

# GDPR for SMEs: what you actually need to have

If you bought a GDPR compliance pack years ago, chances are nobody today knows whether it still works. The GDPR (Regulation EU 2016/679) and Spain's LOPDGDD have not changed the essentials, and Article 76 of the LOPDGDD keeps the real fine ceilings in place: up to 10 million euros or 2% of global turnover, and up to 20 million or 4% for the most serious cases. Here is what you actually need to have.

## The minimum that matters

Five pieces hold up real compliance. Without them, everything else is decoration.

- An up to date record of processing activities, not the one built in year one and never reopened.
- An identified lawful basis for each processing activity, not consent set as the default for everything.
- Signed data processing agreements with every processor that touches your data, including cloud providers.
- Clear information to customers and employees about what data you process and why.
- A procedure that can actually answer an access, rectification or erasure request within

the deadline.

## A breach does not wait

If you suffer a personal data breach, Article 33 of the GDPR gives you 72 hours to decide whether it must be reported to the supervisory authority. In Spain, the AEPD's free tool Asesora Brecha helps make that call without hiring outside counsel. Improvising on the day gets expensive.

## A folder is not compliance

A template pack sitting in a shared folder nobody reopens protects nobody, not in an inspection and not in a real breach. Compliance lives in what happens every week, not in what was signed once.

## Check it in an afternoon

Open your record and ask whether it describes what you do today. Check whether you have a signed agreement with your cloud provider. Ask someone on the team to simulate a customer request and time the response. The AEPD offers Facilita RGPD and Facilita EMPRENDE, two free tools built for small businesses that give an honest read in little time.

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