



Simfoni GDPR Policy



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1 GDPR POLICY

Simfoni is committed to providing our Procurement technology to our Clients in compliance with applicable laws and regulations in general and data privacy laws such as the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in particular.

What GDPR means to you?

Effective as of May 25, 2018 the GDPR will replace the currently applicable EU Data Protection Directive. Unlike the Data Protection Directive, the GDPR will have direct effect in all EU member states without any need for local implementing legislation and it will override existing national privacy laws.

Besides strengthening and standardizing user data privacy across the EU nations, the GDPR will require new or additional obligations on all organisations that handle EU citizens' personal data, regardless of where the organisations themselves are located.

Whenever the Data Protection Directive or the GDPR applies to our Clients they are deemed the controller of the personal data included on the Simfoni Platform and Simfoni is deemed the processor. As such, both Simfoni and our Client have to comply with their respective obligations under the Data Protection Directive and the GDPR accordingly. One side of these obligations relates to the controller processor relationship, while the other side relates to the controller obligations vis-à-vis the data subject, typically the user of the Simfoni Platform (i.e. employees, contractors and partners of our Clients).

We expect our Clients and their users to comply with all applicable laws and regulation in connection with the use of the Simfoni Platform, in particular making sure, that our Clients have all rights and consents necessary to allow Simfoni to use and process such data.

As a service provider, Simfoni is committed to supporting our Clients in their compliance activities, including as outlined in GDPR Chapter III (Rights of the data subject), most notably the rights of access and rectification (Art. 15 + 16 GDPR), right to erasure or 'right to be forgotten' (Art. 17 GDPR), right to data portability (Art. 20 GDPR), and right not to be subject to automated decision-making, including profiling (Art. 22 GDPR).

Our priorities

1.1 Determine your role under GDPR

As a cloud-based procurement technology provider, Simfoni is processing data on behalf of its Clients using the Simfoni Platform; therefore, Simfoni is seen as a data processor under the GDPR. In light of existing data privacy laws and data security measures generally expected from a global cloud service provider such as Simfoni, we have already implemented an information security program consisting of policies and procedures to help ensure that Simfoni is acting in accordance with current and new compliance requirements when providing our services.

1.2 Prepare for data subjects exercising their rights

Within the Simfoni Platform, our Clients use the personal data of their users to interact with each other in order to better manage their procurement processes. These acting individuals are the data subjects and our Clients - acting as data controllers - need to be able to answer certain legitimate requests under the GDPR. As such, our Clients will look to Simfoni as service provider and data processor to offer functionalities within the Simfoni Platform that enable our Clients to achieve compliance. Our internal product design processes are focused on the user and their positive and productive experience on the Simfoni Platform. In light of GDPR, Simfoni periodically reviews the Simfoni Platform features in order to validate that the Simfoni platform provides the required functionalities to our Clients.

1.3 Check cross-border data flows

Both the Data Protection Directive and the GDPR permit personal data transfers outside of the EU subject to compliance with defined conditions, including conditions for onward transfer. When a Client contracts with Simfoni, we can enter into a Data Processing Agreement (DPA) with applicable Clients. In the DPA, we agree with our Client on the terms for the compliant processing of Client personal data, including the description of our security and data privacy policy and the EU standard contractual clauses.

1.4 Demonstrate accountability in all processing activities

Simfoni's compliance program is already comprehensive and based on globally accepted standards. Simfoni has implemented an information security program consisting of policies and procedures that define how system information is entered, managed, and protected. Simfoni's current information security program is further specified in our Master Subscription Agreement (MSA) as well as our Data Processing Agreement (DPA). In particular, Simfoni commits to monitor, analyse and respond to security incidents in a timely manner in accordance with Simfoni's standard operating procedure, which sets forth the steps that Simfoni employees must take in response to a threat or security incident. Simfoni continues to invest in a growing global security capability.

1.5 Appoint a data officer

The GDPR will require some organisations to designate a Data Protection Officer (DPO). Organisations requiring DPOs include public authorities, organisations whose activities involve the regular and systematic monitoring of data subjects on a large scale, or organisations who process what is known as sensitive personal data on a large scale. At Simfoni, we have appointed a leadership team member to this role.

Staying Current

Ensuring the privacy and security of our Client's data is an ongoing commitment for Simfoni. We will continue to update this document to reflect any GDPR-related developments.