My Health Data - Your Research Some preliminary thoughts on different values in the General Data Protection Regulation

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My Background













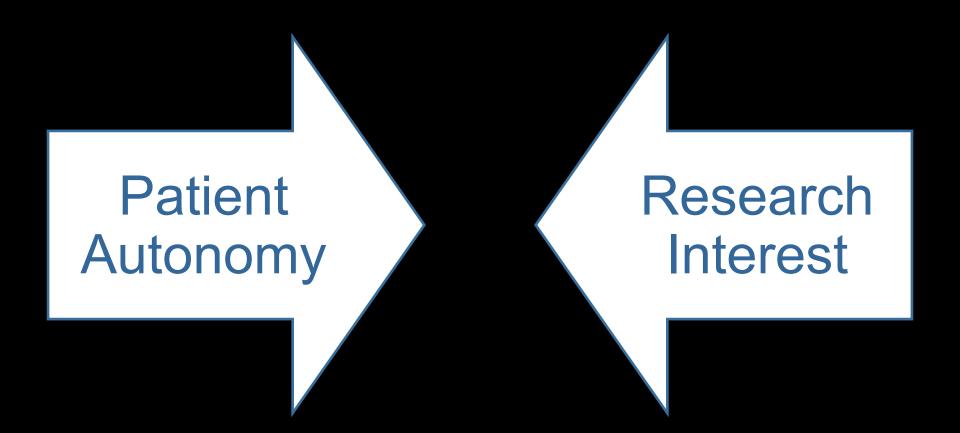








Conflicting Values



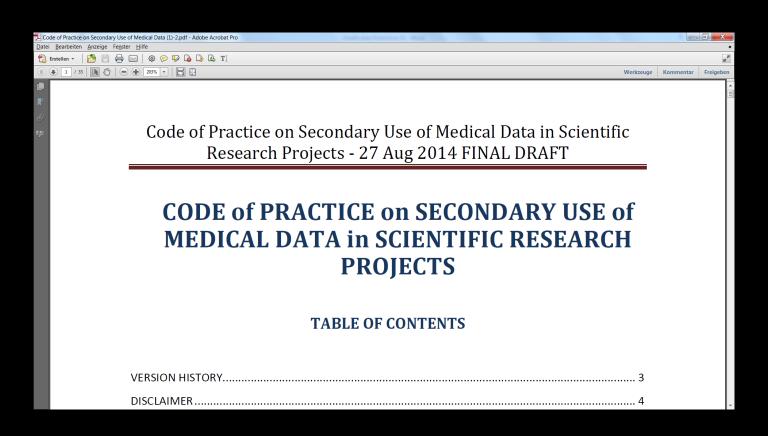
Lessons Learned

- Issues of data sharing are underestimated in the proposal phase and overestimated in the project phase
- Legal compliance with data sharing rules is a moving target
- Data Protection is a weapon of mass destruction
- Informed Consent is not a universal solution
- Anonymisation neither
- Everybody has an opinion (and is willing to blame the lawyer)

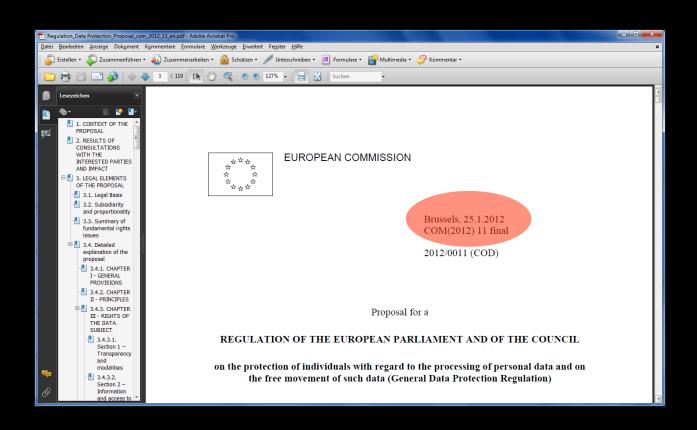
Existing legal framework

- Directive 95/46/EC
- 28 different member state laws
- 28 different interpretations of research exemption
- 28 different answers on a fundamental conflict of values
- 28 different answers on ,personal' in personal data

Recent Development (Example)



