

Why is GDPR coming into effect?

As we move into the Single Digital Market, the GDPR will replace 28 separate sets of EU privacy and data protection legislation with one overarching set of regulations. This will create consistency across the EU, bringing data protection laws up-to-date to reflect changes in technology over the last 20 years.

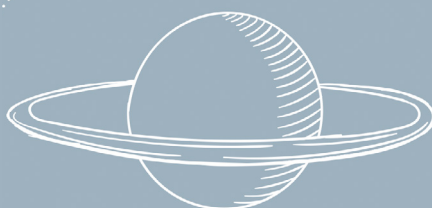
What is GDPR?

The General Data Protection Regulation (EU 2016/279) (GDPR) is a new data protection and privacy law replacing current data protection legislation in all EU member states; in the UK it will replace the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).

The GDPR will also be accompanied by new ePrivacy laws to upgrade the Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR). The ePR changes are currently under consultation, and expected to be enacted in Spring or Summer 2018.



Here are some things to consider when preparing for GDPR:



- Who runs your sales or CRM system?
- Where is the host provider for your web server based?
- Do you use off-shore IT or customer support services?
- Do you sell online to global customers?
- Is your accounting and payroll run in-house or outsourced to another company?
- Do you use email marketing companies?
- What other software do you use to run your business?

How can I prepare my business for the changes?

Ideally you should start by conducting data-mapping or gap analysis exercises and an audit of personal data in your business.

Ultimately, an audit should highlight where and how you hold and manage data that is personal or sensitive, in every part of your business. This will need to cover all functions internally, and all external agreements and arrangements that involve moving or transferring customer or employee data.

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