] Link: <a href="http://www.federalombudsman.be">www.federalombudsman.be</a> At the regional level: -Flemish Ombudsman Service [est. 1998] Link: <a href="http://www.vlaamseombudsdienst.be">www.vlaamseombudsdienst.be</a> -Wallonian Ombudsman (Le Médiateur de la Région Wallonne) [est. 1994] Link: <a href="http://mediateur.wallonie.be">mediateur.wallonie.be</a>	Commission for the protection of privacy Link: <a href="http://www.privacy.fgov.be">www.privacy.fgov.be</a>	The Court of Audit (Rekenhof/ Cour des Comptes) [est. 1846] Link: <a href="http://www.courdescomptes.be">www.courdescomptes.be</a>
<b>CANADA</b>	(Ombudsmen at provincial level starting in 1967)	Information Commissioner Link: <a href="http://www.infocom.gc.ca">www.infocom.gc.ca</a> Federal Privacy Commissioner Link: <a href="http://www.privcom.gc.ca">www.privcom.gc.ca</a>	The Office of the Auditor General [est. 1878] Link: <a href="http://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca">www.oag-bvg.gc.ca</a>

<sup>2</sup> Useful link: <http://www.privacylaws.com/links/linknational.htm>

<sup>3</sup> Useful link: [http://www.eurosa.org/direc\\_mien.htm](http://www.eurosa.org/direc_mien.htm)

Country	Ombudsman	Parliamentary Commissioner	Supreme Audit Institution
<b>DENMARK</b>	Ombudsman ( Folketingets Ombudsmand) [est. 1954] Link: <a href="http://www.ombudsmanden.dk">www.ombudsmanden.dk</a>	The Danish Data Protection Agency Link: <a href="http://www.datatilsynet.dk">www.datatilsynet.dk</a>	The National Audit Office (Rigsrevisionen) [est. 1975] Link: <a href="http://www.frr.dk">www.frr.dk</a>
<b>FINLAND</b>	Parliamentary Ombudsman (Eduskunnan oikeusasiamies/Riksdagens justitieombudsmans kansli) [est. 1919] Link: <a href="http://www.oikeusasiamies.fi">www.oikeusasiamies.fi</a> Ombudsman for minorities Link: <a href="http://www.mol.fi/vahemmistovaltuuttu/ombudsmaneng.html">www.mol.fi/vahemmistovaltuuttu/ombudsmaneng.html</a> Ombudsman for equality Link: <a href="http://www.stm.fi/Resource.phx/tasa-arvo/english/authorities/ombudsman/ombudsman.htx">http://www.stm.fi/Resource.phx/tasa-arvo/english/authorities/ombudsman/ombudsman.htx</a>	Data Protection Ombudsman Link: <a href="http://www.tietosuojaja.fi">www.tietosuojaja.fi</a>	The State Audit Office (Valtiontalouden tarkastusvirasto/ Statens revisionsverk) [est. 1824] Link: <a href="http://www.vtv.fi">www.vtv.fi</a>
<b>FRANCE</b>	Ombudsman of the Republic (Le Médiateur de la République) [est. 1973] Link: <a href="http://www.mediateur-de-la-republique.fr">www.mediateur-de-la-republique.fr</a>	Data Protection Commissioner (Commission Nationale d'Informatique et des Libertés) Link: <a href="http://www.cnil.fr">www.cnil.fr</a>	The Court of Accounts (Cour des Comptes) [est. 1807] Link: <a href="http://www.ccomptes.fr">www.ccomptes.fr</a>
<b>GERMANY</b>	Petitions Committee of the German Bundestag (Petitionsausschuss) Link: <a href="http://www.bundestag.de/httdocs_e/organ/03organs/04commit/02commper/comm02.html">www.bundestag.de/httdocs_e/organ/03organs/04commit/02commper/comm02.html</a>	The federal data protection commissioner (Bundesbeauftragter für den Datenschutz) Link: <a href="http://www.bfd.bund.de">www.bfd.bund.de</a>	The Federal Audit Court (Bundesrechnungshof) Link: <a href="http://www.bundesrechnungshof.de/1024.html">www.bundesrechnungshof.de/1024.html</a>
<b>GREECE</b>	The Greek Ombudsman, [est. 1998] Link: <a href="http://www.synigoros.gr/">www.synigoros.gr/</a>	Hellenic Data Protection Authority Link: <a href="http://www.dpa.gr/home_eng.htm">www.dpa.gr/home_eng.htm</a>	Supreme Court of Audit
<b>HUNGARY</b>		-Parliamentary Commissioner for the rights of national and ethnic minorities -Parliamentary Commissioner for civil rights -Parliamentary Commissioner for data protection Link (portal): <a href="http://www.obh.hu">www.obh.hu</a>	State Audit Office, 1868 Link: <a href="http://www.asz.gov.hu/ASZ/www.nsf">www.asz.gov.hu/ASZ/www.nsf</a>
<b>ICELAND</b>	The Althing Ombudsman (Umboðsmaður Alþingis) Link: <a href="http://www.umboðsmadurathingis.is/english.asp">www.umboðsmadurathingis.is/english.asp</a> Ombudsman for Children, 1988 Link: <a href="http://www.barn.is/erlent/english.html">www.barn.is/erlent/english.html</a>	Data Protection Agency Link: <a href="http://www.personuvernd.is/tolvunefnd.nsf/pages/index.html">www.personuvernd.is/tolvunefnd.nsf/pages/index.html</a>	National Audit Office (Ríkisendurskoðun) Link: <a href="http://www.rkisend.is">http://www.rkisend.is</a>
<b>IRELAND</b>	The Ombudsman [est. 1980] Link: <a href="http://www.irfgov.ie/ombudsman">www.irfgov.ie/ombudsman</a>	Data Protection Commissioner (Coimisinéir Cosanta Sonraí) Link: <a href="http://www.dataprivacy.ie">www.dataprivacy.ie</a>	Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General [est. 1866] Link: <a href="http://www.irfgov.ie">www.irfgov.ie</a>
<b>ITALY</b>	Italy does not have a national Ombudsman. However, it does have an extensive network of regional ombudsmen. The ombudsman of the region of Valle d'Aosta acts as coordinator. Link: <a href="http://www.consiglio.regione.toscana.it/difensore">www.consiglio.regione.toscana.it/difensore</a>	Data Protection Commissioner Link: <a href="http://www.garantprivacy.it">www.garantprivacy.it</a>	Corte dei Conti, [est. 1862] Link: <a href="http://www.corteconti.it/">www.corteconti.it/</a>

