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Community Group (DPVCG) proudly presents...

# Data Privacy Vocabulary



(DPV)  
Version 2.0

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Better!  
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# Why do we need ‘Legal Metadata’ ???



You need it to express processes  
and control them at a granular level

You need it to model documents  
and information like contracts

You need it to enable user agents  
for *humans* to manage decisions



And of course you need it to  
manage legal compliance

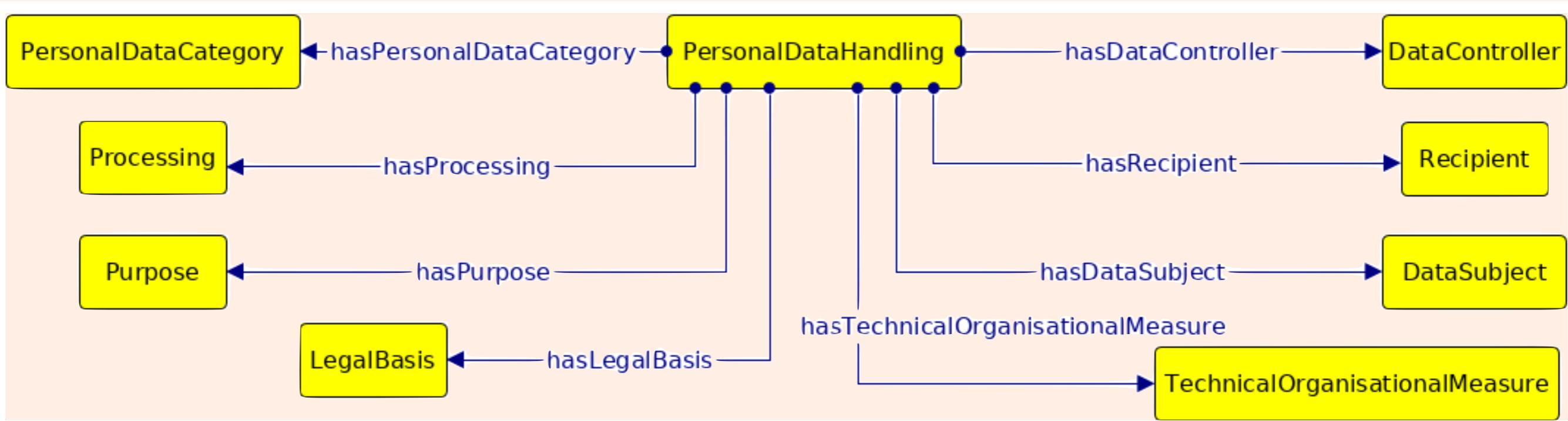


**The W3C Data Privacy Vocabularies and Controls Community Group (DPVCG)**

The SPECIAL project launched the W3C Data Privacy Vocabularies and Controls Community Group (DPVCG) to develop a community that can create and maintain such legal metadata, based on EU GDPR

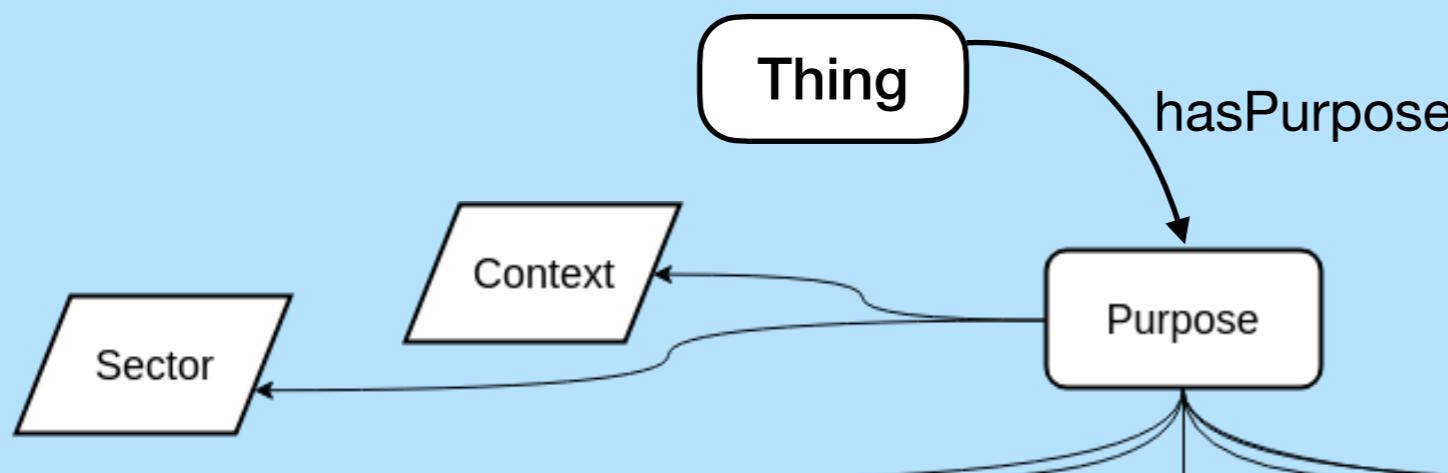
The DPVCG quickly attracted ontologists, computer scientists, lawyers, authorities, NGOs, academics, industry stakeholders, students, researchers, and basically formed a melting pot of expertise.