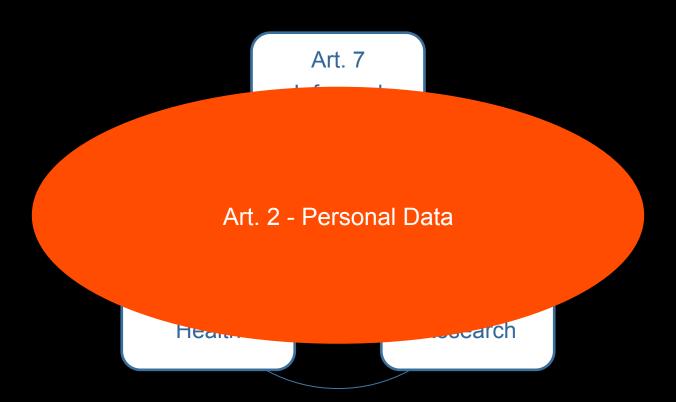
"Recent" Development: Upcoming legal framework

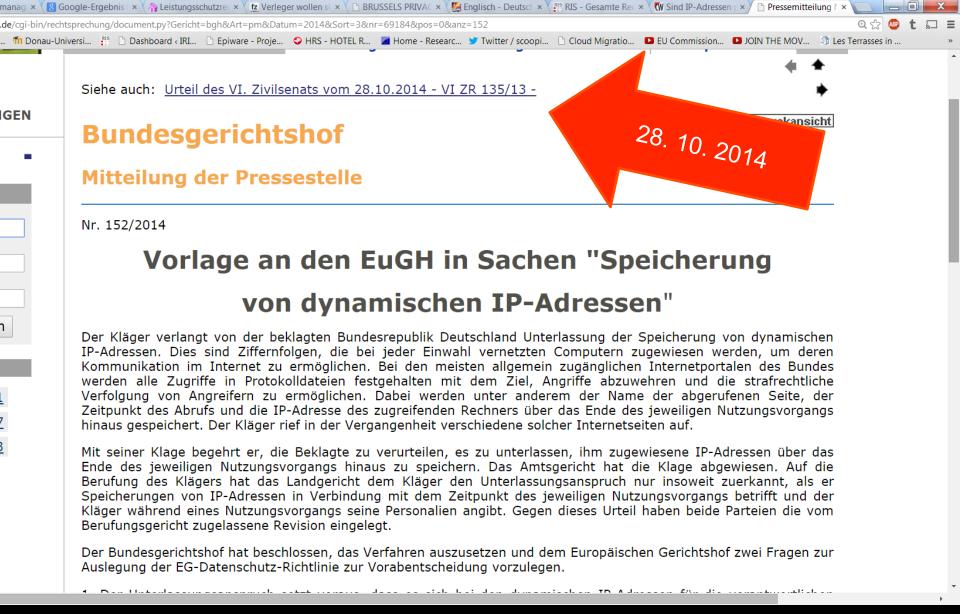


Parliament

- Albrecht: 350 amendments
- Other MEPs: 3133 amendments

Key articles





Personal Data

DSGVO (LIBE)

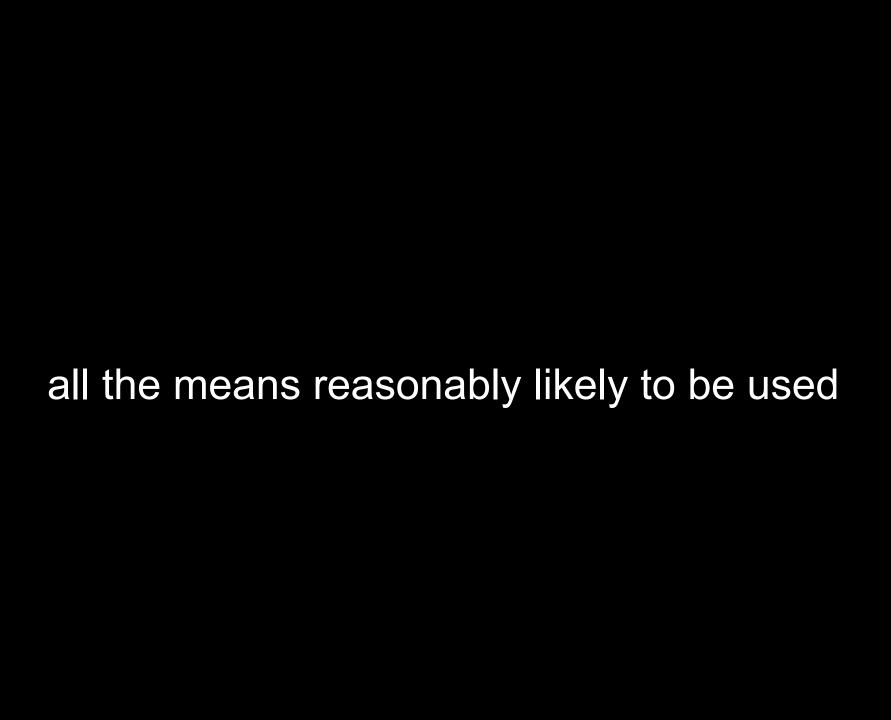
(2) 'personal data' means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, unique identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social or gender identity of that person;

