

Are your ICT Systems compliant with Data Protection Law?

Irish Independent: 100 Irish government department laptops missing or stolen in the past 5 years. Sunday Business Post: in 2008, UK Ministry of Defence lost a laptop containing details of 600,000 applicants to the armed forces.*



Client Challenge

Pervasive use of ICT systems for electronic storage and retrieval of personal data exposes individuals to risk concerning use and confidentiality of that data.

It is the legal responsibility of ICT data controllers to comply with Data Protection legislation. EU Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC specifies the general obligations of data controllers as to how personal data is handled. The Directive is transposed into Irish law as the Data Protection Act 2003; this in turn adds to the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1988.

Fujitsu's Solution

Fujitsu can help your ICT function ensure compliance through our Data Protection Assessment Service. This assesses your processes and technical measures for assuring protection of electronically-stored data. It evaluates your alignment with applicable law, with gap-analysis and recommendations for improvement. Implementation of the recommendations will help your organisation manage electronic data records in a compliant manner.

Benefits

The immediate benefit is in identifying steps necessary for your organisation to achieve legal (the Data Protection Acts) and regulatory (Irish Standard 17799, Information Security Management Systems) compliance.

In addition, data protection touches many points of general ICT security – controls on data availability, confidentiality and integrity. Improving your organisation's data protection measures inherently also means improving your ICT security.

Our Approach

With your assistance, the assessment delivers, in 4 – 6 weeks elapsed (effort may be less), an assessment of your organisation's data protection technical measures and a set of pragmatic recommendations based on your requirements and context. As a result, you will achieve clarity on what needs to be done, what this involves and recommendations on how to begin.

Our Expertise

Fujitsu has delivered a number of data protection projects specifically aligned to EU law. We have a significant Irish base of certified ICT security specialists and analysts conversant with the legal and regulatory obligations.

SUMMARY OF KEY FACTS

Solution

Data Protection Assessment Service

Key deliverables

- Analysis of your current data protection processes
- Assessment of the organisation's level of compliance with data protection rules, including:
 - How data is obtained and processed
 - Data retention, disclosure and access control
 - Data stored being adequate, relevant and not excessive
- Gap-analysis of as-is and to-be data protection processes
- Documented recommendations for improvement
- Roadmap for Data Protection process implementation

Benefits

On implementation of the assessment recommendations:

- Enhance your understanding of the data protection issues facing your organisation
- Identify areas of improvement to comply with data protection regulation. E.g.:
 - Access control
 - Encryption, anti-virus
 - Firewalls, remote access, wireless networks
 - Laptops and mobile devices
 - Backups and archiving

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