



## Commission welcomes political agreement to boost data sharing and support European data spaces

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The Commission welcomes the political **agreement reached between the European Parliament and EU Member States** on a **European Data Governance Act**.

The Data Governance Act proposed in November 2020 will create the basis for a **new European way of data governance in accordance with EU rules**, such as personal data protection (GDPR), consumer protection and competition rules. Thanks to this Regulation, **more data will be available and exchanged in the EU**, across sectors and Member States. It will boost **data sharing and the development of common European data spaces**, such as manufacturing, cultural heritage and health, as announced in the [European strategy for data](#).

## Next Steps

The political agreement reached by the European Parliament, Council and Commission is now subject to formal approval by the European Parliament and the Council.

**The Commission will soon also propose a second major legislative initiative, the Data Act**, to maximise the value of data for the economy and society. The Data Act aims to **foster data sharing among businesses, and between businesses and governments**. An open public consultation ran from 3 June to 3 September 2021 and the results will be published in the following days.



**In addition** to these two complementary initiatives, the Commission will further **develop and fund European data spaces** to pool data in key strategic sectors and areas of public interest, such as health, agriculture and manufacturing.

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