

PRIVACY

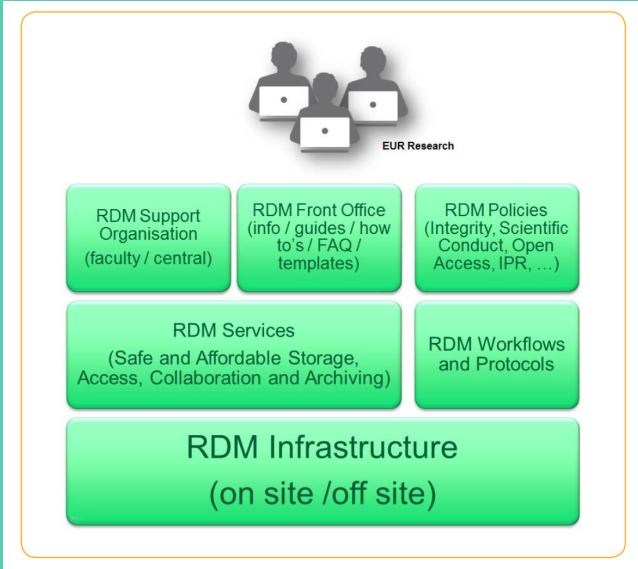
For Academic Research

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a case study: Erasmus University Rotterdam

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Recognise that Research Data Management is a collaborative endeavour to enable responsible research. If personal data is used, safeguarding privacy for data subjects is a concern. Perform a *Privacy Impact Assessment* and add it to the data management plan.

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Invest in explaining the what, why and how of safeguarding privacy in academic research and provide the relevant support, infrastructure, tooling, instruments for data protection.

HOW TO TREAT PERSONAL DATA IN RESEARCH?
Responsible use of personal data before, during and after research.

BEFORE RESEARCH

- INFORMATIONAL PRIVACY:** Protection of personal data. Everyone has the right to the protection of personal data concerning him or her. Such data must be processed fairly for specified purposes and on the basis of the consent of the person concerned.
- PURPOSE LIMITATION:** Personal data shall be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes.
- DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** A data protection impact assessment is performed to evaluate, in particular, the origin, nature, particularly and severity of the risk to the rights and freedoms of natural persons.
- STORAGE LIMITATION:** Personal data shall be kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes.

DURING RESEARCH

- ANONYMISE AND / OR PSEUDONYMISE THE DATA:** Anonymise and / or pseudonymise the data and work with the de-identified data.
- WORK SAFE:** don't leave printouts on the printer or desk, don't use public Wi-Fi, don't work where others can easily watch your screen or can hear you talk.
- ENCRYPT:** Use a computer with an encrypted hard drive, encrypt your sensitive data, use S/MIME for safe and secure file storage and sharing.

AFTER RESEARCH

- DE-IDENTIFY:** Make your de-identified data Findable and Accessible in the DANS registry national data repository. If possible, additionally provide metadata for making your data Interoperable and Reusable. #FAIR data.
- SHARE:** Share your experiences with us, contact us for support before, during and after research. DATASUPPORT@UBIB.EUR.NL +31 10 4088006

SEE ALSO: [HTTPS://WWW.EUR.NL/RESEARCH/MATTERS/RDM/RDM_SERVICES/](https://www.eur.nl/research/matters/rdm/rdm_services/)

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Assess the privacy readiness of your organisation and recognise the differences in perspective across the university. Develop a common language by collaborating in shaping privacy in academic research.

	Level 1. Initial	Level 2. Repeatable	Level 3. Defined	Level 4. Managed	Level 5. Optimised
Across the university	What is this acronym: "GDPR" everyone is talking about?	People across the university are meeting on a regular basis to share their practices, based on application of the <i>Privacy Impact Assessment</i> (PIA), and create a common language to understand what is required to safeguarding the privacy of data subjects in the processing of personal data.	A standard data protection process is defined and communicated, in which people in various roles have a responsibility for their part and the whole. Instruments are evaluated, selected and implemented. A shared vocabulary exists to understand each other.	Typical research scenarios are fully supported, GDPR compliant, as a standard service. Ongoing evaluation is in place for improving the quality of the GDPR compliant support. Tailored support is in place for specific (new) aspects in research scenarios.	GDPR is considered a starting point for the University to develop its own distinctive position. This position is above and reflected in the University's policy, guidelines, principles of ethics committees, and as such recognizable both in research and research support.
Faculty	Faculty dealing with sensitive data have a heterogeneous understanding of privacy and data protection. What appropriate behaviour is, is a matter of opinions. In general 'privacy' is considered relevant, but a black box.	Faculty are discussing data protection practices from within their discipline. Faculty develop a strategy (with or without central support) to comply with (external) data protection requirements by, e.g. research funders.	Faculty are familiar with what is expected in terms of safeguarding the privacy of their data subjects, and are supported by staff and tooling to do so. The main focus is on tailored approach to their research.	Faculty routinely employ privacy by design and by default in their research and have access to a library of relevant and tailored documents to support them. Privacy is no longer considered an external threat, but the obvious way to treat the rights of data subjects / citizens.	GDPR is considered the baseline from a research professional perspective. Any faculty can state, in their own words, the university's privacy goals and ambitions and why they adhere to these themselves. Regular checks are built in to check what to improve and how.
Legal	Legal staff is getting acquainted with the GDPR. Examining the rights, responsibilities, roles and responsibilities. Discussing available relevant (best and worst) practices.	Relevant examples, practices, instruments and relevant legal expertise are combined. Templates and model provisions are drafted to cover the relevant area. The first Register draft is created. PIA strategies are explored.	All GDPR concepts, rights and roles are clear, defined and documented in the context of academic research. Legal staff pro actively contribute to research support with Privacy By Design and by Default (PBD) implementations.	All roles, instruments, contracts and template wordings are in place for GDPR compliant support in various research scenarios. Legal staff act as embedded research supporters, in cooperation with the DPO and the ethical committee(s).	Legal staff is actively involved in privacy impact assessments of (1) new innovative tooling and instruments and (2) innovative forms of cooperation in research, to assess the responsible application for research purposes.
CIO	Privacy is discussed in the context of governance and strategy. Privacy principles are discussed in the context of HE reference architecture. CIO appoints a Data Protection Officer (DPO).	Privacy is included in the Business Function Model, Information Model, Business Process Model, Application Model & Platform. A privacy policy is drafted.	A privacy policy enters into force. Guidelines are distributed. An updated information security policy is implemented. CIO designs PBD strategies.	All relevant GDPR aspects are addressed in the privacy-, information security policy and governance. CIO appoints privacy officers in collaboration with Legal.	CIO is at all times willing and able to demonstrate the GDPR compliance of information processing within the university. Checks and balances are in place to stimulate responsible behaviour.
IT	Privacy is typically approached from an information security point of view. Typically public cloud tooling is banned, in some cases with no alternative available. Many opinions on what is relevant and required.	Relevant Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PETs) are explored and tested in pilots with faculty. IT recognises the validity of research IT, distinct from support for education and business operations.	A chain of PETS is implemented as basic services for research. Selection and prioritisation in collaboration with Faculty, Legal and CIO.	The baseline PETS are properly advertised and subject to both individual support and workshops for faculty. Requirements gathering for advanced PETS is in place.	Supports for the whole research life cycle for both open science and closed science is available as self service from the IT service catalogue. A process is in place to design, implement and steward tailored PET solutions.

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Define and implement a privacy strategy. Many great starting points are available.

