

Big data in Life Sciences  
and Healthcare  
and GDPR & Bird & Bird

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# Agenda

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- Example or case study – Video on patient Recruitment Software
- Big Data and AI in the GDPR – Profiling (P) and Automated Decision-Making (ADM)
- General provisions and principles on P and ADM
- Specific Rules for ADM

# Introduction

# GDPR Context and Challenges

What?



New European regulation 2016/679 reshaping the European framework on the protection of personal data



Replaces Directive 95/46 and 28 national Data Protection laws



Directly applicable in each Member State



**New obligations** imposed on companies  
**New rights** for individuals

Who is concerned?

Any organization established in the EU or receiving EU data,  
Any organization offering goods and services to EU residents

When?

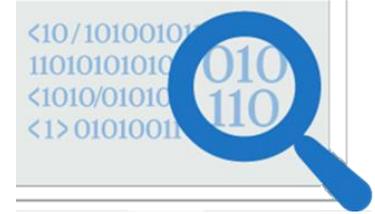
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GDPR entry into application

Why?

**Fines for non-compliance up to 4% of worldwide global turnover**

# Personal Data

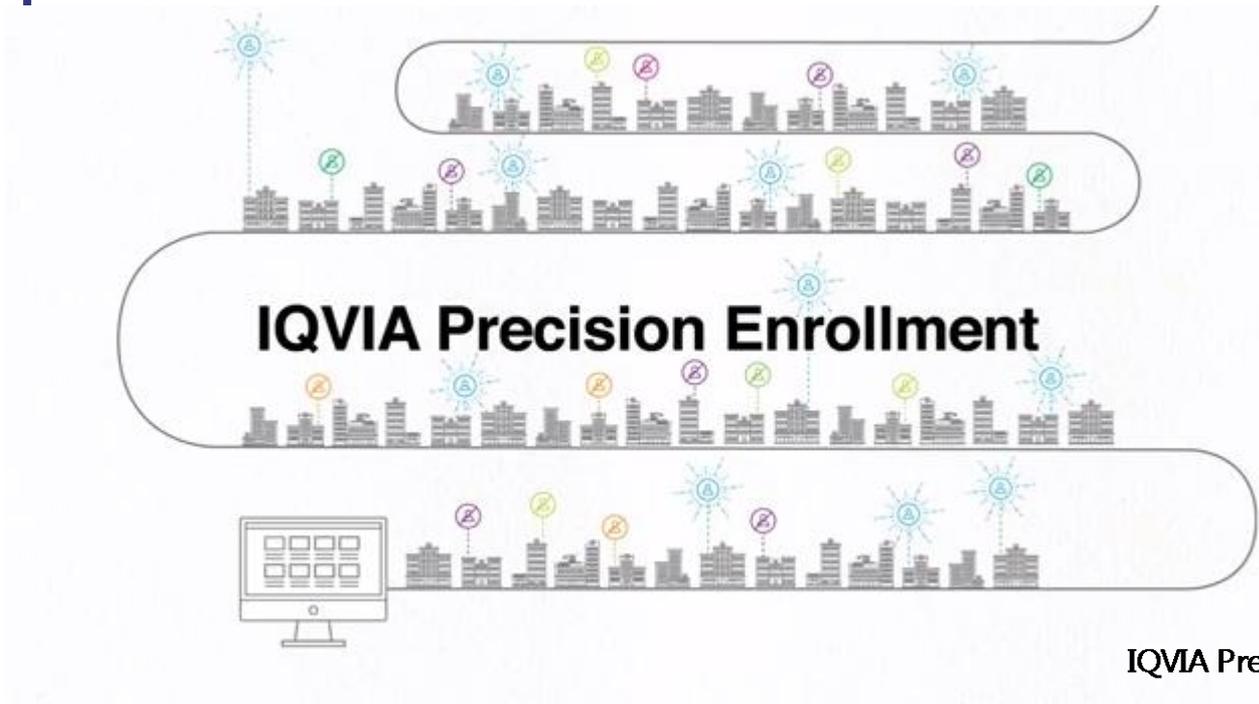


- Any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person
  - directly or indirectly
  - such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person
- the GDPR clarified that
  - genetic data
  - location data and
  - online identifiers may also be personal data

# Example

Patient Recruitment Services

# Example



**IQVIA Precision Enrollment.mov**

<https://www.iqvia.com/solutions/research-and-development/patient-recruitment>

# Big Data and AI in the GDPR

Profiling and automated decision-making

# Automated decision-making and profiling – different legal frameworks

**Profiling** Art. 4(4) means any form of automated processing of personal data consisting of the use of personal data to evaluate, analyse or predict aspects concerning individual's

- performance at work
- economic situation
- **health**
- personal preferences
- interests
- reliability
- behaviour
- location or movements

## Principle

Profiling is subject to the rules of this Regulation governing the processing of personal data, such as the legal grounds for processing or data protection principles.” GDPR – Recital 72 “



# Automated decision-making and profiling – different legal frameworks

What is automated decision-making?