95/46/EC

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Recital 26 23

(23) The principles of data protection should apply to any information concerning an identified or identifiable natural person. To determine whether a person is identifiable, account should be taken of all the means reasonably likely to be used either by the controller or by any other person to identify or single out the individual directly or indirectly. To ascertain whether means are reasonable likely to be used to identify the individual, account should be taken of all objective factors, such as the costs of and the amount of time required for identification, taking into consideration both available technology at the time of the processing and technological development. The principles of data protection should therefore not apply to anonymous data, which is information that does not relate to an identified or identifiable natural person. This Regulation does therefore not concern the processing of such anonymous data, including for statistical and research purposes.





'pseudonymous data' means personal data that cannot be attributed to a specific data subject without the use of additional information, as long as such additional information is kept separately and subject to technical and organisational measures to ensure non-attribution;

'encrypted data' means personal data, which through technological protection measures is rendered unintelligible to any person who is not authorised to access it;

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Art. 10 (LIBE)

Processing not allowing identification

- 1. If the data processed by a controller do not permit the controller or processor to directly or indirectly identify a natural person, or consist only of pseudonymous data, the controller shall not process or acquire additional information in order to identify the data subject for the sole purpose of complying with any provision of this Regulation.
- 2. Where the data controller is unable to comply with a provision of this Regulation because of paragraph 1, the controller shall not be obliged to comply with that particular provision of this Regulation. Where as a consequence the data controller is unable to comply with a request of the data subject, it shall inform the data subject accordingly.

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- (3/) The processing of personal data should equally be regarded as lawful where it is necessary to protect an interest which is essential for the data subject's life.
- (38) The legitimate interests of the controller, or in case of disclosure, by the third party to whom the data is disclosed, may provide a legal basis for processing, provided that they meet the reasonable expectations of the data subject based on his or her relationship with the controller and that the interests or the fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject are not overriding. This would need careful assessment in particular where the data subject is a child, given that children deserve specific protection. Provided that the interests or the fundamental rights and freedoms of the data subject are not overriding, processing limited to pseudonymous data should be presumed to meet the reasonable expectations of the data subject based on his or her relationship with the controller. The data subject should have the right to object the processing free of charge. To ensure transparency, the controller should be obliged to explicitly inform the data subject

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- (59) Restrictions on specific principles and on the rights of information, rectification and erasure or on the right of access and to obtain data, the right to object, profiling, as well as on the communication of a personal data breach to a data subject and on certain related obligations of the controllers may be imposed by Union or Member State law, as far as necessary and proportionate in a democratic

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Article 4

Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation:

