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# The DEFEND project started under the patronage of the EU

The project, financed by the European Union under the Horizon 2020 initiative, will deliver a software platform to empower organisations in different sectors to assess and comply to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The DEFEND project kicked off at the beginning of July 2018 and should come to completion within 30 months. DEFEND is an Innovation Action (IA) project, and as such its main focus will be on improving existing software tools and frameworks and developing new 'integration software', driven by market needs, to deliver a unique organizational data privacy governance platform. In particular, the project technical focus is on delivering the novel Data Privacy Governance for Supporting GDPR (DEFEND) platform, which supports organizational-focused privacy governance and addresses challenges faced by organisations when complying with GDPR.

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comply with the GDPR, have to implement in their processes, at a very low-level, different tools, solutions, and processes, so privacy is inherently integrated in these.

Therefore, DEFEND provides a solution that not only supports compliance of the relevant GDPR articles, but also fulfils special characteristics of needs that organisations might have. Although, the market is full of companies offering their services and tools for GDPR compliance, such solutions are mostly focused on providing generic approaches and frameworks that allow organisations to evaluate their current GDPR readiness level and propose some generic guidelines for moving towards

compliance. They do not however provide specific methods, techniques and tools to tackle the real GDPR challenges. It is therefore important to develop tools and methods to assist organisations to implement GDPR and to ensure that such methods and tools focus on solving the challenges that prevent organisations to achieve GDPR compliance but also support continuous compliance.

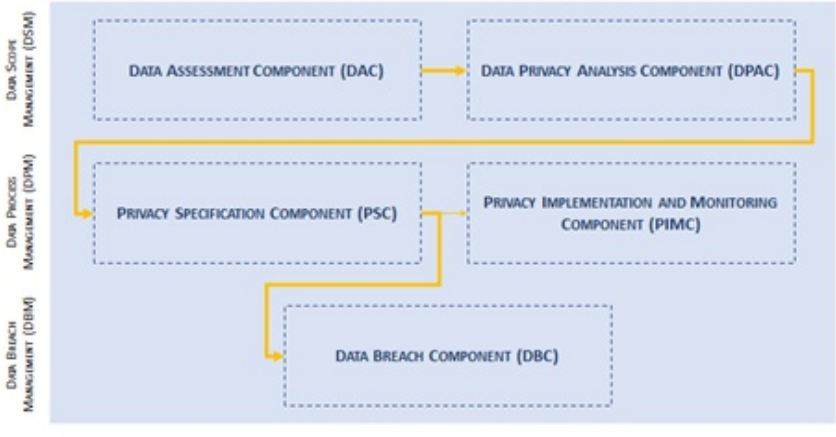
The DEFEND project targets a range of contributions to help achieve the overall impact of the "DS-08-2017: Cybersecurity PPP: Privacy, Data Protection, Digital Identities" EU Horizon 2020 call:

- Support for Fundamental Rights in Digital Society
- Increased Trust and Confidence in the Digital Single Market
- Increase in the use of privacy-by-design principles in ICT systems and services.



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These requirements will be addressed through a Privacy-by-Design approach that spans over two levels, the Planning Level and the Operational Level, and across three management areas, i.e. Data Scope, Data Process and Data Breach.



The DEFEND consortium is led by ATOS Spain company and includes 10 organizations from different countries of the EU: it comprises a hospital (Fundacion Hospital Infantil Universitario Niño Jesus - Spain), universities (University of Brighton - UK and Ionian University - Greece),

public administrations (Pesthera Municipality - Bulgaria) and private companies (ATOS - Spain, Maticmind/Business-E - Italy, ABILab - Italy, Bird & Bird LLP - UK, PDM e FC Projecto Desenvolvimento Manutencao Formacao e Consultoria da - Portugal, GridPocket SAS - France).

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