

# Spotlight on Women in Privacy<sup>®</sup>

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## **Anna Colaps, Member of Cabinet, European Data Protection Supervisor**

### **What do you love about being a privacy professional?**

Privacy is never just about privacy. It interrelates so deeply with other fields such as competition policy, or other fundamental rights, such as non-discrimination, that working in privacy makes me keep a privileged view and act on the wider spectrum of socio-economic dynamics of our complex times.

### **What was the best professional advice you received?**

“Keep your vision. Do not compromise on your core values.”

### **What privacy development are you paying attention to this month?**

There are several, ranging from the entering into force of the Digital Markets Act — which will have implications for privacy too — to the advancement in the EU law-making process of key files such as the Artificial Intelligence Regulation.

However, I think that the public reaction to the recent takeover in social media has unique aspects worth being followed. It raises questions as to the power grab and wealth accumulation that the deal is implying; or as to how to craft a fairer business model for news and opinions dissemination, built on the respect of privacy, self-determination, and other individual and collective rights and liberties.

### **What do you do to unwind?**

I go swimming or I sing. But nothing is more effective than being surrounded by my loved ones.