

## **WG3.1: GDPR**

# **Experiences of universities since the entering into effect of the Regulation; how are universities tackling the practical issues**

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- Topic:
  - GDPR
  - University of Iceland
  - School of Education / The Educational Research Institute



# 1. GDPR

- The General Data Protection Reform (**GDPR**) in **Iceland** was **legalized 15. July 2018**
- The Data Protection Authority emphasizes that the new GDPR will be active on **that day**
- New obligations have been imposed on all who work with personal information
  - Managers are responsible for ensuring that procedures are put in place to enforce legislation and all employees work accordingly to them

- Government agencies in Iceland are in the process of preparing for the GDPR
  - Data protection officer is one of the most advertised jobs in Iceland 😊
    - A new work title in Iceland as in other countries
  - In the next months we will all be working on this issue and finding the right balance

- **In Icelandic context we have to take care**
- That our society provides an ideal research lab for all sorts of research
- In comparison to other advanced industrialized nations, the industrialization of Iceland was both rapid and late
- Population of Iceland is around 350 thousand inhabitants
- You could conclude that in Iceland research is possible that would be impossible in other countries



## **2. University of Iceland**

## The University of Iceland (UI)

- As a government institution, is responsible for ensuring the education, research and dissemination activities comply with the legal framework set by
  - the Code of Practice for Research Ethics,
  - The Icelandic Data protection Authority (**GDPR**),
  - Public Administration Act and
  - other relevant institutional, national and international acts and regulations.



- Every **UI researcher, staff, postgraduates and students** have a responsibility to make sure that their research is conducted in accordance with the standards of good research practice and established scientific and ethical principles

- As other European Universities we at the UI are working on preparations for GDPR
- So we can process personal data in a manner that follows the regulations and is adjusted to our needs as a university
- To facilitate and interpret this regulation for the research environment

- The university is working on a homepage to guide our researchers, staff and student of the process for conducting research and their legal obligations
  - To guide them in the right direction
- This has not as yet been finalized for the university as a whole

- Also each school within the University of Iceland
  - 5 Schools with different field of expertise
    - School of Education
    - School of Health Sciences
    - School of Social Sciences
    - School of Engineering and Natural Sciences
    - School of Humanities
  - will be responsible to guide, educate and monitor their staff about the main changes and duties in connection to the GDPR
  - Each School is responsible to hold information briefings in the autumn about the new GDPR

- The universities in Iceland are **jointly appointed** a Data Protection Officer
  - This has not been done as of yet
- Each university and school within it, is working on this issue and on proposing other supporting functions that are needed throughout the universities
  - **Supportive documents.** Needed policies, tutorials, checklists and templates are being produced to help staff with processing personal data
  - **Information.** A website for personal data processing will be added during autumn
  - **Education:** Information meetings will also be arranged and we are planning for more education aimed at specific groups
  - **Supplier contracts.** An inventory of all centrally supplier contracts is being conducted. The aim is to make sure that our contracts is up to GDPR standards

- **Register.** All personal data that is processed at the university has to be documented with each research directors
  - Each research director will set up a new register for documentation
  - If you are working on a project that is processing personal data, or starting one, you will get information on how to use the new register

## **3. School of Education / the Educational Research Institute**

- **School of Education**
- The research done within the School and Educational Research Institute, has in many cases to do with research on sensitive issues such as research on
  - children all ages,
  - minority groups,
  - disabled individuals



- **New challenges:**
- **Written consent not presumed consent (if you did not opt out of research)**
  - Today we need a written consent from all parents to observe and do studies with in the classroom for children under 18 years of age
  - To inforce a system to store all the written consents from parents for each child - a way from other collected data with connection to number – if the parents diced to opt out later in the research
  - To monitor and bring under control (register in a data bank) all students project/research

- **The Educational Research Institute**
- Is responsible for work for different ministries, Directorate of Education and other private and governmental bodies
- The Institute regularly works with other parties, and sometime we engage as third party suppliers to undertake work on their behalf, or provide them with systems to support their work
- These relationships sometime involve the transfer of personal data to us as a third party to analyse and/or work with the data
- Therefore we need to ensure all our interactions as third party suppliers are GDPR compliant

- **Sometimes we work as data processors for our academic staff**
  - **‘Data Controller’** means the natural or legal person who alone or jointly with others determines the purpose and means of the processing of personal data;
  - **‘Data Processor’** means the natural or legal person which processes personal data on behalf of the controller.

## All in Icelandic:

- [http://menntavisindastofnun.hi.is/leyfisskyldmedferd personuupplysinga](http://menntavisindastofnun.hi.is/leyfisskyldmedferdpersonuupplysinga)
- [http://menntavisindastofnun.hi.is/frekari upploysingar](http://menntavisindastofnun.hi.is/frekariupploysingar)
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- See register form – only in Icelandic



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