Dear correspondent,

Thank you for your email.

The EDPB brings together the different supervisory authorities in the EU, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Commission and its mission is to ensure the consistent application of the EU data protection framework.

In particular, the EDPB has the competence to:

- provide general guidance (including guidelines, opinions, recommendations and best practices) on data protection law, specifically the GDPR;
- advise the European Commission on any issue related to the protection of personal data and new proposed legislation in the European Union;
- adopt consistency decisions and opinions in cross-border data protection cases.

Under the GDPR, enforcement of data protection rules is the responsibility of the national data protection authorities (DPAs). The EDPB has no competence to handle specific individual requests or complaints, nor to provide individual consultancy services. Indeed, the EDPB is not a supranational EU data protection authority that can investigate complaints.

If you believe that you are facing a breach of your rights, the GDPR offers two options:

1. **To lodge a complaint with your national data protection supervisory authority** (please find a list of them on our website: [https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/board/members_en](https://edpb.europa.eu/about-edpb/board/members_en)) - However, please bear in mind that national supervisory authorities receive a large number of requests on a daily basis and are therefore not always able to reply to your request in a short time, -or

2. **To take the controller or the processor to your national courts.** If taking individual action is not an option for you, you are entitled to seek assistance from a non-governmental organisation active in the field of data protection which may exercise your rights of redress on your behalf.
In addition, with regard to your specific request, we would like to point out that, **if you would like to exercise your right to access your personal data held by a specific data controller (the local police in Aachen Germany), you should contact that local police directly.**

Thank you for understanding.

Kind regards,

The EDPB Secretariat