## 'Data Privacy Vocabulary' (DPV)

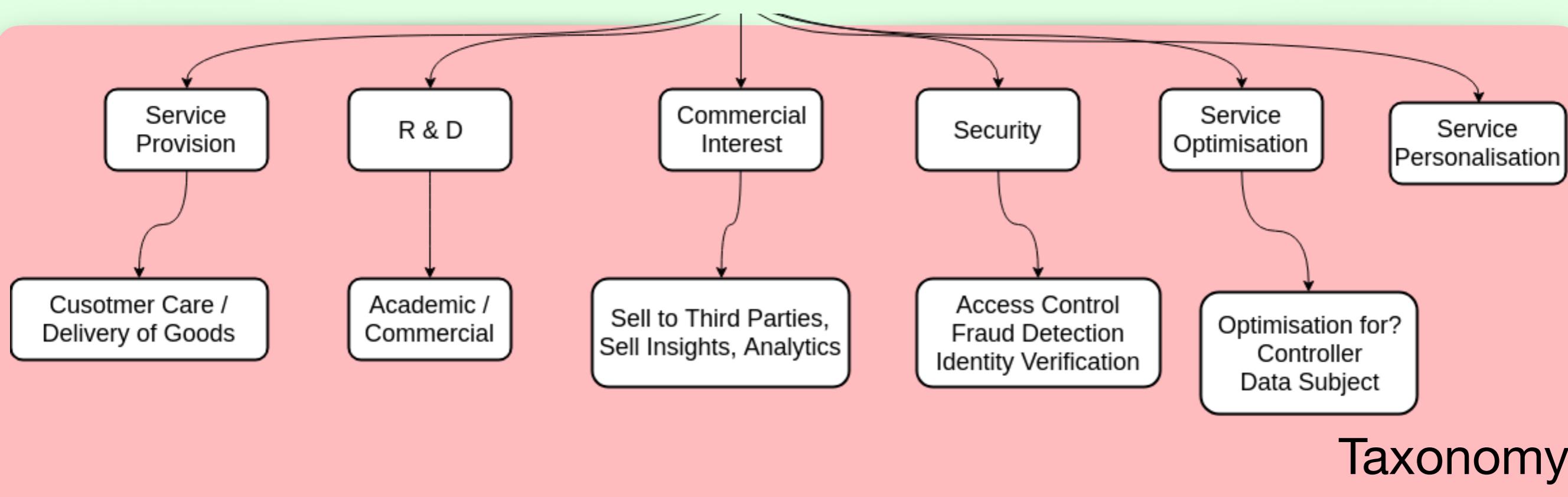


The DPVCG created the Data Privacy Vocabulary to provide an ‘ontological model’ for personal data being processed, and a ‘taxonomical vocabulary’ to support its effective use in practical settings.

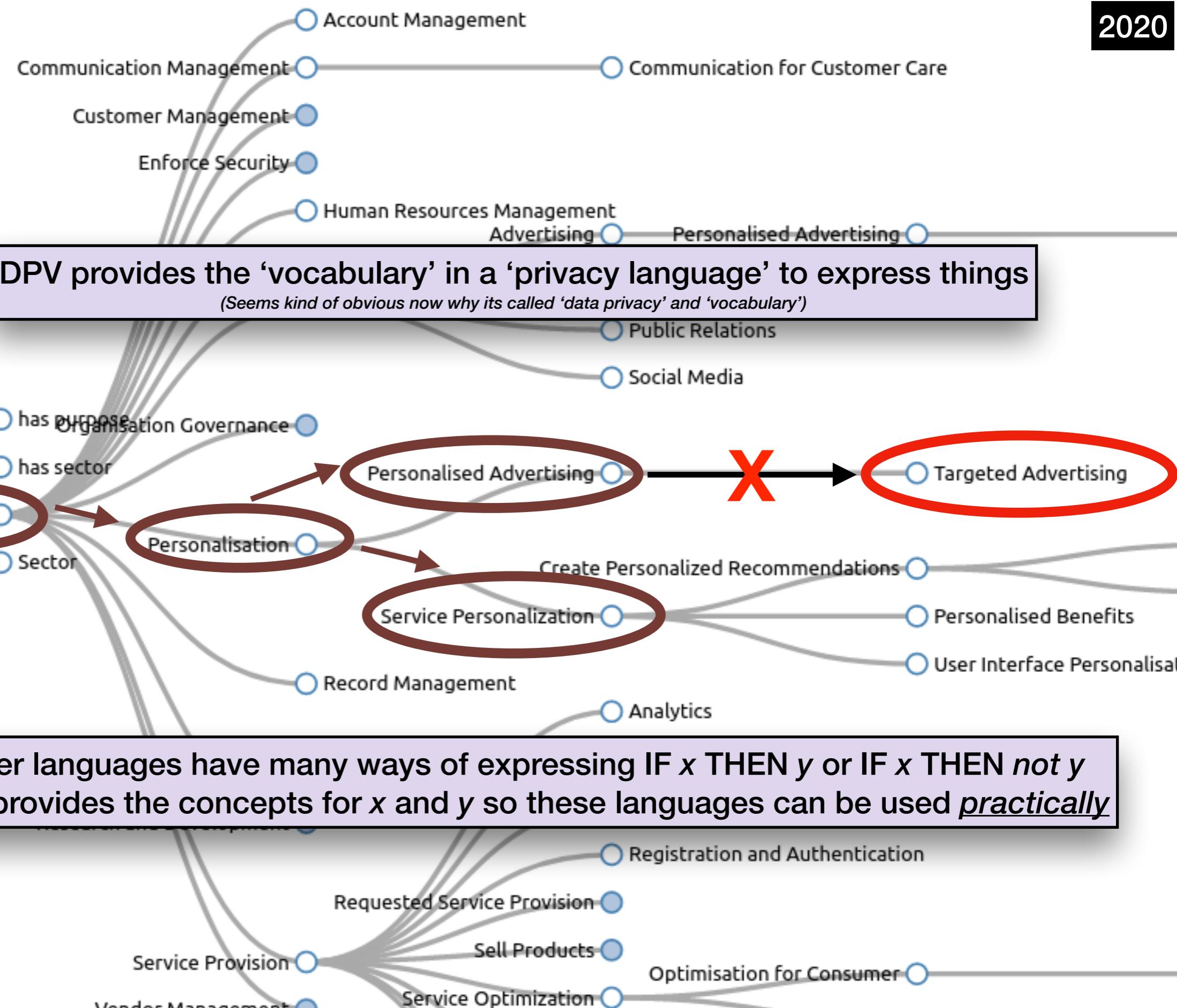
## Ontology



To put it simply, DPV is a two layered approach to create an ‘ontology’ for modelling the domain (T-box) and providing taxonomies to express use-cases in the domain (A-box)



