European Union General Data Protection Regulation



■ GDPR: Understanding the basics

Why?

An essential step to harmonise the draconian Data Protection directives for strengthening citizens' fundamental rights to personal data protection given the limitless digital boundaries (online services, smart cards, etc.)

When?

2-year window till May 2018 to implement significant changes to meet these new regulatory requirements

Who?

Impacts every entity that holds or uses European personal data both inside and

outside Europe

Impact

Increased compliance requirements backed by heavy financial penalties of up to 4% of annual worldwide turnover for groups of companies













Identify your role and obligations

Data controllers

Your role

You are a data controller if you perform the following:

 An individual or a body who controls and is responsible for the collection, keeping and use of personal information in computer systems or in manual files

Key obligations

- Ensure that data is accurate and updated
- Ensure that data subjects can rectify, remove or block incorrect data about themselves
- Ensure that data is not kept any longer than strictly necessary
- Implement appropriate security measures to protect personal data

Data processor

Your role

You are a data processor if you perform the following:

 Collect, hold or process personal data on behalf of a data controller, but do not exercise responsibility or control over how the personal data is processed, irrespective of whether you are located in or outside the EU region

Note: It is possible for an entity to be both a data controller and a data processor.

Key obligations

- Maintain documentation about the processing operations
- Implement appropriate security measures to protect personal data
- Inform the controller about a breach
- Carry out data protection impact assessments
- Appoint a data protection officer

Call for action: Next steps



- Develop a vision and strategy for compliance with GDPR
- Assess gaps between your current compliance programme and the requirements of GDPR
- Create an accountability framework for data protection compliance
- Develop the operational structures needed to facilitate compliance
- Document processing activities and data flows
- Review **third-party contracts**, if any
- Create processes for privacy by design and privacy impact and risk assessments
- Implement technology solutions to perform remediation activities

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