

GDPR, NIS Directive, etc etc: will they drive organisations to improve their security posture ?


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Security – GDPR **sticks** and carrots – biggest area (with DS rights)

- Regulatory fines – 2 tiers – aggravating / mitigating factors
 - Compensation: incl. distress, cf. US; quasi-class actions
 - Supply chain risk 
 - Operational disruption
 - Reputational damage, jobs etc.
 - GDPR-approved certifications
 - GDPR-approved codes of conduct
 - Selling point / competitive advantage ?
- Controllers
 - Processors
 - Certification body
 - Monitoring body

GDPR & security-related requirements

(see [Encyclopedia of Data Protection & Privacy](#))

- Security / data protection measures “appropriate” to risks to data subjects particularly I&C, including “as appropriate”: pseudonymisation & encryption, CIA, resilience, timely recovery, regular testing - and see [NCSC / ICO GDPR security outcomes](#)
- Integrity & confidentiality – higher-tier, controllers
- “Personal data breach” notification: also [WP250](#)
- Employees / subcontractors
- Supply chain – due diligence etc.
- DPbDD, DPIAs – incl. **procurement of secure hardware and software**
- Accountability - <http://bit.ly/accountabilitysong> !
- (NOT “transfers” ! – see [Data Localization](#) book)

GDPR - UK

- [ICO first year report](#) – 14k PDB to 1 May 2019 - nearly 4x; < 0.5% improvement plan / fine. Not yet for security
- [UK FTSE 350 Cyber Governance Health Check](#)
 - 77% increased **board discussion & management of cyber risk** since GDPR introduced, and 55% **increased measures**
 - Indeed 41% of businesses **increased measures** in response to GDPR, and those were more likely to **test crisis plans regularly**, and to have **involved the board** in a crisis simulation exercise within the last 12 months
- [UK Cyber Breaches Survey 2019](#)
 - **30%** businesses and **36%** charities **changed cyber security policies / processes** as a result of GDPR - GDPR has encouraged and compelled some organisations over the past 12 months to **engage formally with cyber security for the first time**, and others to **strengthen their existing policies and processes**
 - **Fall in numbers identifying breaches / attacks**: “GDPR might have changed what businesses consider to be a breach, or led to some businesses becoming less willing to admit to having cyber security breaches...”
 - And - some organisations frame cyber security largely in terms of **avoiding PDBs**, less focused on other kinds of breaches or attacks, narrower set of technical controls - e.g. cyber vs. supplier
 - Due diligence - some supplier checks focused on GDPR compliance & PD, cf. cyber security more generally
 - **On balance, positive impact** on cyber security, but organisations may need to think **more holistically**

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Security - lessons from GDPR fines to date

- <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/security-lessons-from-gdpr-fines-dr-w-kuan-hon>
- <https://privacylawblog.fieldfisher.com/2019/security-lessons-from-gdpr-fines>

EU NIS Directive & Implementing Regulation; UK NIS Regulations

- Operators of essential services (OESs) & (lighter-touch) digital service providers (DSPs) - requirements regarding:
 - Security measures – not just cyber ! Accountability
 - Incident notification
 - NB. **contracts**
- 🥕 **National** penalties - compensation, criminal liability etc ? – e.g. UK – GDPR-level fines
- 🥕 Reputational risk – lose customers, jobs etc.
- 🥕 Selling point / competitive advantage ?
- Any improvement ? Too early to tell...

Another example: FS regulation - Tesco Bank

- [FCA fine](#) - £16.4m – debit cards fraud
- Principle 2 - conduct business with due skill, care and diligence – incl. response (cf. security)

NCSC's Cyber Ps for the Boardroom

- Phishing
- Privileged accounts
- Patching
- Providers / partners / processors
- Passwords / authentication

- + Publicly available inadvertently...?



Fieldfisher's free GDPR app

- Android

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.fieldfisher.gdpr>

- iOS

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/gdpr-the-complete-guide/id1239256607?mt=8>

Thank you ! Questions ?



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