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<b>JAPAN</b>	Office of Trade and Investment Ombudsman Link: <a href="http://www5.cao.go.jp/access/english/oto_main_e.html">www5.cao.go.jp/access/english/oto_main_e.html</a>	Administrative Inspection Bureau	Board of Audit [est. 1880] Link: <a href="http://www.ibaudit.go.jp">www.ibaudit.go.jp</a>
<b>KOREA</b>	The Ombudsman of Korea. [est. 1994] Link: <a href="http://www.ombudsman.go.kr/english/index.html">www.ombudsman.go.kr/english/index.html</a>	Commission for the Protection of Personal Data	Board of Audit and Inspection [est. 1948] Link: <a href="http://www.bai.go.kr/">www.bai.go.kr/</a>
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	Ombudsman (Le Médiateur au service des citoyens), [est. 2004] Link: <a href="http://www.ombudsman.lu">www.ombudsman.lu</a>	Commission for the Protection of Personal Data	Court of Accounts (Cour des Comptes), Link : <a href="http://www.cour-des-comptes.lu/">www.cour-des-comptes.lu/</a>
<b>MEXICO</b>	National Ombudsman (De Nationale Ombudsman) [est. 1982] Link: <a href="http://www.ombudsman.nl">www.ombudsman.nl</a>	National Commission for Human Rights (Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos) [est. 1992] Link: <a href="http://www.cndh.org.mx">www.cndh.org.mx</a>	Supreme Audit Office (Auditoría Superior de la Federación) [est. 1824] Link: <a href="http://www.asf.gob.mx">www.asf.gob.mx</a>
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	National Ombudsman (De Nationale Ombudsman) [est. 1982] Link: <a href="http://www.ombudsman.nl">www.ombudsman.nl</a>	Data Protection Authority Link: <a href="http://www.cbpreweb.nl/en/index.htm">www.cbpreweb.nl/en/index.htm</a>	Court of Audit (Algemene Rekenkamer) Link: <a href="http://www.rekenkamer.nl">www.rekenkamer.nl</a>
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	The Ombudsmen [est. 1962] Link: <a href="http://www.ombudsmen.govt.nz">www.ombudsmen.govt.nz</a>	Privacy Commissioner Link: <a href="http://www.privacy.org.nz/top.html">www.privacy.org.nz/top.html</a>	Controller and Auditor General Link: <a href="http://www.oag.govt.nz">www.oag.govt.nz</a>
<b>NORWAY</b>	Parliamentary Ombudsman for Public Administration, [est. 1962] Link: <a href="http://www.sivilombudsmannen.no">www.sivilombudsmannen.no</a>	Data Inspectorate Link : <a href="http://www.datatilsynet.no">www.datatilsynet.no</a>	Office of the Auditor General (Riksrevisjonen) [est. 1816] Link: <a href="http://www.riksrevisjonen.no">www.riksrevisjonen.no</a>
<b>POLAND</b>	Ombudsman for Children (Rzecznik Praw Dziecka) Link: <a href="http://www.brpd.gov.pl/ang.htm">www.brpd.gov.pl/ang.htm</a>	General Inspector of Personal Data Protection Link: <a href="http://www.giodb.gov.pl">www.giodb.gov.pl</a> Commissioner for Civil Rights Protection (Rzecznik Praw Obywatelskich), 1987 Link: <a href="http://www.brpo.gov.pl/index.php?e=1">www.brpo.gov.pl/index.php?e=1</a>	Supreme Chamber of Control (Najwyższa Izba Kontroli), [est. 1808] Link: <a href="http://www.nik.gov.pl">www.nik.gov.pl</a>
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	Office of Justice (Provedor de Justiça) [est. 1975] Link: <a href="http://www.provedor-ius.pt/ingles">www.provedor-ius.pt/ingles</a>	National Commission on Data Protection Link: <a href="http://www.cnpdp.pt">www.cnpdp.pt</a>	Court of Auditors (Tribunal de Contas) [est. 1279] Link: <a href="http://www.tcontas.pt">www.tcontas.pt</a>
<b>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</b>	The Office for Personal Data Protection Link: <a href="http://www.dataprotection.gov.sk">www.dataprotection.gov.sk</a> Public Defender of Rights, 2001 Link: <a href="http://www.vop.gov.sk">www.vop.gov.sk</a>	The Office for Personal Data Protection Link: <a href="http://www.dataprotection.gov.sk">www.dataprotection.gov.sk</a> Public Defender of Rights, 2001 Link: <a href="http://www.vop.gov.sk">www.vop.gov.sk</a>	The Supreme Audit Office [est. 1782] Link: <a href="http://www.nku.gov.sk/english/index_eng.html">www.nku.gov.sk/english/index_eng.html</a>