## Taxonomy



# Data Privacy Vocabulary (DPV)

version 1

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Approx. ~2100 ‘hand-crafted’ concepts;

**DPV-GDPR: GDPR Extension for DPV**

version 1

Modelled GDPR specific concepts in a separate namespace

**DPV-PD: Extended Personal Data categories for DPV**

Extensive taxonomy of personal data categories for use with DPV concepts

**DPV-LEGAL: Extension providing Jurisdictions, Laws, and Authorities for DPV**

version 0.8.2

DRAFT concepts representing laws, authorities, inter-country agreements

**DPV-TECH: Extension providing Technology concepts for DPV**

version 0.8.2

DRAFT concepts representing provision methods, stakeholders, networking

# BUT... People wanted to use DPV in two completely different ways!

**DPV assertions:** dpv:hasPurpose rdfs:range dpv:Purpose .

**Method 1: Direct use of DPV concepts**

ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose dpv:Marketing .

**Method 2: Instantiating DPV concepts**

ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose ex:SpecificMarketing .  
ex:SpecificMarketing a dpv:Marketing .

**Method 3: Extending DPV concepts**

ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose ex:SpecificMarketing .  
ex:SpecificMarketing rdfs:subClassOf dpv:Marketing .

dpv:Marketing a dpv:Purpose

dpv:Marketing rdfs:subClassOf  
dpv:Purpose

So how do we enable both uses???

We provide DPV with two serialisations:  
SKOS+RDFS  
and OWL



These are not ontologists! We can't  
“teach them the correct way”...

# SKOS+RDFS Default serialisation / semantics

## DPV assertions:

dpv:Marketing, dpv:DirectMarketing a rdfs:Class, dpv:Purpose .  
dpv:DirectMarketing skos:broader dpv:Marketing .

✗ Simple reasoning



## Method 1: Direct use of DPV concepts

ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose dpv:Marketing .



Can directly use DPV concepts

## Method 2+3: Instantiating DPV concepts

ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose ex:Marketing2 .  
ex:Marketing2 a dpv:Purpose ;  
skos:broader dpv:Marketing .



Can create ‘instances’

Use DPV as is

## Method 2+3: Extending DPV concepts

ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose ex:Marketing2 .  
ex:Marketing2 a dpv:Purpose ; skos:broader ex:Marketing .



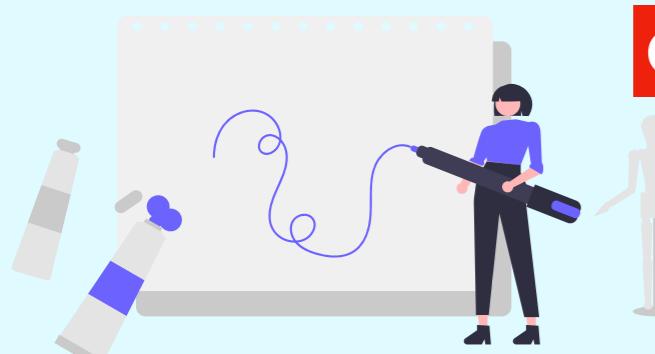
Can extend in use-case

Provided under a different namespace **OWL**

Complex reasoning



DPV assertions:  
dpv:Marketing a rdfs:Class; rdfs:subClassOf dpv:Purpose .  
dpv:DirectMarketing a rdfs:Class; rdfs:subClassOf dpv:Marketing .



Cannot directly use DPV concepts



Method 1: Direct use of DPV concepts  
ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose dpv:Marketing .

Can create ‘instances’



Method 2: Instantiating DPV concepts  
ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose ex:Marketing2 .  
ex:Marketing2 a dpv:Marketing .

Requires ontology  
re-engineering

Cannot extend

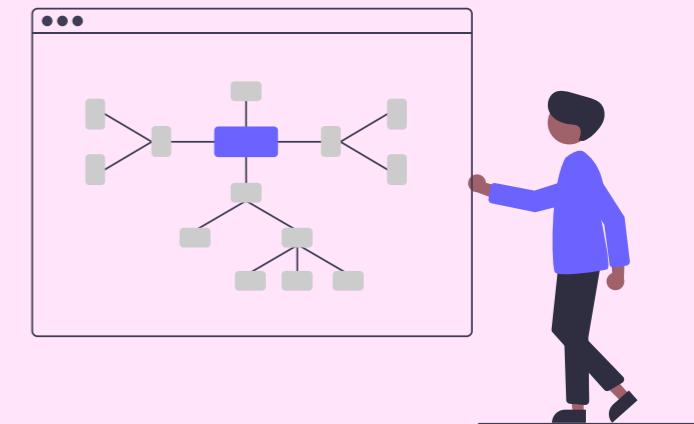


Method 3: Extending DPV concepts  
ex:Thing dpv:hasPurpose ex:Marketing2 .  
ex:Marketing2 rdfs:subClassOf ex:Marketing .

# New laws adopted ... How to use DPV for those?



Laws are scoped to a particular jurisdiction. How to model different laws across different jurisdictions?



