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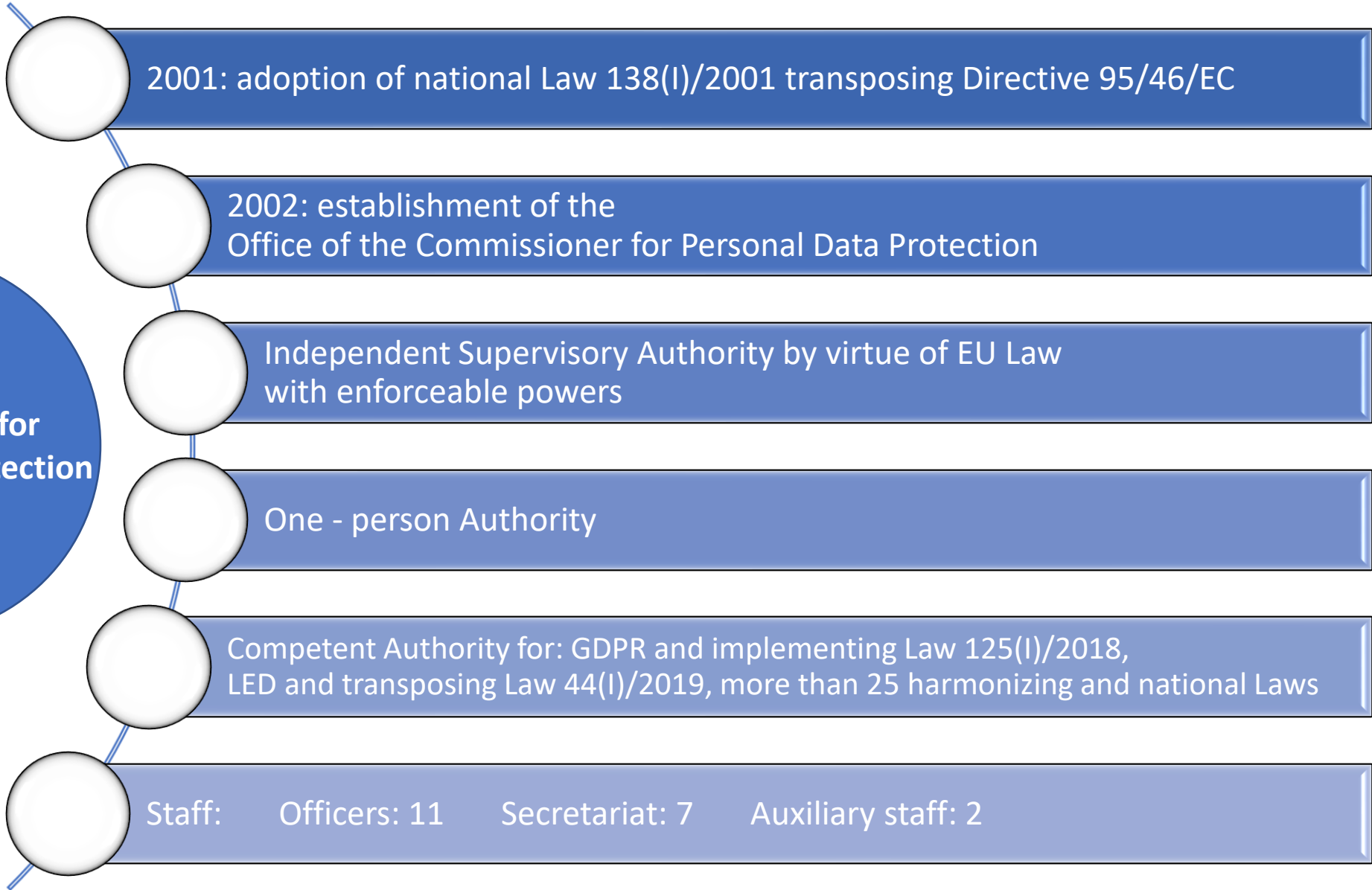


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Information Commissioner

Competent Authority for the implementation of the Right to Access to Public Sector's Information Law of 2017, (184(I)/2017)

184(I)/2017: applied from 22nd December 2020

2020: establishment of the Office of the Information Commissioner

Independent Supervisory Authority by virtue of national Law 184(I)/2017 with enforceable powers

One - person Authority

The Commissioner for Personal Data Protection acts as Information Commissioner



**Main competences
of the
Commissioner**

Member of European Data Protection Board

Raising awareness regarding risks, rules, safeguards and individual rights

Information and guidance to data controllers and public

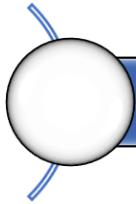
Issuance of recommendations and opinions

Investigation of complaints, notifications of personal data breaches and imposition of administrative fines

