



GDPR Glossary

*A guide to some of the
most frequently used terms
in the GDPR lexicon*

Article 29 Working Party

- The advisory body was set up in 1996. It is made up of a representative from the data protection authority of each EU member state, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Commission. The group helps in the development of reliable policies for data protection in the EU Member States.

Data subject

- This is a living individual who the personal data is about.

Data processing

- Under the GDPR, processing refers to any operation performed on personal data, including collecting, recording, organizing, structuring, storing, adapting, altering, retrieving, consulting, using, disclosure by transmitting, disseminating or otherwise making available, aligning or combining, restricting, erasing or destroying.

Data controller

- The organization or individual that determines the purpose, condition and means of processing personal data.

Data processor

- An organization or individual that processes personal data on behalf of the data controller. A data processor can be held liable by the regulator or individual if they fail to comply.

Information Commissioner's Office

- The UK's supervisory authority - Information Commissioner's Office is an independent body to uphold information rights in public interest.

Supervisory authority

- Being a regulation, GDPR has a binding legal force. It is a public authority that has been established by a member state to oversee GDPR compliance.

Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations (PECR)

- While GDPR relates to the processing of personal data, the PECR gives specific rights in relation to electronic communications, right of confidentiality, data and privacy protection. It is derived from the 'the e-privacy Directive'. The combination of GDPR and PECR is to ensure that a robust opt-in strategy is adopted by organizations in EU.

Data Protection Officer (DPO)

- The DPO is a data privacy expert who functions independently to ensure GDPR compliance. He/she is appointed to oversee the data protection strategy implementation in compliance with GDPR. A DPO will act as the point of contact between the organization and supervisory authorities.