- (1) Processing is based *only* on automated processing,
- (2) Without human intervention and
- (3) Processing produces a **legal effect** or a **similarly significant effect** on the individual

What are the principles - Art. 22 ?

1. As a rule: **prohibition**
2. There are exceptions
3. There should be measures in place to safeguard the data subject's rights and legitimate interests

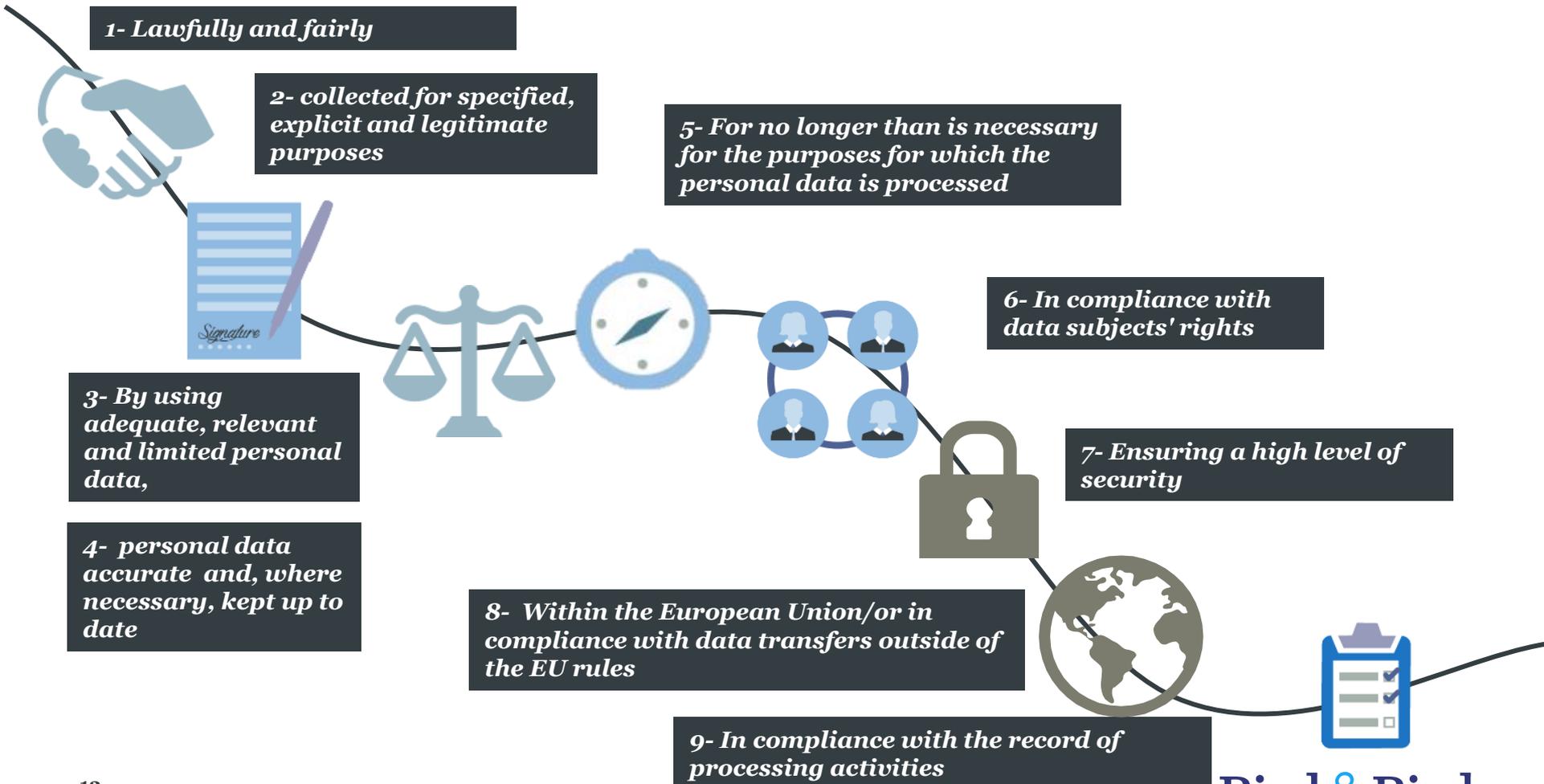
# Principles applicable on Profiling and Automated Decision-making

See ARTICLE 29 DATA PROTECTION WORKING PARTY

Guidelines on Automated individual decision-making and Profiling for the purposes of Regulation 2016/679 – adopted on 3 October 2017

# Data Protection Principles

Obligation to process personal data:



# Anonymous or pseudonymous data?

- **Anonymous data**

- Data rendered anonymous in such a way that the person is not or no longer identifiable
- Does not relate to an identified or identifiable person (not personal data)
- De-anonymisation through combination with other sources

