



9 Steps to Compliance

A GDPR Checklist

What is the GDPR?

The General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or GDPR as widely known, came into effect in May 2018. The GDPR requires organizations to have procedures and process in place to monitor the effectiveness of data security practices, detect a breach and document evidence of compliance. Organizations that do not comply with this regulation could potentially face huge fines and risk reputational damage.

The GDPR's main objective is to improve the security and protection of personal data. It is essentially a major adaptation to local data protection laws such as UK's Data Protection Act of 1998, the German Bundesdatenschutzgesetz (BDSG) or the Belgian Privacywet embodied into a single regulation.

Who is impacted by GDPR?

The obligation to ensure adequate data management is placed on all entities that control or process data. An entity that determines the purpose and method of processing personal data is a data controller and the data processor is that entity which processes personal data on behalf of the data controller. The application of the GDPR regulation is relevant to any entity within the EU that processes data or entities outside of the EU that control, or process data related to EU residents or nationals.

The primary focus of GDPR is on Personal Data and Sensitive Personal Data. Personal data consists of data such as physical and electronic mail addresses as well as any digital identifier of a person. Sensitive data covers data elements that are more specific to an individual such as biometric details or health records.

For organizations that are already well vast in security controls, policies and procedures, the implementation of the GDPR regulation will not be overly tedious however for organizations that are not vast in data protection laws being replaced by GDPR, the path to compliance will require a lot of effort and commitment. This is especially true for a number of Small & Medium Businesses. The regulation puts the burden directly on these organizations to not only become complaint but to ensure ongoing compliance by implementing best practices and technological enablers.

The path to GDPR Compliance

Step I – Build an inventory of critical information system assets that store or process personal data allowing more rigorous controls to be applied.

Step II – Conduct risk assessments and implement threat models tailored to your business needs and operations.

Step III – Execute a vulnerability scan to identify areas with exploitation weaknesses.

Step IV – Conduct regular checks and tests to be assured that security controls are working as designed.

Step V – Implement threat detection controls so that you are reliably alerted of breaches in a timely manner.

Step VI – Monitor network and user behavior to identify and rectify security incidents speedily.

Step VII – Document and rehearse your incident response plan

Step VIII – Document your communication plan on notifying impacted stakeholders.

Step IX – Utilize a Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) tool with complaint log management features.

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Our GDPR compliance platform, provides a unified security monitoring and compliance management solution to simplify and accelerate GDPR compliance readiness. By integrating multiple essential security capabilities into a single platform, ENSL's solution gives you visibility into the entire security posture of your organization whilst simplifying the compliance process

Out of the box, our solution supports GDPR compliance readiness by helping you detect data breaches, monitor data security and document your compliance readiness. The unified platform delivers asset discovery, vulnerability scanning, intrusion detection, behavioural monitoring, SIEM, log management and threat intelligence updates – seen from one single pane of glass. The advanced security orchestration and automated incident response capabilities help to detect and responds to incidents faster and more efficiently.


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