Investigations in the form of audits

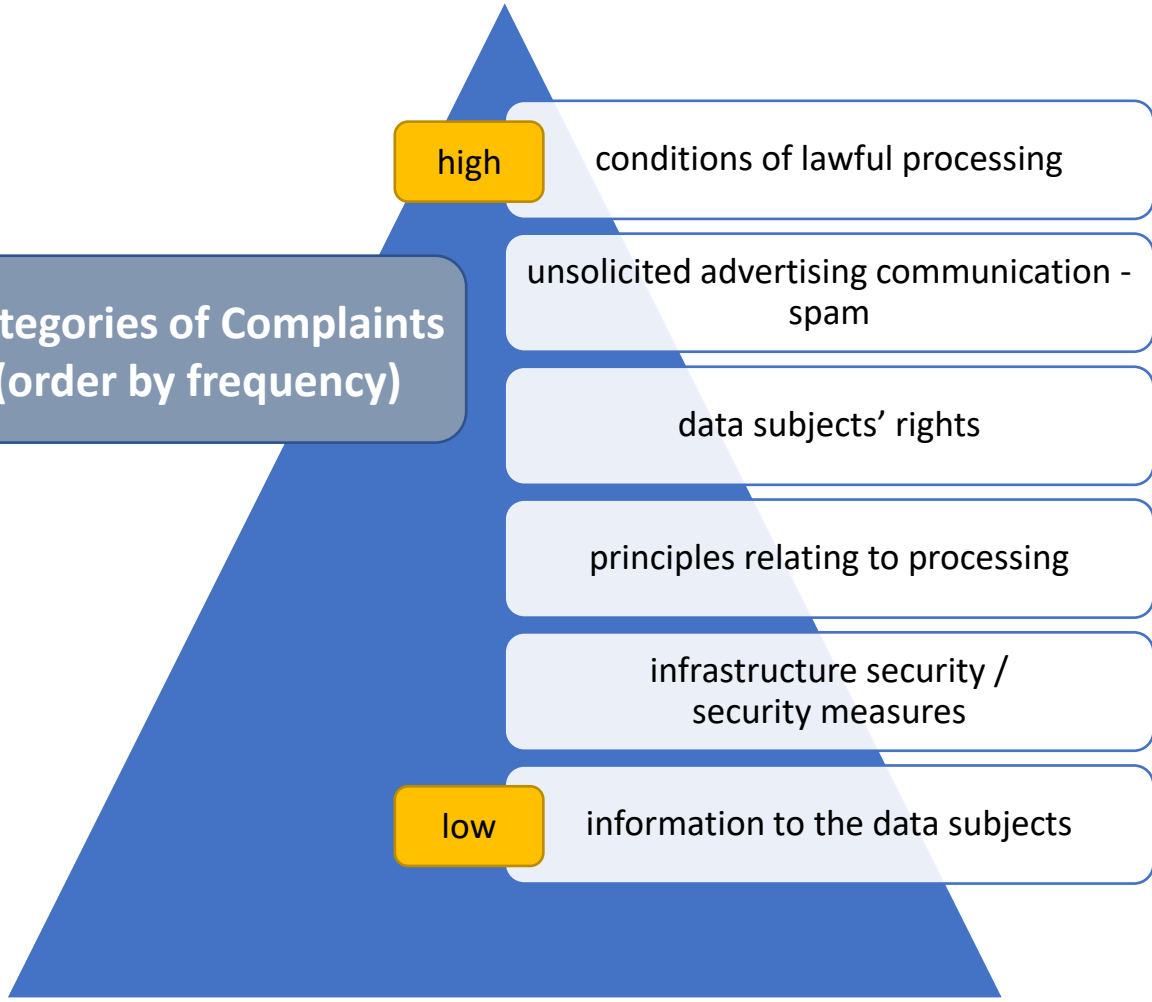
Cooperation with European and/or International Data Protection Authorities



