

The SMEs' Privacy Challenges







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Importance of SMEs in Europe

	Micro SMEs	Small SMEs	Medium-sized SMEs	All SMEs	Large enterprises	All enterprises
Enterprises						
Number	22,830,944	1,420,693	231,857	24,483,496	46,547	24,530,050
%	93.1%	5.8%	0.9%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Value added						
Value in € (trillion)	1,525.6	1,292.1	1,343.0	4,160.7	3,167.9	7,328.1
%	20.8%	17.6%	18.3%	56.8%	43.2%	100.0%
Employment						
Number (in 000)	41,980,528	28,582,254	24,201,840	94,764,624	47,933,208	142,697,824
%	29.4%	20.0%	17.0%	66.4%	33.6%	100.0%

Note: Large enterprises are enterprises with 250 or more employees

Source: Eurostat, National Statistical Offices, DIW Econ

Source: European Commission: Annual Report on European SMEs 2017/2018
Number of SMEs and large enterprises in the EU-28 non-financial business sector in 2017 and their value added and employment







The SMEs context

- Market competitive pressure
- Limited resources to dedicate to Privacy (Budget, Personnel, Competences)
- Sometimes complex business relations
- Technology (services, solution packages)
- Limited contractual power with third parties (e.g. suppliers)



GDPR may be considered as a business limiting burden



Request for "simplification" of GDPR provisions







Training events in Italy



REGISTRATIONS:

SMEs: 930

Legal Professionals: 1.127

Total: 2.067





Salerno



Roma



12 events
6 cities
1.000+ partecipants
(SMEs and Legal
Prof.s)



Milano (+ Streaming)

ROMA TRE UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DIPARITMENTO DI GIURISPRUDINZA





Genova



Cosenza

TRAINING HOURS PROVIDED

SMEs: 36 (48 including breaks) Legal professionals: 36 (48

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Total: 72 (96 including breaks)







Experts judgment on Tool's criteria



Self-assessment tool's criteria – Two events in Rome - feedbacks from more than 60 experts from SMEs, their associations and Academia

CONFCOMMERCIO (Italian General Confederation of Enterprises, Professional Activities and Autonomous Work in trade, tourism and services that associates over 700,000 businesses)

CONFARTIGIANATO (Artisans and Small Entrepreneurs: 1.5 million artisan entrepreneurs with 3 million employees)

AEPI (European Association of Professionals and Enterprises)

CONFAPI (Italian Confederation of Small and micro enterprises)

AIIP (Association of Italian Internet Providers)

FEDERFARMA (National federation representing over 16,000 private Pharmacies affiliated with the National Health Service)



















Feedback from training events and meetings with experts in Italy

- Some concepts and GDPR definitions are still difficult to achive when related to specific business context
- Demand of «simpilification»
- High interest in tools and best practice that may help:
 - to identify rapidly their non compliance risks
 - provide them with sector-specific guided «pathways» to compliance







Challanges

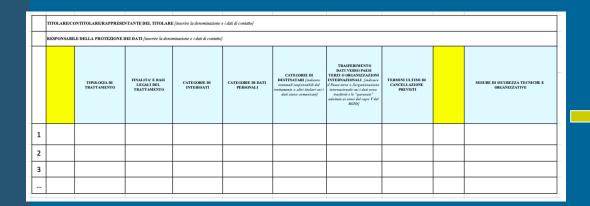
- Be acquainted of Article 5) principles' gaps when running the business
- Accountability principle in practice
- Risk based approach to compliance
- Set up an adequate internal information flow to support GDPR compliance
- Become aware of the specific business context's compliance requirements
- Be able to translate GDPR provisions in actionable policies and practices



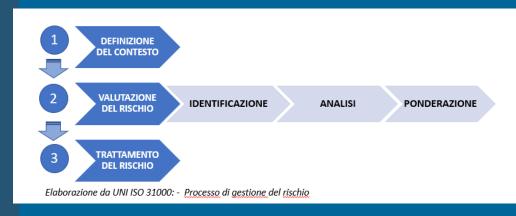


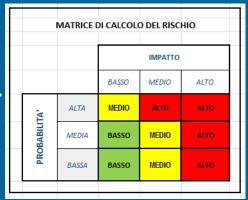


Promoting compliance by «Best Practices»















Key messages

- Rise up awareness on business value of privacy
- Look for «Scalability» more than «simplification» - Scalability: learn to size the compliance process to specific business context and dimension
- Provide appropriate «customized» training, tools and best practices
- Leading and Training «by examples»



Foundamental Role of SMEs associations as multipliers







Thanks!