



GDPR Compliance Deadline Is Rapidly Approaching

European Union (EU) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is applicable to organizations that store, process, transmit, or use personal data that they collected from EU residents. Any organizations that need to adhere to the GDPR regulation must start implementing a plan to be compliant before the rapidly-approaching deadline of May 25, 2018.

The risks of ignoring this deadline may result in fines, class-action lawsuits, loss of customer trust, and a damaged reputation. Depending on the severity of the violation, fines may be as high as 20 million Euros or 4% of the previous year's global revenue. The GDPR also requires organizations to be able to demonstrate continuous compliance and ongoing monitoring of their respective environments.

Per a recent survey conducted by both tech-compliance and security company TrustARC, and the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)*, it was noted that 67% of the organizations surveyed indicated that they will not be compliant with GDPR before May 25. Only 40% of U.S. firms revealed that they have just started their implementation plan to be compliant.

Whether your organization has operations in the EU or not, if your organization is collecting, storing, processing, using, or transmitting EU resident personal data, your organization will need to comply with the GDPR requirements. What follows is a high-level list of the major requirements (referred to as "articles") that most U.S.-based companies will need to address to become GDPR compliant:

- Data processing principles (Article 5)
- Legal basis for collecting sensitive data (Article 9)
- Controller's responsibilities (Article 24)
- Processor's responsibilities (Article 28)
- Cooperation with Supervisory Authority (Article 31)
- Data breach notification (Articles 33-34)
- Designate/support Data Protection Officer (DPO) (Articles 37-39)
- Sanctions and penalties (Articles 79-84)
- Legal basis for processing (Articles 6-8)
- Data subject (EU resident) rights (Articles 12-22)
- Privacy by design and default (Article 25)
- Record keeping (Article 30)
- Security safeguards (Article 32)
- Data Protection Impact Assessment (Article 35)
- Data transfers outside of European Economic Area (EEA) (Articles 44-49)
- Employment laws (Article 88)

Key Items to Accomplish Before the Deadline

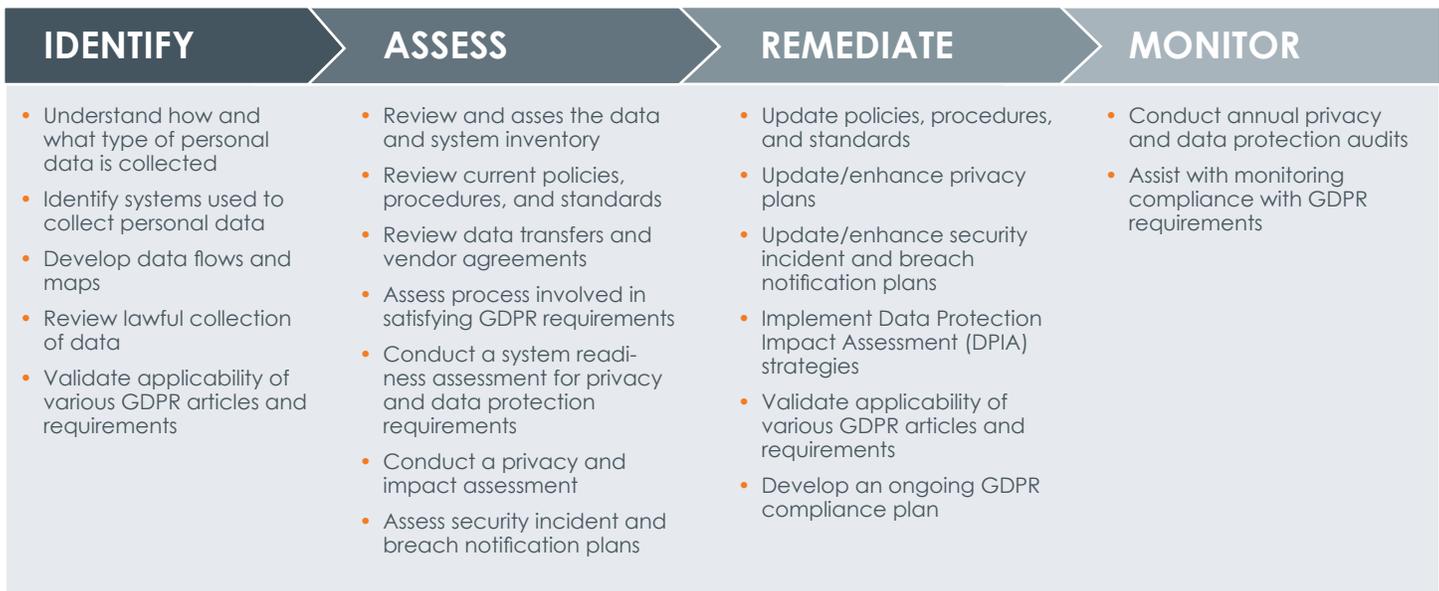
For organizations that have not started or know that the GDPR compliance deadline will not be met, take note of the key activities you should start implementing before the deadline:

- Document how your company processes personal data, why it is being processed, who else besides your organization processes the data and what data is being processed;
- Review and update relevant IT security, data privacy policies and your incident response plan;
- Determine if you need to employ or contract with a Data Protection Officer (DPO);
- Provide education and awareness training to the staff around security and data privacy;
- Determine how you will respond to requests from EU residents such as those who want their personal data to be removed from your company's systems;
- Determine what information is tracked when a customer goes to your website; and
- Are you ensuring that your website provides a way for its customers to consent to receive any marketing information or tools (e.g. cookies)?

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