- **Pseudonymous data**

- the GDPR recognises for the first time
- Processing in such a way that the data can no longer be attributed to a specific data subject without the use of additional information
- Still personal data
- Risk mitigation tool

# Lawful processing

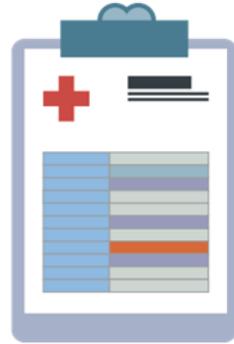


Processing **only** lawful if:

- Data subject has given **consent**
- Necessary for the **performance of contract** or to take steps prior to entering into a contract
- Necessary to protect **vital interests** of data subject
- Necessary for **legitimate interests** of controller or 3<sup>rd</sup> party (balance against the interests and fundamental rights of data subject)
- Necessary for compliance with **legal obligation** to which the controller is subject
- Necessary for task carried out in the **public interest** or exercise of **official authority**
- Special regime for "**Sensitive data**"

MS are allowed to maintain or introduce national provisions to further specify the application of these rules (Recital 8)

# Processing of **Sensitive (incl. Health) data** is prohibited



## Unless

- Data subject has given **explicit consent**
- Necessary for obligations/rights in **employment, social security & social protection law**
- Necessary to protect **vital interests** of data subject
- Data **manifestly made public** by data subject
- Necessary for establishment, exercise or defence of **legal claims**
- Necessary for **substantial public interest** (under EU or Member State law)
- Necessary for preventive or occupational **medicine**, assessment of working capacity, medical diagnosis, **healthcare** (MSL or C with HCP)
- Necessary for **public health** (MSL)
- Necessary for archiving, **scientific/historical research** or **statistical purpose** (MSL + art 89 safeguards)
- MS may introduce **further conditions** for processing **genetic**, biometric or **health data**
- **Profiling** can create sensitive data by inference from and combination / correlations of non-sensitive data

# New rights for individuals

*Data subjects are given new rights pursuant to the GDPR*

Right to portability of data (*under conditions*)

Right to restriction of data processing

Right to erasure / "Right to be forgotten"

Right to object to profiling

*In addition to existing rights:*

Right of access

Right of rectification

Right of information

- **Controllers** must respond within 1 month from receiving the individual's request + 2 months in case of a complex request (Art.12-3, but then the data subject must be informed of this and of the reasons why the request is complex)
- **Processors** must assist the Controller for responding to requests from data subjects: access, rectification, suppression, restriction, objection, portability

*GDPR & research*

*Rights of individuals and exceptions*

- **Information obligations** (Art 13 and 14)
  - Exception for scientific research if data not obtained directly from data subject impossible
    - Proves impossible (e.g. deceased data subject)
    - disproportionate
    - likely to render impossible or seriously impair objectives
  - Controller takes appropriate measures – safeguards art 89
- Principle : **right to object** to processing for scientific research (Art.21(6))
  - Exception – processing of a task of public interest
- Right to be **forgotten**, right of **access**, right to **rectification** and **erasure**, **restriction** of processing, right to **data portability**

# Data Protection Officers under the GDPR

- The GDPR obliges certain organisations to appoint a DPO:



- Other organisations **may** appoint a DPO.
- Groups of undertakings may appoint a **single** DPO providing they are **accessible** from each establishment.
- A **single** DPO may also be designated for multiple public authorities/bodies.

# Specific framework for Automated decision-making

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# Rights in relation to automated decision making – Exceptions to prohibition

## The right

- *"Not to be subject to decision based solely on automated processing including profiling, which produces legal effects concerning him or her or similarly significantly affects him or her"*

## Unless processing is.....

Necessary for entering into / performance of **contract** between controller & subject ; **or**

Data subjects **explicitly consents**; **and**

Controller implements measures to safeguard data subject rights, freedoms and legitimate interests

**OR**

**Authorised by MS law** which lays down safeguards for data subject rights

## For sensitive data...

- Must, in addition, be suitable measures to safeguard data subject rights; and either
- Data subject **explicitly consents**; or
- Processing is **necessary** for reasons of substantial **public interest** on the basis of **EU / MS law** which is proportionate to the aim pursued, respects the essence of the right to data protection and provides for **suitable and specific measures** to safeguard **fundamental rights** and data interests of subject

# The right not to be subject to a decision based solely on automated processing

## Data subject rights:

- Right to be **informed** / of access of the existence of automated decision-making, including profiling (13(2) (f) and 14(2)(g)
  - tell the data subject that they are engaging in this type of activity;
  - provide meaningful information about the logic involved; and
  - explain the significance and envisaged consequences of the processing
- Right to **obtain human intervention** (additional layer of protection)
- Right to **express** his point of view and **contest** the decision

Controller must establish appropriate Safeguards

- **European Data Protection Board (EDPB) guidance!**

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