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GDPR SURVEY: How the Top 3 priorities of our Report resonate in the current Covid-19 situation

Baker McKenzie & BearingPoint **GDPR Survey: Benefits beyond compliance,** published a few weeks ago, analyzed the GDPR compliance journeys shared by about 100 data privacy specialists around the globe .

The current pandemic may turn out as an opportunity to boost personal data protection initiatives, also considering that the French Authority (CNIL) will pay specific attention to matters related to Covid-19.

Preparation and rolling out of procedures:

while this is the cornerstone of every GDPR compliance project, companies shall address specifically this point during the pandemic in particular in relation to IT Security Policies and Acceptable Use Policies. Typically, at a moment when most of staff is working remotely, many communication solutions and media, for a better collaborative work, are irrupting in the usual application landscape (e.g. : Zoom, Starleaf, Jitsi Meet…). IT Security is stretched. Companies shall on one side, remind its employees the authorized use of companies' IT resources, and on the other side, increase the IT security monitoring on personal data to be well prepared in case of cyberattack.

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Review of contracts / data processors' commitments
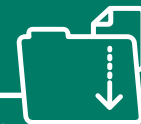
when reviewing data processors' compliance with Article 28 of the GDPR, companies must verify in particular the security clauses are sufficiently robust and that reporting processes (such as data breaches reporting) are effectively applied despite reduced headcounts due notably to partial unemployment or compassionate leaves.

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Review of consent and information notices

companies are carrying out or considering new data processing, notably to secure the business continuity when employees will return to work on site. Indeed, it may require a new notice to employees or an update of existing notices to reassure them about the purposes of collection and processing of their data (e.g. for the rolling out of internal apps).

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Please access **here** to read our full report on where companies stand on GDPR compliance.