



PROTECT THE ESSENTIAL

MANAGE THE RISKS RAISE AWARENESS

REFINE AND IMPROVE

You will have access to one of our trusted **Advisors** to help you protect the private information your organization processes against a wide array of threats, and also benefit from their knowledge, expertise and vast experience.

This versatile approach to data protection consulting services gives you the flexibility to protect the private information your organization processes against threats without the long-term impact to your budget or workforce.



Quite often data protection is seen as a legal and regulatory issue, due to the compelling nature of the laws and regulations and potentially associated fines.

Sure, a comprehensive understanding of the national and international laws and regulations is expected. However, many more competencies are required.

A licensed lawyer will have sufficient knowledge of the privacy laws. But what will make the difference will be the DPO's IT security experience and practice, in particular having dealt with real security incidents and being capable of providing helpful guidance on risk assessments, data protection impact assessments, security controls.

Data Protection Officer is an increasingly important role in any organization processing Personally Identifiable Information (PII).

It oversees data protection governance and operations, reduces compliance risks, fraud, and data breaches. Ideally, every organization should have an expert fulfilling this role, as we witness an increase of data breaches in organizations worldwide.

Personal data are at risk.

Despite a growing number of national or sectorial data protection regulations deployed of the last years, data breaches are on the rise.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic has begun, the rate of attacks has soared. Financially motivated cybercriminals target organizations in search of mines of personal data to exploit: the Gold Rush of 2020.



Of the breaches included records containing customer PII.
At an average cost of CHF 150.–
per record

52%Of the breaches

were caused by malicious attacks.

39% increase

of the amounts of the GDPR related fines in Europe in 2020.

€272.5 millions

in fines imposed by the EU regulators in 2020.

Sources: IBM Security Cost of a Data Breach Report 2020 - DLA Piper GDPR fines and data breach survey: January 2021



Many companies cannot afford a full time DPO, but no organization can afford the reputational damage and the costs incurred by data breaches of any type, and the legal consequences that will ensue.

Does the size of your organization justify hiring a Data Protection Officer? You can now also benefit from services of on call DPO in your organization.

Abilene Advisors will provide you with a Senior Advisor to help you with Data Protection tasks.



Review of your data protection legal & regulatory compliance



Data protection impact assessments of operations and projects



Advisory services on data protection controls, governance, and policies



Daily data protection routines and operations

Review of your Data Protection legal & regulatory Compliance

Your **Advisor** will regularly evaluate the compliance of your organization to the relevant Data Protection laws & regulations:

- Analysis of the data flow of the organization and the corresponding PII processing.
- Assessment of compliance to data protection principles.
- Assessment of compliance to the rights of concerned data subjects.

Data protection impact assessments on operations and projects

Your **Advisor** will assist you in performing risks analyses and comprehensive data protection impact assessments on your existing operations and PII processing projects.

This is a key element to ensure that, as a Data Controller or Data Processor, your organization stays compliant to its legal and regulatory obligations, as well as having implemented technical and organizational measures that guarantees a level of data security appropriate for the risk presented by processing personal data (GDPR, Article 32).

Advisory services on data protection controls, governance and policies

Your dedicated **Advisor** will also perform a series of essential governance tasks, such as, but not limited to:

- Write and maintain Data Protection policies and document the Data Protection technical and organizational measures.
- Create and update metrics and dashboards to monitor your compliance to applicable privacy laws and regulations.
- Assess the compliance of your personal data processes and of your processors.
- Ensure coordination with information security standards, the security operations and with your CISO and legal services.
- Develop and maintain a data breach incident response process.
- Create awareness programs and train personnel.

Daily data protection routines and operations

Your dedicated **Advisor** will act as your DPO, representing your organization and:

- Answering to data protection queries from external parties.
- ✓ Processing subject access request.
- Coordinating internal operations on matters related to personal data protection.
- Managing data breaches and personal data related incidents.



"The protection of personal data is a fundamental right, to which individuals are naturally entitled, and which binds the data subjects, the data controllers and the states in the pursuit of human dignity and security."

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We can help secure your data.

Ask an expert!

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