

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

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The European Union will apply by end of May 2018 a new law, called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). It is intended to uniformize and to reinforce the protection of personal data for all people living in the 28 countries of the Union.

The new rules give more rights to people and more duties to companies, associations and institutions that deliver services in Europe, whatever their location. Genealogy is concerned in a particular manner. Since years, genealogists capture personal information about families and their ancestors. DNA has become a terrific resource to guide such a research. Necessarily, genealogy services proposed in Europe will have to adapt their features and maybe their value proposition. The presentation focuses on the personal data we use in genealogy, the restrictions and the features GDPR imposes.