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# **Data Protection & Privacy**

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Identifiable – more than a theoretical possibility; there has to be a reasonable likelihood that info can be used to single out an individual

GDPR – Key Concepts https://aboutmyinfo.org/	
How unique are you? Enter your ZIP code, date of birth, and gender to see how unique you are (and therefore how easy it is to identify you from these values). Date of Birth Month  T Day Year T Gender	

10429 in my zip code 72 born in my birth year 1 born on my birthday



## **GDPR – Key Concepts**

# Sensitive Personal Data (or Special Category Data)

- Personal data that reveals:
  - Racial or ethnic origin
  - Religious or philosophical beliefs
  - Political opinions
  - Trade union membership
- Genetic data
- Biometric data
- Health data
- Data relating to a person's sex life or sexual orientation











## **Companies Inside the EEA**

GDPR applies to "EEA-established" companies that process personal data from anyone anywhere in the world

- Not just where an entity is incorporated or registered to do business, or where it is headquartered
- Anywhere a company has "stable arrangements" through which it conducts "effective and real" business activities
  - Owned or leased premises
  - Employees or agents even a single representative may be enough
  - Bank accounts



### Examples

US company that has an online recruiting site and accepts applications from people in the EEA

OK, but we are only providing our service to US tourists whilst on vacation in the EU This depends on whether there is targeting towards those individuals whilst in the EU or if the fact that they are within the EU is only incidental. If the key feature is to provide the service to individuals because they are within the EU, then GDPR will apply and the fact that they are only there temporarily is irrelevant. But if the tourists just happen, say, to read a US news website whilst in the EU, that will not make that site subject to GDPR. This is in fact an example given by the EDPB and perhaps inspired to prevent some well publicised US news companies from geo-blocking EU visitors because of GDPR (see a BBC news story <u>here</u>).

### **Companies Outside the EEA**

#### Offering goods and services to individuals in the EEA

- The fact that your website is accessible to people in the EEA isn't enough
- Are you intentionally targeting people in the EEA? Do you:
  - Use the language of an EU country (that is different from that of your home country)?
  - Display prices in euros, British pounds, Swiss francs, or other currency of an EU member country?
  - Include the US country code in your phone number listing?
  - Use a non-US top level domain name, e.g., companyname.eu or .de?
- Refer to your international clientele, including customers in EU member states?

Monitoring the behavior of individuals that occurs in the EEA

 Tracking individuals online to create profiles and using them to analyze or predict their personal preferences, behaviors, and attitudes



Europe is determined to cement its role as the world's foremost tech watchdog — and the region is only getting started.



"If we can export this to the world, I will be happy," said Vera Jourova, the European commissioner in charge of consumer protection and privacy who helped draft G.D.P.R. She said she planned to travel to Japan and South Korea in the next few weeks for talks about data protection. Regulating technology, she added, is a "global challenge." Europe's influence can be seen in Brazil, which has sought advice from Brussels on its own privacy legislation.

Other countries that either already have or are are considering new data privacy regimes that share elements with the GDPR – Chile , South Africa, Agentina, Isreal, New Zealand Nigeria

KI what drives this is the restriction on transferring personal data outside the EEA. Ity is ILLEGAL. Can only do it if the EU has determined the country has privacy protections that adequately protect EU citizens (Privacy Shield)











# The biggest reason GDPR is different

### Consequences of noncompliance

- Liability to data subjects for damages
- Investigations and audits by administrative agencies
- Administrative warnings, reprimands, and compliance orders
- Suspension or termination of data processing activities
- MAJOR administrative fines
  - Determined on a case-by-case basis as "effective, proportionate, and dissuasive"
  - Up to € 20 million or 4% of annual global revenue, whichever is higher











Individual Rights Data subjects in the EEA have the following rights:		
Withdrawal of consent	<ul> <li>Data subjects can withdraw consent to future processing at any time</li> </ul>	
Access	<ul> <li>Data subjects can access a copy of their personal data and obtain a copy on a commonly used electronic format</li> </ul>	
Portability	Data subjects can have their personal data transferred to another processor in a common used machine readable format	
Rectification	Data subjects can require the controller to correct inaccuracies in personal data	
Objections/Restriction	<ul> <li>Data subjects can object to or restrict processing of their personal data for certain purposes</li> </ul>	
Erasure, or "The Right to Be Forgotten"	• Data subjects can require the controller to erase their personal data	



## Accountability and Compliance

#### Data controllers must:

- Maintain records of all data processing activities and be prepared to demonstrate compliance with GDPR
- Have data privacy awareness and training programs
- Adopt the principle of privacy by design conduct data privacy risk assessments, and ensure data privacy risks and data protection are taken into account from the early stages of designing new products and services
- Adopt the principle of privacy by default setting up systems so that privacy is default option and sharing personal information is an affirmative choice
- Conduct regular audits of data privacy systems and processes to evaluate effectiveness
- Require data processing vendors to sign contracts obligating them to abide by the same requirements, only process personal data in accordance with written instructions, and assist data controller with data subject request.
- Appoint a data protection officer where required

## **Processing Special Category Data**

To process special category data, one of the following conditions must apply (in addition to having a lawful basis for processing):

- Processing is necessary to fulfill statutory or regulatory obligations of an employer
- Processing is necessary for the exercise or defense of legal claims
- Processing is necessary for reasons of substantial public interest
- Processing is necessary for reasons of medical treatment or public health reasons
- Processing is necessary for scientific, historical, or statistical research purposes.
- Data subject has given explicit consent for the processing of sensitive personal data

Steps To GDPR Compliance		
Inventory your data	<ul> <li>Find out what personal data you collect, where you store it, how you use it, who you share it with, how long you store it, etc.</li> </ul>	
Establish lawful basis for processing	<ul> <li>Once you know what personal data you have, ensure that you can articulate which of the six lawful bases for processing applies</li> <li>If relying on consent, make sure it's freely given, specific, informed, unambiguous, and affirmative</li> </ul>	
Send privacy notices	<ul> <li>Notify data subjects about the data you hold, the purposes of processing, data retention and destruction periods, their individual rights, and other required info</li> </ul>	
Develop data retention and record-keeping policies and systems	<ul> <li>Review your personal data and delete anything you no longer need; develop time frames for reviewing and deleting data</li> </ul>	



## Data Protection Resources

- DLA Piper: A Guide to the General Data Protection Regulation
- Top Ten Operational Responses to GDPR
- <u>Supplemental Guide to GDPR for HR Professionals</u>
- <u>A Practical Guide to the GDPR</u>
- GDPR: A Primer for US-Based Organizations
- <u>Getting Ready for the GDPR</u>
- GDPR Checklist
- <u>UK Information Commissioner's Office Guide to the GDPR</u>