

# Four Steps to Ensure You Are

by Mastering Your Data

# What GDPR compliance is and why you should care

The **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** is an EU-wide regulation designed to harmonize data privacy laws and protect the data privacy of EU citizens. It states that any company, regardless of where in the world it is based, that manages or stores EU citizens' personal data needs to know exactly what data is stored and used and must obtain the individual's explicit consent to do so.

The foundation for complying with GDPR is that the personal data you collect, store and process is updated, accessible and has clear data governance programs and business rules applied.

The costs of non-compliance are high

The average cost of non-compliance is 2.71 times higher than the cost of compliance1

### **E20 Million**

or approximately \$22.4 million is the potential fine for non-compliance<sup>2</sup>

# Four steps that will ensure you are ready for GDPR



### **Build a data-savvy organization**

Personal data is everywhere in your organization, so all employees need to understand how to manage it correctly. That calls for data managers to ensure the creation and implementation of policies and guidelines. This includes:



Documenting data procedures



Changing procedures/processes (if required)



Leading implementation of required changes



Supervising compliance

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#### Map out your data landscape

This may seem easy at first, but don't be fooled. Personal data exists in more places than we expect, like HR systems, CRM, customer support systems, spreadsheets, emails and more. Often, these systems are not connected and contain duplicate or inconsistent data. Everything needs to be mapped — a challenge that requires well-defined processes.



How is data collected?



Where is data stored?



Who has access to data?



How is data used?



How is data updated?



say their top challenge in GDPR compliance is data discovery and mapping<sup>3</sup>

Personal data is found in multiple siloed applications and systems including:



HR Systems



**CRM** 



Spreadsheets



Systems

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#### Cleanse your data A clean set of data is free from duplicates, always updated and ready for deletion if so

required. This is difficult to achieve if your data resides in multiple silos or if you have more records on the same individual but under different names or addresses, for example. Data inconsistency will put you at risk of not being able to meet the individual person's right to be forgotten, thus infringing GDPR data protection rights.

**40%** sales and marketing leads

have inaccurate data4

**50%** employee productivity

is lost due to bad data4

**15 Million** is the average annual cost

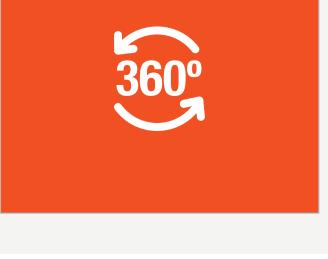
due to poor quality data<sup>4</sup>

# Use master data management

As an overarching solution, MDM breaks down departmental data silos and integrates your master data into a single version of the truth.

Via a matching and linking-process and by integrating external data suppliers, MDM creates golden records of customers ensuring access to a complete and single source of trusted data, eliminating out-of-date, incomplete or conflicting data sources. MDM creates a 360° view of customers and makes it easy to access, validate (and delete)

personal data, thus facilitating compliance with GDPR.



**Centralized** data is easy to access and verify<sup>5</sup>



For more information on how you can secure GDPR compliance visit stibosystems.com/gdpr or stibosystems.com

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