



# DPO as a service (DaaS)

Let us become part of your team

**Organisations face various challenges related to their privacy framework, its governance, and its continuous improvement. The growing discrepancy between cyber threats and resilience increases the risk of disruption for organisations and society as a whole. Furthermore, stakeholders of an organisation are demanding more transparency regarding the handling of personal data and the adherence to the ever-increasing legislation on the EU level for the processing of digital data. The use of new technologies like Artificial Intelligence and interconnected systems also introduces new data privacy challenges.**

Under the GDPR, it is mandatory for certain controllers and processors to designate a data protection officer (DPO). Even if it is not mandatory a DPO can be designated or staff can be made responsible for tasks relating to the protection of personal data. In any case an organisation needs to check regularly if a formal DPO is necessary. The DPO is a cornerstone for accountability and can facilitate GDPR compliance. Furthermore, the DPO facilitates communication between relevant stakeholders, including supervisory authorities, data subjects, and business units within an organisation. Having a DPO can be a competitive advantage for businesses and might be necessary for the uninterrupted continuation of your operations.

## How we can help

Recognizing the challenge of recruiting, retaining, and paying a privacy professional, the GDPR allows the DPO to be provided by an external service provider.

Mazars can provide you with a solution that will fit the purpose, and is adapted to your specific needs. Covering all demands with service providers enables you to have a uniform approach in all countries where you operate.

Note that one DPO can be designated for several organisations or a group of undertakings.

## Why Mazars

Mazars is an integrated firm with a strong global network of professionals that have expert knowledge regarding cybersecurity, data privacy, compliance management, and IT auditing. Because Mazars is located in 100+ countries, including the EU, we also have local knowledge of your business and the specific regulations of your country. We combine and leverage this knowledge to deliver optimal service to your organisation. Our people are easily accessible, and able to fulfil the tasks of a DPO with flexibility and independence.

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## You can choose

Perhaps, you do not wish to directly employ a DPO, or you already have one and need to support him. You decide on the form, content, and range of the service. You can choose among full DPO registered with the data protection authority, shadow DPO fulfilling selected tasks of a DPO without registration, or DPO support helping your DPO to fulfil his tasks. You can choose support ranging from a few days a month, to full-time support each month. According to your needs, we will create a team that has the knowledge you require to improve your data protection.

## DPO Services

Our DPO-as-a-service includes more than all the mandatory duties expected of a DPO to perform and provides clients with:

- Privacy program management
- Data governance support
- On-going monitoring, (gap) assessments and audits
- Training awareness and workshops
- Primary point of contact
- Review and build documentation, policies and procedures
- Validate and develop Records of processing activities (ROPA) and inventories
- Third-party and vendor management support
- Data breach investigation support
- Data subject access requests (DSAR) Consent management support
- Legitimate Interest Assessment (LIA)
- Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) support
- Data Transfer Impact Assessments (DTIA) support
- Data privacy by design and default support
- Simulation, testing and tabletop exercises
- Enforcement tracking
- Reporting and privacy KPIs



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