SECURE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

GETTING READY FOR GDPR
PREPARING FOR EUROPE’S BIGGEST EVER CHANGE TO DATA REGULATIONS

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force on 25th May 2018, placing new obligations on anyone who collects, stores or processes the personal data of EU residents. Fines for non-compliance can be as high as €20 million or 4% of your annual global turnover. So if you haven’t started your journey to compliance, the time to act is now.

A NEW APPROACH TO DIGITAL DATA

GDPR – which is described in more than 250 pages in the Official Journal of the European Union, governs every aspect of how personal data is captured, stored, processed, protected, used, transferred and how long it can be held.

A few of the most far-reaching principles include:

- **Stronger individual rights** – easier access to personal data, the right to be ‘forgotten’ and an obligation for you to transfer the person’s data in an ‘open’ format on request, even if it is to a competitor
- **A broader definition of ‘personal data’** – this definition now includes anything that can directly or indirectly identify an individual
- **Extra-territoriality** – GDPR applies to every EU-based organisation, even if the data is held or processed outside of the EU

EMBRACING CHANGE

With such a complex regulation, achieving compliance is likely to be a lengthy and complicated business. This is not a one-step process. Compliance is an on-going activity which must adapt as your organisation evolves. Thales can help.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP WITH THALES

One of the most important challenges on your journey to compliance is the first one: working out how far away you are from compliance and what you need to do next. Some requirements are more onerous than others, and can carry greater penalties for non-compliance.

Very few organisations will be able to comply with GDPR without adopting some new measures and controls. A number of companies will need a major overhaul of their data systems and policies.

Fortunately, Thales has the skills and resources to help your team understand the full implications for your particular enterprise and to achieve compliance by the time the regulation comes into effect.

MAPPING YOUR JOURNEY TO COMPLIANCE

Our GDPR Readiness Service starts with engaging your key stakeholders, explaining the impact and consequences of the regulation, gaining buy-in, and deciding the best and most appropriate course of action.

Using a combination of questionnaires, workshops and interviews we will create a detailed organisational data model which describes your data sources, data processes, geographical and organisational boundaries, and the privacy control measures already in place within your organisation.

Once we have created this model, the next step is to perform a gap analysis against the requirements of the GDPR. This will identify current non-compliances, and recommend technical and organisational measures that may need to be implemented, clearly prioritised by the risk and ease of implementation.

A roadmap of when individual actions need to take place, together with additional requirements such as training, procedural changes, and the acquisition of new technology will then be produced to provide your stakeholders a clear, step-by-step illustration of your journey towards compliance.

OUR CREDENTIALS

We recognise that every business is different and every organisation has its own way of doing things. So we’ll give you a hand-picked team to support you on your unique journey to GDPR compliance. And you’ll be in great company.

Our data security consultants have direct personal experience of risk and compliance activities in nuclear, rail, aviation, defence, government and automotive markets around the world, and have tackled projects large and small.

Your compliance team will be supported by Thales’s extensive resources and expertise in information assurance and security, risk assessment, systems engineering, through-life management and training. Plus, you’ll have access to our specialists in human factors and business change, who can be deployed as required.