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Outsourced DPO Service

GRC+ takes on the role of your appointed Data Protection Officer. We prepare the registration with your supervisory authority, take over the day-to-day privacy work and support you when the regulator calls.

SERVICE
Managed service

USUALLY TAKES
Days, usually, for GRC+ to have your DPO details ready to file

Who It Is For

- Registration details prepared shortly after signing, onboarding over the first month
- A team behind your named DPO, to cover holidays and absences
- Independent by design: reports to senior management, as Art. 38 requires

The GDPR Duties of a DPO, Run End to End

Lawful basis	A documented legal basis for every processing purpose.
Transparency	Privacy notices people can read and understand.
Data subject rights	Access, erasure, objection and portability requests answered on time.
Records of processing	An Art. 30 register that matches what you actually do.
DPIAs	Impact assessments for high-risk processing, before it starts.
Security of processing	Measures suited to the risk, tested and documented.
Processors	Art. 28 agreements and checks on every supplier handling personal data.
International transfers	SCCs and transfer impact assessments for data leaving the EEA.
Breach notification	Assessment and notification within 72 hours where required.
Independence	A DPO who reports to top management without conflicts of interest.

How It Runs

1	**Appointment** DPO registration with your supervisory authority prepared, and a shared Slack or Teams channel set up.	Week 1
2	**Data inventory and gap analysis** We map what personal data you hold and where it goes, then measure your programme against the regulator's guidance.	Month 1
3	**Fix what matters first** Policies and notices, a breach response plan and contract clauses for the suppliers that handle your data.	Months 2 to 3
4	**Run, report, defend** Requests, assessments, training and management reports, within your plan. If a regulator opens an inquiry, we support you through it.	Ongoing

Regulations That Ask for It

GDPR	GRC+ takes on the role of your appointed Data Protection Officer.
PDPA (Singapore)	An outsourced Data Protection Officer who takes on the role and the day-to-day privacy work.
PDPL (Saudi Arabia)	
PIPEDA (Canada)	
PDPO (Hong Kong)	
PDPL (UAE)	
PDPL (Bahrain)	
PDPL (Oman)	
PDPPL (Qatar)	
CCPA (United States)	
DSA	
Data Act	

Questions Buyers Ask

Our Head of IT knows the GDPR. Can they be our DPO?

Usually not. Article 38(6) rules out conflicts of interest, and the person who decides how systems process data cannot also check that processing. Regulators have fined companies for exactly this.

Do we need to register our DPO with the supervisory authority?

Yes. Article 37(7) requires you to publish the DPO's contact details and send them to your lead supervisory authority. We prepare the filing early in the engagement.

Is an external DPO allowed, or does it have to be an employee?

It is allowed. The GDPR says so in Article 37(6), and most other privacy laws accept an external officer as long as the person is independent, has the expertise and has the resources to do the job. The contract sets those out, so you can show them to a regulator.

Does outsourcing move the legal liability to you?

No. The organisation remains the controller and stays accountable under the law. What changes is that the work is done and documented by practitioners who do it every day, and we carry professional indemnity insurance for our part.

Talk to Us

Thirty minutes with a principal consultant on what applies to you and what to do first.
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