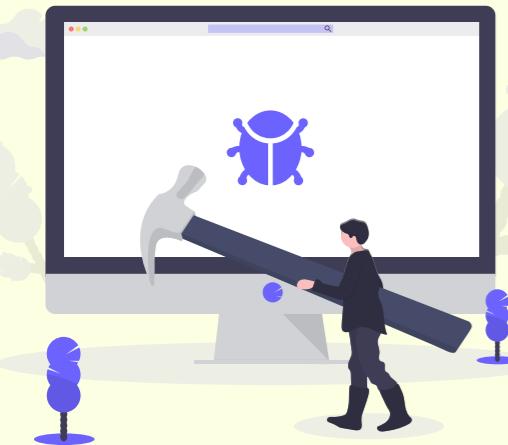
Some laws address personal and non-personal data. Some address technologies using personal data.



Organisations need practical stuff like risk management and security reporting

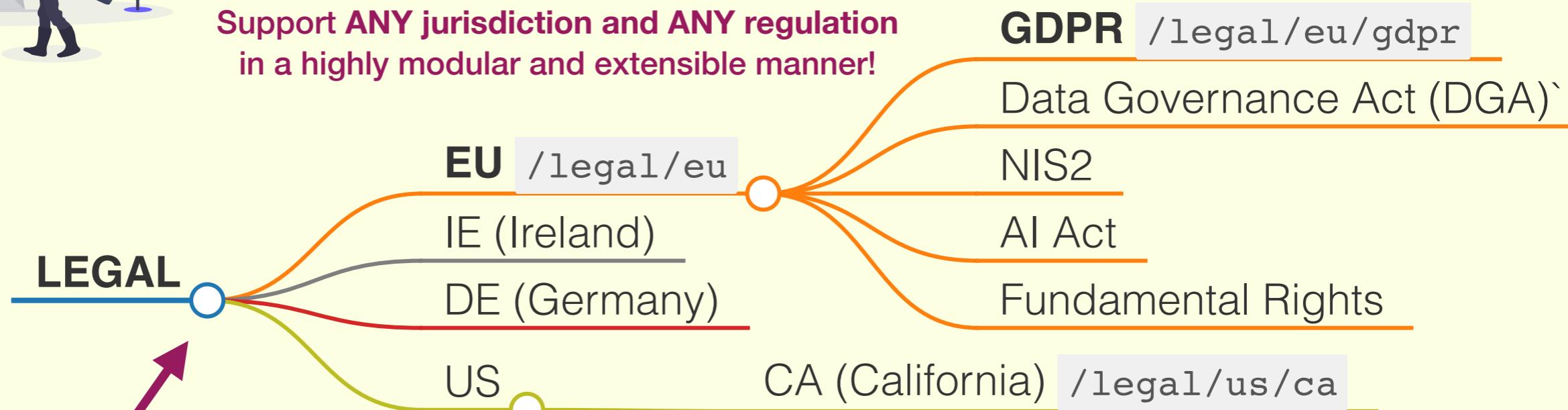


Need of the hour: Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies - how do we represent these same concepts like purpose, data, security for AI?



# Modular Legal Namespaces

Support ANY jurisdiction and ANY regulation in a highly modular and extensible manner!



Provide a list of (privacy, data protection, AI) laws in these jurisdictions and the authorities they represent as a knowledge graph

Define ISO 3166-2 location concepts and using these state EU 27 countries / EEA 30 countries

## Location concepts

§ 5. Authorities					§ 4. Laws					
ID	Name	Jurisdictions	Laws	Webpage	ID	Name	Jurisdictions	Authorities	Webpage	Start/End
legal-de:DPA-DE	The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information	Germany	legal-de:law-BDSG legal-eu:law-GDPR	<a href="#">link</a>	legal-de:DPA-DE	Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG)	Germany	legal-de:DPA-DE, legal-de:DPA-DE-BB, legal-de:DPA-DE-BE, legal-de:DPA-DE-BY-non-public, legal-de:DPA-DE-BY-public, legal-de:DPA-DE-HB, legal-de:DPA-DE-HE, legal-de:DPA-DE-HH, legal-de:DPA-DE-MV, legal-de:DPA-DE-NI, legal-de:DPA-DE-NW, legal-de:DPA-DE-RP, legal-de:DPA-DE-SH, legal-de:DPA-DE-SL, legal-de:DPA-DE-SN, legal-de:DPA-DE-ST, legal-de:DPA-DE-TH	<a href="#">link</a>	2019-11-20/ongoing
legal-de:DPA-DE-BB	The state representative for data protection and the right to inspect files in Brandenburg	Brandenburg, Germany	legal-de:law-BDSG legal-de:law-BE-BbgDSG legal-eu:law-GDPR	<a href="#">link</a>						
legal-de:DPA-DE-BE	Berlin Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information	Berlin, Germany	legal-de:law-BDSG legal-de:law-BE-BlnDSG legal-eu:law-GDPR	<a href="#">link</a>						

# Risk Management

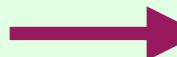
7. **risk:Damage**: Impact that acts as or causes damage
- risk:CorruptionData**: Corruption of Data
  - risk:DamageByThirdParty**: Damage by a third party
  - risk:DataBreach**: Data Breach [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:EquipmentFailure**: Equipment Failure
  - risk:FinancialLoss**: Financial Loss [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:Harm**: Impact that acts as or causes harm
  - - risk:AbusiveContentUtilisation**: Abusive Content Utilisation
    - risk:AttackonPrivateLife**: Attack on Private Life
    - risk:Blackmail**: Blackmail [go to full definition](#)
    - risk:ChildViolence**: Child Violence
    - risk:Coercion**: Coercion [go to full definition](#)
    - risk:CompromiseAccount**: Compromised Account
    - risk:CompromiseAccountCredit**: Compromised Account Credit
    - risk:DangertoCustomers**: Danger to Customers
    - risk:DangertoPersonnel**: Danger to Personnel
    - risk:Discrimination**: Discrimination

