The Challenge of Incorporating Legal Rules into Digital Applications: a Theoretical Exploration of Article 25 GDPR



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- How does article 25 GDPR pursue to shape technology?
- How far does the obligation of article 25 reach?
- How should we identify applicable measures in accordance with article 25 GDPR?

- What kind of obligation?
 - \circ An obligation of result
- When?
 - From the moment of determination of the means of processing
- Who should implement data protection by design?
 - Data controllers
 - Designers come into play indirectly

The moment of determination of the means of processing

- Further elaboration: *when* does article 25 GDPR apply?
 - The controller designs the digital application

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• The controller acquires the means of processing from a third party

How far does the obligation of article 25 reach?

• Does article 25 GDPR oblige data controllers to automatically comply with all legal obligations set forth in the GDPR?

- No:

- There are actions that cannot be implemented in the software of a digital application
- One cannot predict all possible uses of software
- Our understanding of legal provisions changes over time

- Elements to be considered:
 - Effectiveness
 - \circ The risk

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- The nature, the scope, the context and the purposes of processing
- $_{\odot}$ $\,$ The state of the art $\,$
- $_{\odot}$ $\,$ The cost of implementation

- Article 25 pursues to influence the design of digital products
- Not a duty of full automatic compliance
- Identification of applicable measures is a question of balancing



Thank you for your attention Looking forward to the discussion



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