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The French Data Protection Authority (CNIL)

The French Data Protection Authority (CNIL) is an independent administrative authority. Beyond its role in supervision and enforcement, it supports professionals in their compliance efforts and works to enable individuals to better control the use of their data and to effectively exercise their rights.

Activity in figures



259 decisions issued



83 sanctions



of which 67 under the simplified procedure



143 formal notices



31 reminders of legal obligations



2 warnings



€487 million cumulative fines

Landmark Decisions

Breaches	Date	Sanction
<p>Google</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Displaying advertisements within the Gmail messaging service without prior collection of user content ■ Placing cookies during the creation of a Google account in the absence of valid consent from French users 	1 September 2025	<p>€325M</p> <p>+ injunction to bring its practices into compliance within 6 months, under penalty of €100,000 for each day of delay</p>
<p>SHEIN (Irish subsidiary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Placing advertising cookies without prior user consent ■ Insufficient information regarding their purpose and the identity of the third parties involved ■ Defective refusal mechanisms, with cookies continuing to be placed or read despite the user having expressed a refusal 	1 September 2025	<p>€150M</p>
<p>Free Mobile and Free</p> <p><i>Context: cyberattack in October 2024 that exposed the data of 24 million subscriber contracts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Security measures inadequate in light of the sensitivity of the data processed, in particular insufficient VPN authentication ■ Defective anomaly detection systems, incomplete notification of the data subjects within the meaning of Article 34 of the GDPR ■ Excessive retention of former subscribers' data (Free mobile) 	13 January 2026	<p>€42M</p>
<p>France Travail</p> <p><i>Context: intrusion into France Travail's information system through the usurpation of CAP EMPLOI advisors' accounts, which exposed the data of all individuals registered over the past twenty years</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Insufficient authentication, inadequate logging and overly broad access permissions (Article 32 of the GDPR) <p><i>Nb. Measures had been identified in impact assessments without being implemented</i></p>	22 January 2026	<p>€5M</p> <p>+ injunction under penalty of €5,000 for each day of delay</p>

Priorities for 2026



Cybersecurity:

50 % of the CNIL's inspections in 2026 will concern cybersecurity breaches.



AI:

Work towards an "innovative" and "responsible" use of artificial intelligence.