## Risk / Impact taxonomy



# Legal Requirements

1. **risk:IncidentStatus**: Status associated with an incident
- risk:IncidentConcluded**: The incident has been fully mitigated and with a low likelihood of reoccurrence
  - risk:IncidentHalted**: The incident has been stopped
  - risk:IncidentMitigated**: The incident has been mitigated and will not happen again
  - risk:IncidentNearMiss**: The situation was "near miss" or very close" [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:IncidentOngoing**: The incident is still ongoing



Severity of impact	Serious harm	Low risk	High risk	High risk
	Some impact	Low risk	Medium risk	High risk
Minimal impact	Low risk	Low risk	Low risk	
	Remote	Reasonable possibility	More likely than not	
Likelihood of harm				

ISO 31000 series risk concepts  
Risk Level = Severity x Likelihood



Statuses for representing incidents  
Document security incident, data breaches  
Indicate what data was affected, how

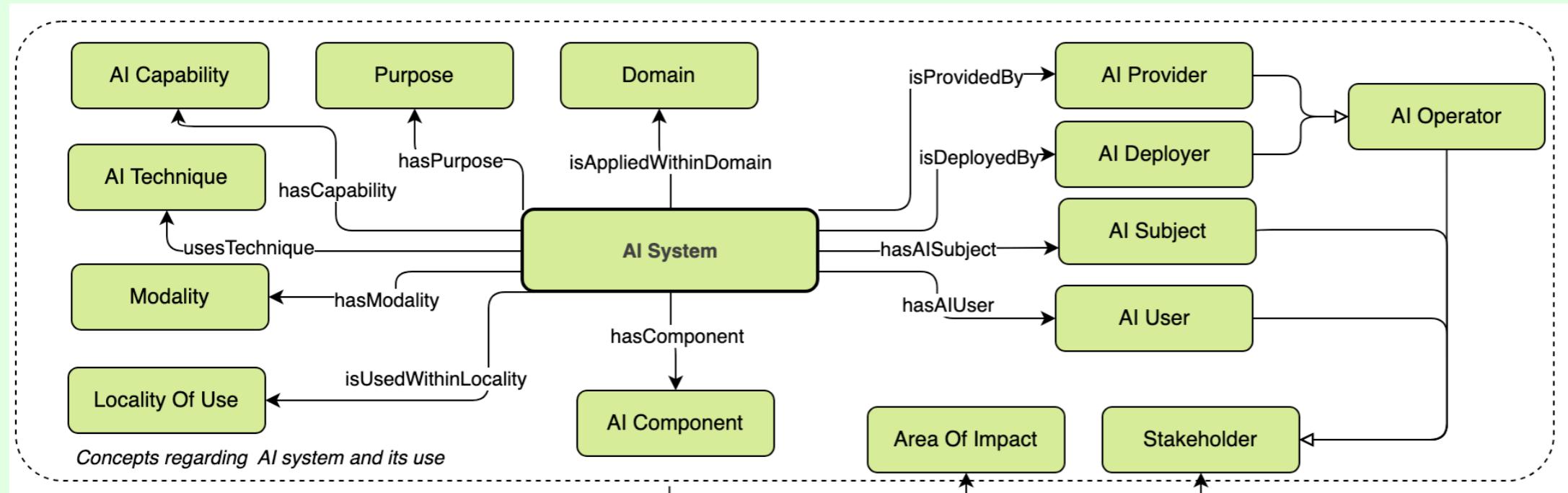
ex: IN12 a **risk:Incident** ;  
**dpv:hasPersonalData** pd:**EmailAddress** ;  
**dpv:hasTechnicalMeasure** dpv:**Encryption** ;  
*# Expressing duration using method 1: Duration*  
**dpv:hasDuration** [  
    a **dpv:UntilEventDuration** ;  
    dct:**description** "Incident continued until 2023-05-24" ;  
];  
*# Expressing duration using method 2: Temporal*  
**dct:temporal** "2023-05-24/2023-05-26" ;  
**dpv:hasStatus** **risk:IncidentConcluded** .

1. **risk:RiskMatrix3x3**: A Risk Matrix with 3x3 grid
- risk:RM3x3S1L1**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: Low [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S1L2**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: Low [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S1L3**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: Moderate [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S2L1**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: Low [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S2L2**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: Moderate [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S2L3**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: High [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S3L1**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: Moderate [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S3L2**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: High [go to full definition](#)
  - risk:RM3x3S3L3**: Node in a 3x3 Risk Matrix Level: High [go to full definition](#)



# AI & AI Act Extension

We increased the scope of our concepts from *personal data* to *any data or technology*



3.8	Risk Sources
3.8.1	Attack
3.8.2	Adversarial Attack
3.8.3	Data Poisoning
3.8.4	Model Evasion
3.8.5	Model Inversion
3.8.6	Data Risk Source
3.8.7	Error In Data Collection
3.8.8	Error In Data Preparation
3.8.9	Input Data Risk Source
3.8.10	Erroneous Input Data
3.8.11	Test Data Risk Source

3.3	AI Capabilities
3.3.1	Audio Processing
3.3.2	Sound Source Separation
3.3.3	Sound Synthesis
3.3.4	Speaker Recognition
3.3.5	Speech Recognition
3.3.6	Speech Synthesis
3.3.7	Automatic Summarisation
3.3.8	Behaviour Analysis
3.3.9	Biometric Categorisation
3.3.10	Biometric Identification
3.3.11	Computer Vision

Based on

- "AIRO: An Ontology for Representing AI Risks Based on the Proposed EU AI Act and ISO Risk Management Standards" by Golpayegani et al.
- "To Be High-Risk, or Not To Be-Semantic Specifications and Implications of the AI Act's High-Risk AI Applications and Harmonised Standards" by Golpayegani et al.

