

**Module 3 European Studies through Digital European Law**

**Practical workshop No. 1**

**Topic 1: The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Its Impact on Digital Governance**

**Part 1: Foundations and Key Principles of GDPR**

1. **Origins and Objectives of GDPR**
  - The need for a unified data protection framework in the EU.
  - The transition from the 1995 Data Protection Directive to GDPR (2018).
2. **Core Principles of GDPR**
  - Lawfulness, fairness, and transparency.
  - Purpose limitation and data minimization.
  - Accuracy, storage limitation, integrity, confidentiality, and accountability.
3. **Data Subject Rights Under GDPR**
  - Right to access, rectification, and erasure ("right to be forgotten").
  - Data portability and restriction of processing.
  - Right to object and rights related to automated decision-making.
4. **Obligations for Organizations and Businesses**
  - Data Protection Officers (DPOs) and compliance requirements.
  - The importance of Privacy by Design and Privacy by Default.
  - Data breach notification requirements and penalties for non-compliance.

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**Part 2: Practical Impact of GDPR on Digital Governance**

1. **GDPR's Influence on Businesses and Digital Services**
  - How GDPR affects tech giants (Google, Facebook, Amazon) and small businesses.
  - The cost of compliance and changes in data processing practices.
2. **Global Impact and Adoption Beyond the EU**
  - The influence of GDPR on international data protection laws (e.g., CCPA in California, India's PDP Bill).
  - The challenge of cross-border data transfers and adequacy agreements (e.g., EU-U.S. Privacy Shield).
3. **Challenges and Criticism of GDPR Implementation**
  - Compliance burdens on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).
  - Legal uncertainty and challenges in enforcement across different jurisdictions.
  - Debates over balancing data protection with innovation and economic growth.
4. **Future Developments in EU Digital Governance**
  - The role of GDPR in shaping the **AI Act, Digital Services Act (DSA), and Digital Markets Act (DMA)**.
  - Potential updates to GDPR in response to emerging technologies (AI, IoT, blockchain).
  - The evolution of data protection frameworks in an increasingly digitalized world.