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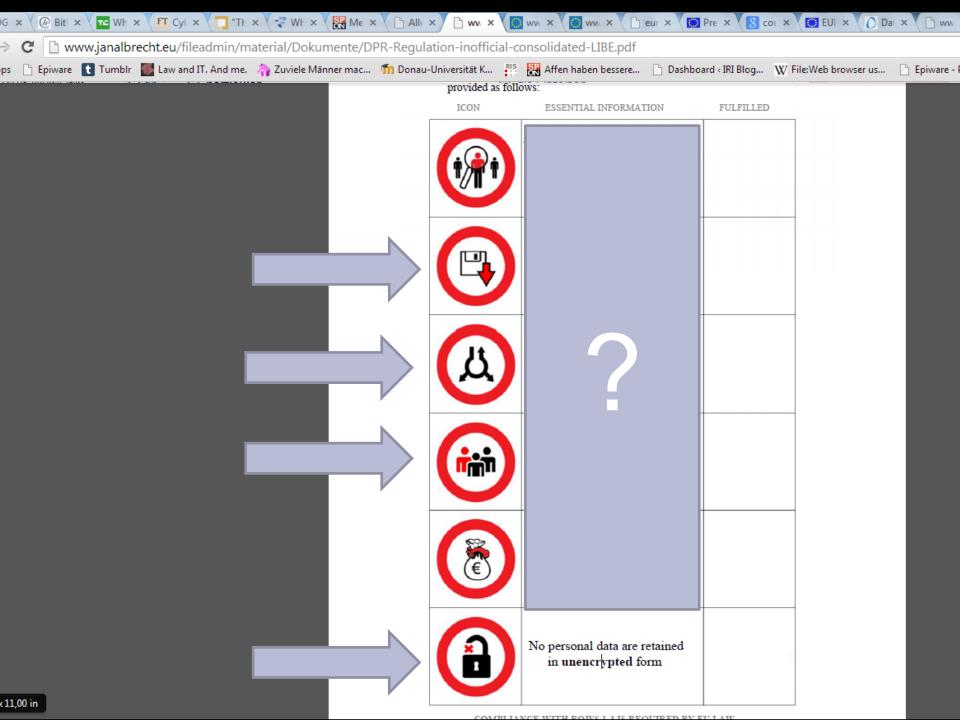
Article 13a Standardised information policies

- 1. Where personal data relating to a data subject are collected, the controller shall provide the data subject with the following particulars before providing information pursuant to Article 14: [...]
 - (f) whether personal data are retained in encrypted form.



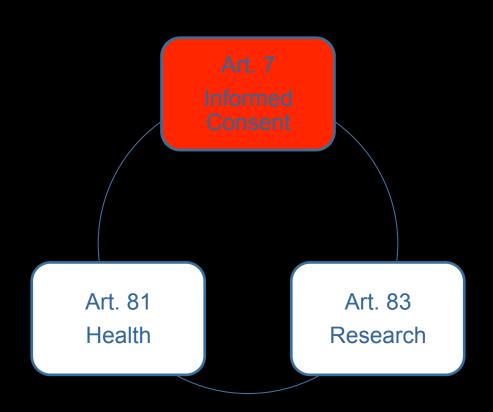
Art. 13a

2. The particulars referred to in paragraph 1 shall be presented pursuant to Annex X in an aligned tabular format, using text and symbols, in the following three columns:



Informed Consent?

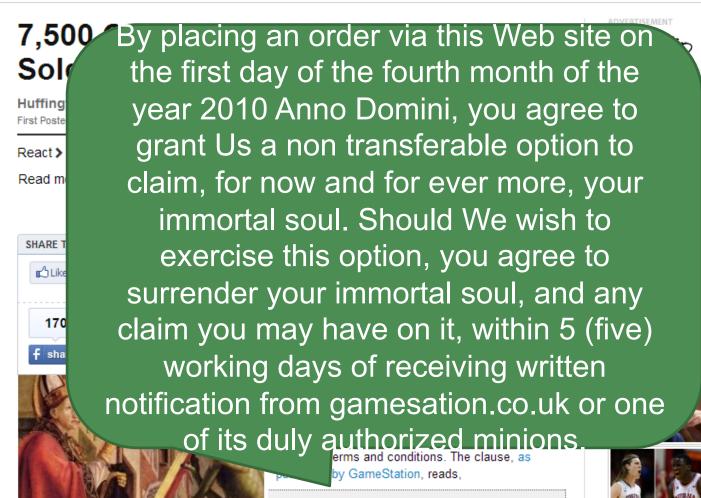
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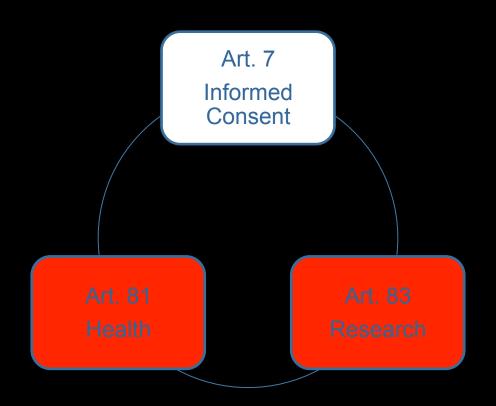
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Commission's Draft