# Who is using DPV? What are they doing?

Year	Mention	Use	Ext. Contrib.	Domain	Effort
2020	X			Health	N/A
2020	X			Media	N/A
2020	X				N/A
2020		X			++
2020		X		Health	++
2020		X	X		++
2021	X			Health	N/A
2021	X				N/A
2021	X				++
2021	X			Smart products	+
2021		X	X		+
2022	X				N/A
2022	X		X		N/A
2022		X	X		+
2022	X			Health	N/A
2022	X				+
2022	X			IoT	+
2022	X			Health	+

Creating a **vocabulary** for **data privacy**: The first-year report of **data privacy vocabularies** and controls community group (DPVCG)

HJ Pandit, A Polleres, B Bos, R Brennan... - On the Move to ..., 2019 - Springer

... ) was set up to jointly develop such **vocabularies** towards interoperability in the context of **data privacy**. This paper presents the resulting **Data Privacy Vocabulary** (DPV), along with a ...

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(At the time of writing the paper we had 81 citations)

We looked at how much *Effort* it would take for these works to integrate the changes made in DPV.

Most works only required minor changes in changed concepts (+ in table), other works required changing IRIs to the new formats as they were using an old pre-v1.0 draft version of the DPV.

2 🏆 Prototyping an End-User User Interface for the Solid Application Interoperability Specification

under GDPR by H Bailly, A Papanna, R Brennan wins **Best In-Use Paper award** at ESWC 2023 🏆

2023 | X | Smart cities | +

2 🏆 Using Patterns to Manage Governance of Solid Apps by B. Esteves, H. Pandit wins **Best Paper award** at Workshop on Ontology Patterns (WOP), ISWC 2023 🏆

2 🏆 Implementing ISO/IEC TS 27560: 2023 Consent Records and Receipts for GDPR and DGA by H. Pandit, J. Lindquist, G. P. Krog wins **Best Paper award** at Annual Privacy Forum 2024 organised by European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) and EU Commission 🏆

# Are projects\* and the industry using DPV?

EU Horizon Projects

SPECIAL TRAPEZE

MOSAICrOWN

smashHit FAIRVASC

PROTECT ITN

Industry

Signatu Inrupt JLINC

Athumi / Solid Lab

Spotlight: Signatu's use of DPV  
(Georg P. Krog)

## Signatu: Practical Implementation

[Signatu](#) provides a practical solution for implementing ISO/IEC TS 27560:2023 using the Data Privacy Taxonomy for GDPR and DGA compliance. [Signatu's](#) Legal Compliance and Consent Management Platforms offer tools for creating, managing, and exchanging consent records and receipts in line with the latest standards.

Here's an overview of the Data Processing Specification for the "Email Newsletter":

- **Name:** Email Newsletter
- **Purpose:** To distribute regular updates, promotions, and information to subscribers via email.
- **Purpose Category:** dpv:DirectMarketing
- **Personal Data Collected:**
  - Email address
  - Name (optional)

**Legal Basis:** Consent

Now, let's map the personal data to the DPV personal data categories:

- **Email address** corresponds to pd:EmailAddress
- **Name** corresponds to pd:Name

Would you like to proceed with this overview, or do you have any changes?

### Data Entry Chatbot

To distribute regular updates, promotions, and information to subscribers via email.

Detailed information and settings

What is the purpose of collecting data?	Which data do we collect?	What is the legal basis of the purpose?	What is the benefit for you?	Who receives the data?
To distribute regular updates, promotions, and information to subscribers	Email address, Name	Art.6(1-a) consent	Receive newsletter	MailChimp <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

[Generate Consent Notice](#)

Description of Data \*  
Email address, Name

Data Categories

<b>Email Address</b> dpv:PersonalData / pd:EmailAddress Information about Email address.
<b>Name</b> dpv:PersonalData / pd:Name

### Taxonomy Representation

```

    "dpv:hasProcess" : [ 1 item
      0 : { 3 items
        "@type" : string "dpv:DecisionProcess"
        "dpv:hasRecipient" : [ 1 item
          0 : string "company:657"
        ]
      }
    ]
    "dpv:hasConsentStatus" : [ 1 item
      0 : { 2 items
        "@type" : [ 2 items
          0 : string "dpv:ConsentRefused"
          1 : string "dpv:ExpressedConsent"
        ]
      }
    ]
    "dpv:isIndicatedAtTime" : string "2024-10-16T13:07:12."
  
```

[Generate Consent Records with Events](#)

\* These are the projects we know about. Most uses of DPV go unreported, and DPV is also commonly referenced in footnotes and inline text which we do not have a way to track. Projects also contained industry partners.