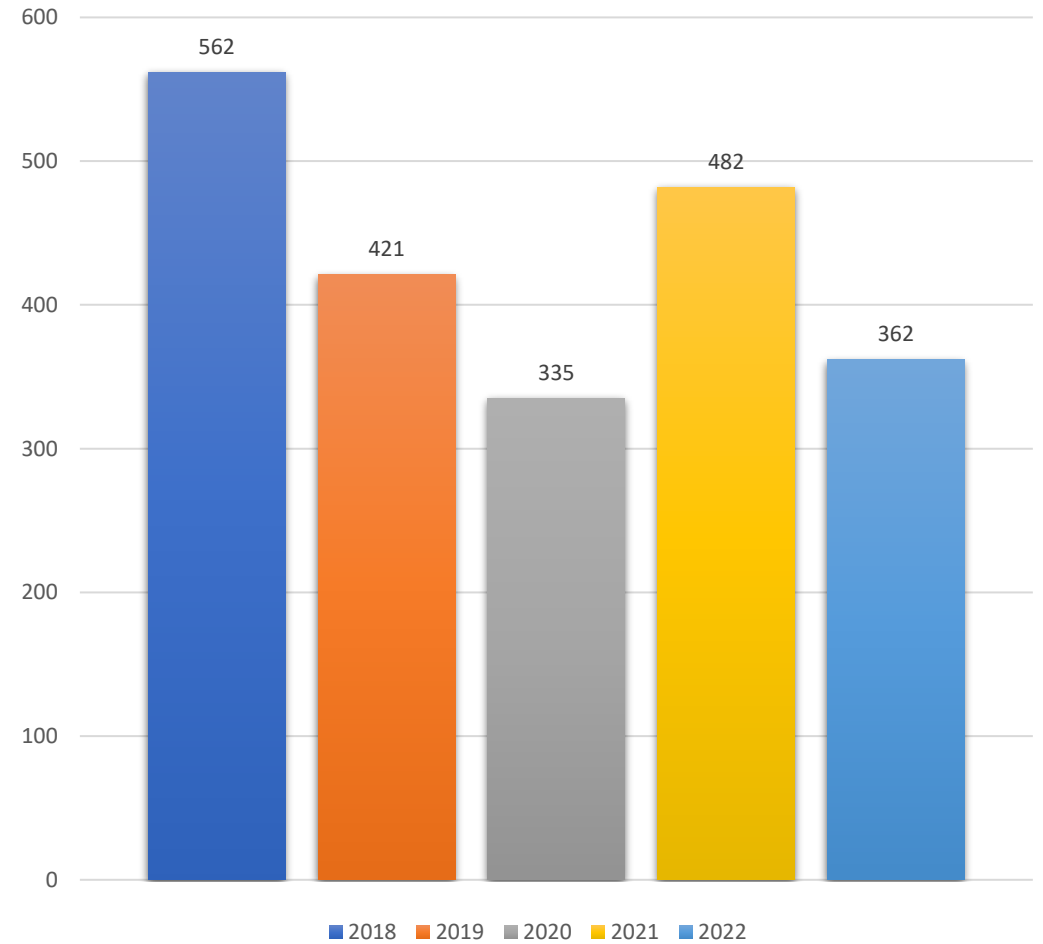


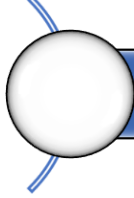
Complaints

Categories of Complaints (order by frequency)



Total number of Complaints





Audits

transparent information to the data subjects on websites

2021: websites hosted by public authorities

correct use of cookies on websites hosted by private and public sector organizations
2021: 36 websites
2022: 24 websites

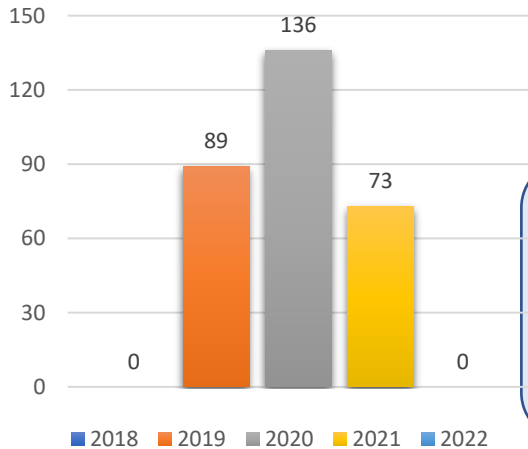
audits regarding transparent information

audits regarding the use of cookies

audits via questionnaire

on - site inspections

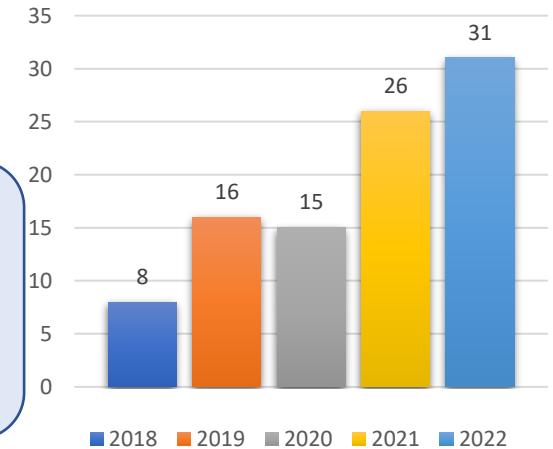
Audits via questionnaire



sectoral audits (2019-2021):

- public authorities
- higher education institutions
- supermarkets
- insurance companies
- private hospitals

On - site inspections



- on the Commissioner's own accord
- pursuant to a complaint
- following the findings of an audit



Reaching out children



Where we want to go

Be in a position to cope with any future challenges

Take measures proactively when possible

Our vision for Data Protection:
The cultivation of a culture for protecting privacy and personal data

Our vision for Freedom of Information:
Citizens exercise effective control of Government's actions on the basis of the principles of transparency and accountability

Adapt to new circumstances without losing credibility

Strengthen the message
"Be responsible because you want to. Not because you have to!"



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