- Art. 83
 - Personal data may be processed (without consent) if
 - (1) the research purpose can't be achieved by using anonymous data and
 - (2) the data is properly pseudonymised and
 - (3) the matching table is kept separately from the data
 - Personal data may be published (without consent) only if
 - it is provided that it
 - "is necessary to present research findings or to facilitate research
 - insofar as the interests or the fundamental rights or freedoms of the data subject do not override these interests"

Albrecht's Draft

- Art. 81 par 2a
- "Member States law may provide for exceptions to the requirement of consent for research, [...] with regard to research that serves an exceptionally high public interests [sic!], if that research cannot possibly be carried out otherwise. [...] Such processing shall be subject to prior authorisation of the competent supervisory authority, in accordance with Article 34(1).

Parliament's Version

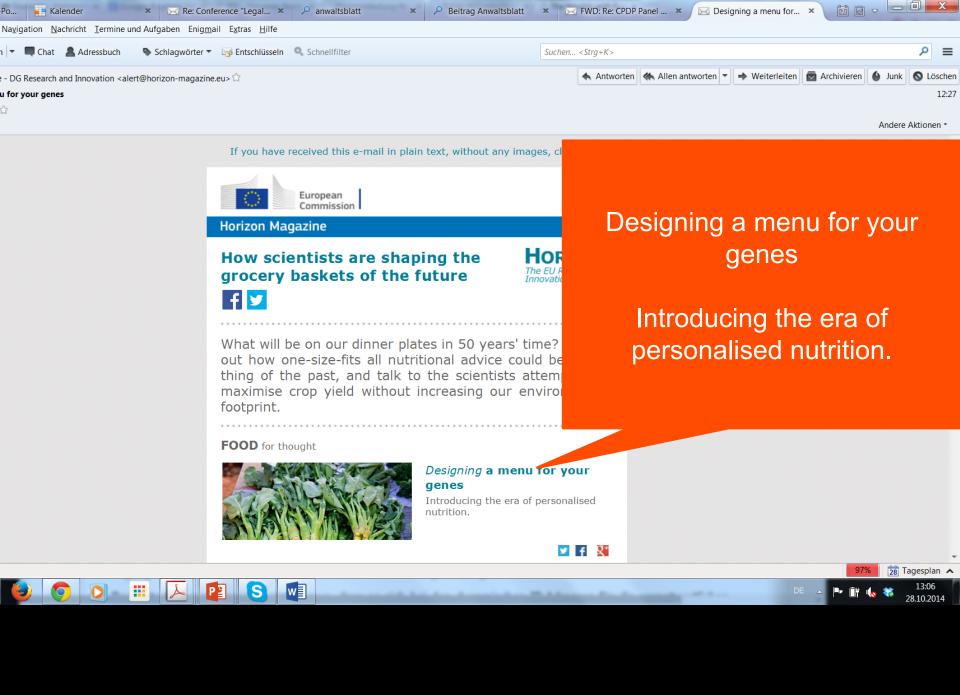
- Art. 81 par 2 "Processing of personal data concerning health which is necessary for [...] scientific research purposes shall be permitted only with the consent of the data subject, and shall be subject to the conditions and safeguards referred to in Article 83."
- Consent may be given for one or more specific and similar researches (art. 81 par 1b)
- Member states may provide for exceptions to this consent requirement, but only "with regard to research that serves a high public interest, if that research cannot possibly be carried out otherwise.

Outcome

- 28 Member States
- Everything unclear such as
 - Which requirements research needs to meet to serve a high public interest?
 - How to decide whether the research could not have been carried out otherwise?
- Increased (personal) liability risks
- Electronic Consent still not supported

Questions

- One regulation fits all?
- Personal Data?
- Clinical Trials Regulation?
- Patient Autonomy
 - E-consent
 - Patient-Portal?
 - E-Health
 - Data Security?



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