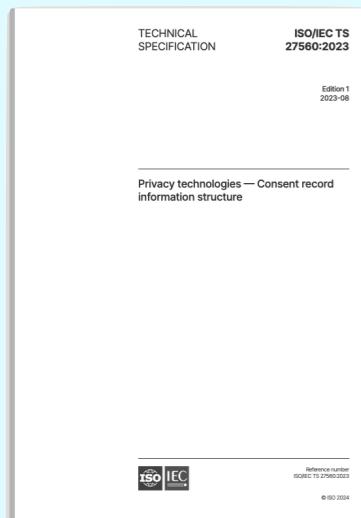
[https://www.w3.org/community/dpvvcg/wiki/Adoption\\_of\\_DPVCG](https://www.w3.org/community/dpvvcg/wiki/Adoption_of_DPVCG)

# Use of DPV in Standards

2021

DPV's consent modeling and concepts are used to develop ISO/IEC TS 27560:2023 standard

2023



## ISO/IEC TS 27560:2023

Privacy technologies — Consent record information structure

Published (Edition 1, 2023)

**DPV is directly used in an ISO standard for representing consent records/receipts as Linked Data.**

2024

## Consent Records and Receipts as per ISO/IEC TS 27560:2023 using DPV

Final Community Group Report 01 August 2024

**DPVCG provides an implementation guide for representing consent records/receipts**

<https://w3id.org/dpv/guides/consent-27560>

### EXAMPLE 39: Example of a Consent Record

```
{
  "@id": "https://example.com/a6f58318-72e6-4a0d-8f3c-0760c9ba",
  "@type": "dpv:ConsentRecord",
  "dct:identifier": "a6f58318-72e6-4a0d-8f3c-0760c9ba",
  "dct:conformsTo": "https://w3id.org/dpv/guides/consent-27560",
  "dpv:hasDataSubject": {
    "@id": "0760c9ba",
    "skos:broader": "dpv:Consumer"
  },
  "dpv:hasDataController": "ex:AcmeCorp",
  "dpv:hasDataProcessor": "ex:BetaCorp",
  "dpv:hasJurisdiction": "loc:IE",
  "dpv:hasApplicableLaw": "eu-gdpr",
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    "dpv:hasRecipient": ["ex:AcmeCorp"],
    "dpv:hasPurpose": "dpv:Payment",
    "dpv:hasPersonalData": "pd:Email",
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        "dpv:hasLocation": ["loc:IE"]
      }, {
        "@type": "dpv:StorageDuration",
        "dpv:hasDuration": "P6M"
      }, {
        "@type": "dpv:StorageDelete",
        "dpv:hasDuration": "P1M"
      }
    ],
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  }
},
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And then we released DPV version 2.0 on 1 AUG 2024...