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<b>SPAIN</b>	People's Defender (Defensor del Pueblo) [est. 1981] Link: <a href="http://www.defensordelpueblo.es">www.defensordelpueblo.es</a>	Data Protection Agency (Agencia Espanola de Proteccion de Datos) Link: <a href="http://www.agpd.es">www.agpd.es</a>	Court of Accounts (Tribunal de Cuentas), [est. 1828] Link: <a href="http://www.tcu.es">www.tcu.es</a>
<b>SWEDEN</b>	The Parliamentary Ombudsman (Riksdagens Ombudsman) [est. 1809] Link: <a href="http://www.jo.se">www.jo.se</a>	Data Inspectorate Link: <a href="http://www.datainspektionen.se">www.datainspektionen.se</a>	National Audit Office (Riksrevisionen) [est. 2003] Link: <a href="http://www.riksrevisionen.se">www.riksrevisionen.se</a>
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>		Data Protection Commissioner Link: <a href="http://www.edsb.ch/frame.se.html">www.edsb.ch/frame.se.html</a>	Federal Audit Office [est. 1852] Link: <a href="http://www.efk.admin.ch/englisch/index.htm">www.efk.admin.ch/englisch/index.htm</a>
<b>TURKEY</b>			Court of Accounts [est. 1862] Link: <a href="http://www.sayistay.gov.tr/english_tca/eng.asp">www.sayistay.gov.tr/english_tca/eng.asp</a>
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	The Northern Ireland Ombudsman Link: <a href="http://www.ni-ombudsman.org.uk">www.ni-ombudsman.org.uk</a>	Information Commissioner Link: <a href="http://www.dataprotection.gov.uk">www.dataprotection.gov.uk</a>	National Audit Office, [est. 1983] Link: <a href="http://www.nao.org.uk">www.nao.org.uk</a>
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	Many regional and local ombudsmen	Small business ombudsmen (also called 'national ombudsman') Link: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/sbo/">www.epa.gov/sbo/</a>	General Accounting Office [est. 1921] Link: <a href="http://www.gao.gov/">www.gao.gov/</a>
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>	The European Ombudsman, [est. 1995] Link: <a href="http://www.euro-ombudsman.eu.int/home/en/default.htm">www.euro-ombudsman.eu.int/home/en/default.htm</a>	Committee of petitions for European Parliament Link: <a href="http://www.europarl.eu.int/committees/beti_home.htm">www.europarl.eu.int/committees/beti_home.htm</a>	European Court of Auditors [est. 1977] Link: <a href="http://www.eca.eu.int/index_en.htm">www.eca.eu.int/index_en.htm</a>