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Data protection impact assessments in the EU

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A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) is usually carried out by organizations processing new personal data or deciding whether to process data in new ways or by using new technology. Many jurisdictions require the use of a DPIA, not just the European Union (EU).

The assessments are usually aimed at assisting organizations with:

- Identifying the nature, scope, context, and purposes of the processing;
- Assessing necessity, proportionality, and compliance measures;
- Identifying and assessing risks to individuals and the organizations involved; and
- Identifying measures to mitigate those risks.

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