



# EU Data Protection Reform:

## *a concerted effort to make it work*

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For new data protection rules to work in practice, it will be important that every actor plays its role:

### MEMBER STATES



- Adapt national legislation to new rules as soon as possible to give operators enough time to prepare.
- repeal and amend existing laws.
- set up national data protection authorities.
- repeat the text of the Regulation in national law.
- Ensure necessary resources and complete independence of Data Protection Authorities.

### DATA PROTECTION AUTHORITIES

- Cooperate together including through the setting up of the European Data Protection Board.
- Ensure the application of the rules including through fines.
- Clarify the application of the rules, if need be, e.g. through guidelines.
- Promote a culture of dialogue with all stakeholders, including businesses.



### COMPANIES & ORGANISATIONS



- Prepare for application of the new rules.
- Reach out to your national Data Protection Authorities if not sure what to do.
- Respect new rules as of 25 May 2018.

### EUROPEAN COMMISSION

- Closely monitor the application of the General Data Protection Regulation and take appropriate actions as necessary, including – if necessary – the infringement procedure against EU countries which will not apply new rules.
- Promote consistency and limit fragmentation in the application.
- Co-finance awareness raising actions.



### CITIZENS



- Get to know your new rights, e.g. right to portability of your personal data.
- Be an empowered citizen – if your rights are not respected, contact your national Data Protection Authority.