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ODPC issues first guidance on GDPR

The Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has issued guidance on implementing the General Data Protection Regulation in Ireland.

The introduction to the 11 page guidance document, the first piece of guidance to emerge from the ODPC regarding the GDPR, states that “the ODPC is aware that the increased obligations that the GDPR places on companies might cause some anxieties for business planners.”

The introduction states: “This document is the first in a series that will issue in the run-up to the 25th May 2018 implementation date. The aim is to try to alleviate some of those concerns, and facilitate a smooth transition to future data privacy standards for data controllers and data subjects alike.”

Echoing comments that Commissioner Helen Dixon made in November 2016 at the 11th Annual Data Protection Practical Compliance Conference, the guidance urges organisations to “immediately start preparing for the implementation of GDPR by carrying out a review and enhance analysis of all current or envisaged processing in line with GDPR”.

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