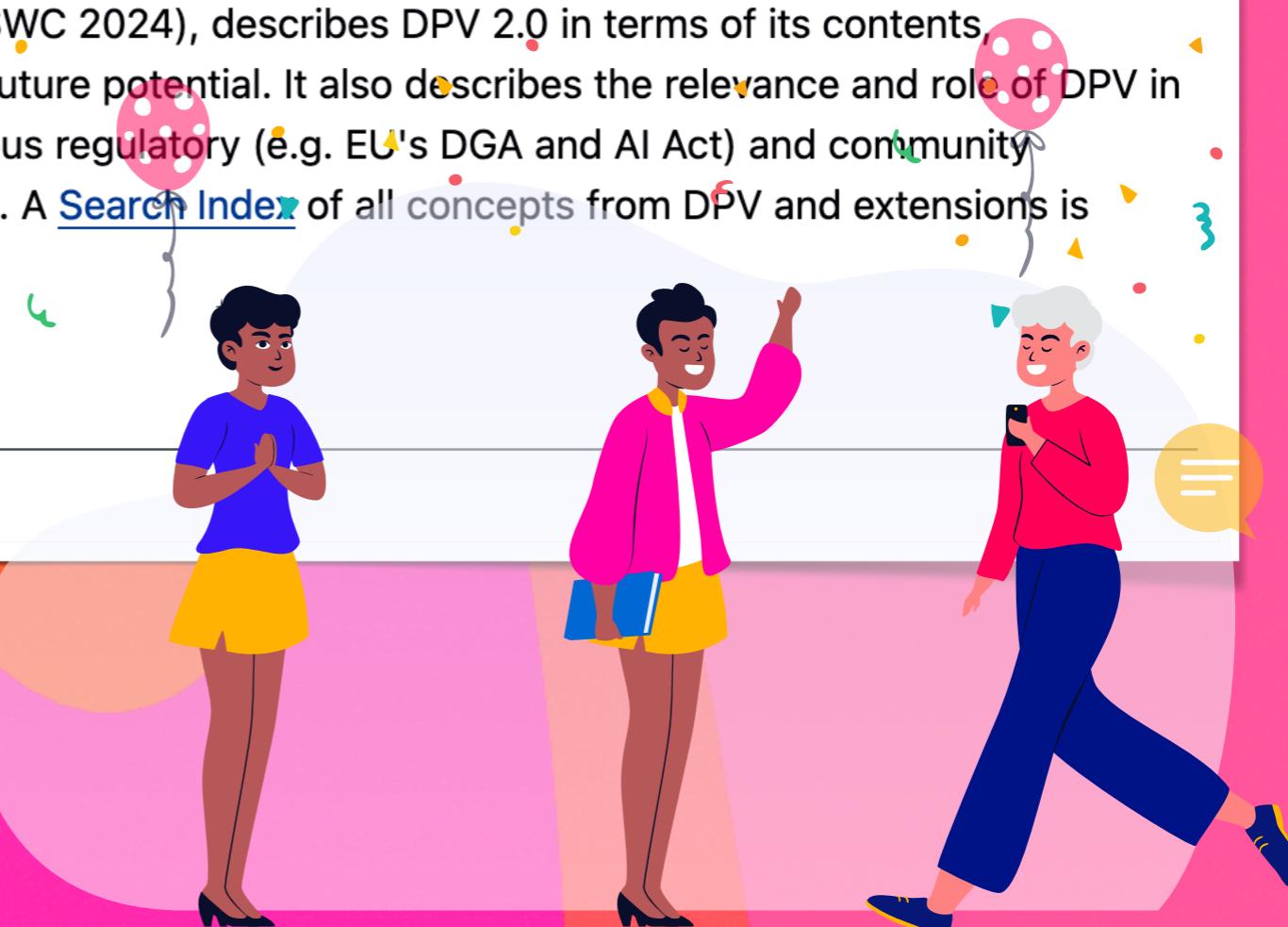
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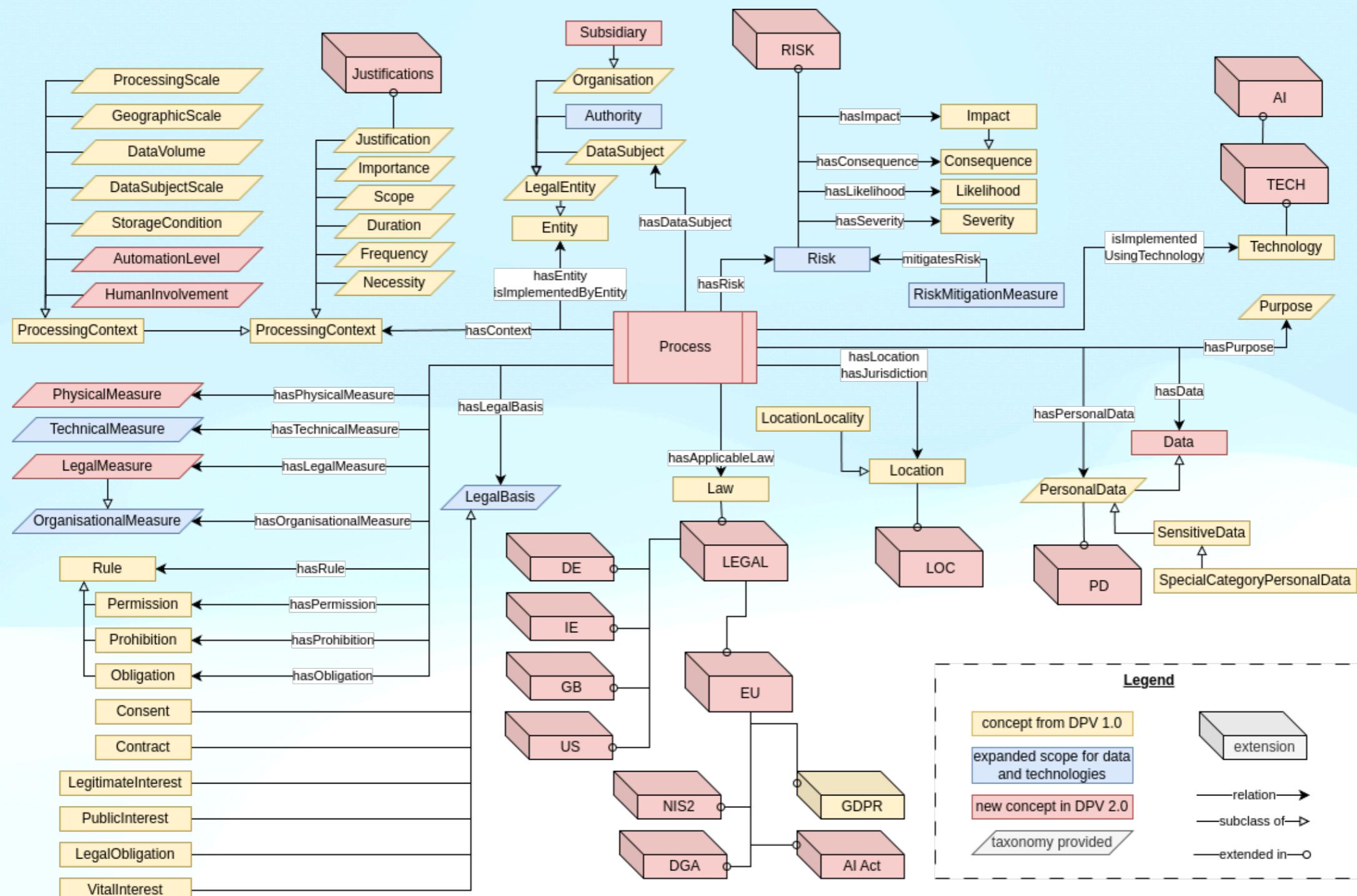
The DPVCG is proud to present **DPV version 2.0** - a major release that significantly improves and expands the scope and usefulness as compared to DPV 1.0.

The article [Data Privacy Vocabulary \(DPV\) -- Version 2](#) by Pandit et al. (2024), accepted for presentation at the 23rd International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2024), describes DPV 2.0 in terms of its contents, methodology, current adoptions and uses, and future potential. It also describes the relevance and role of DPV in acting as a common vocabulary to support various regulatory (e.g. EU's DGA and AI Act) and community initiatives (e.g. Solid) emerging across the globe. A [Search Index](#) of all concepts from DPV and extensions is available.

## Summary of Changes

### Major Changes





2394 concepts (with 2198 classes and 196 properties)

<https://w3id.org/dpv/2.0/changelog>

# What's coming next?

DPV 2.1 is scheduled for release in JAN'25 with ~6000 concepts - a 3x increase!



**Come join us in the W3C Data Privacy Vocabularies and Controls Community Group (DPVCG) !!!**

Find a short intro at <https://www.dpvcg.org/>

## Primer

Data Privacy Vocabulary (DPV)

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<https://w3id.org/dpv/primer>

**IEEE SA** STANDARDS ASSOCIATION

IEEE

IEEE P7012

**IEEE Draft Standard for Machine Readable Personal Privacy Terms**

IEEE P7012 is using DPV to express terms

More Jurisdictions

AI taxonomies

ODRL alignment

Risks/Impacts

AI Act compliance

Guidance for using DCAT and PROV

New ISO standard proposed based on DPV modelling of Legal Bases

Machine-Actionable Rights



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