

EU Court Invalidates Data Sharing Safe Harbor Agreement

What Happened?



EU Court of Justice invalidated the US-EU data sharing agreement, which has been in place for 15 years



The US loses status as a country that provides “adequate protection”, meaning companies can be sued for sending private data on EU citizens to U.S. servers



The court cited revelations by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden about programs that allowed U.S. authorities to secretly capture private data from large tech companies

Who Is Affected?

4,000+ companies, that self-certified under the agreement including:



Other multinationals

Multinationals that use cross-border services, such as a U.S.-based database provider for its European operations, may not be registered in the Safe Harbor database if they are relying on a vendor's self-certification