

GDPR FINES NEWSLETTER

GDPR Fines Overview

The General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 is a regulation in EU law on data protection and privacy in the European Union and the European Economic Area.

530 fines have been given out until today. The overall cumulative total of data protection fines now stands at **275 187 314€**.

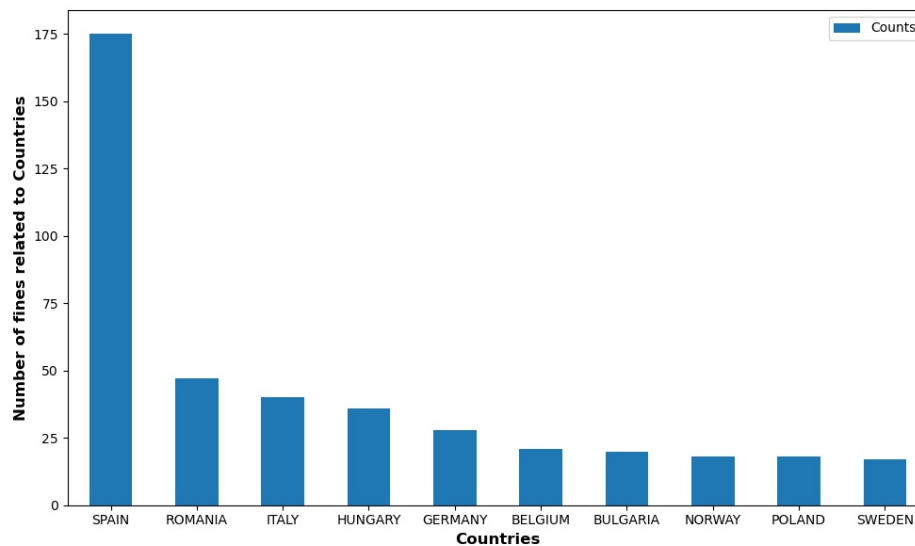


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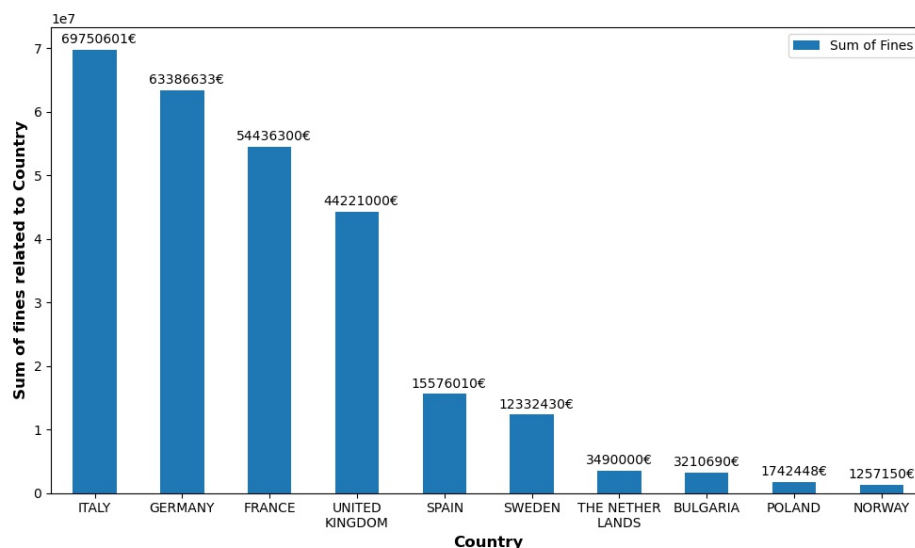


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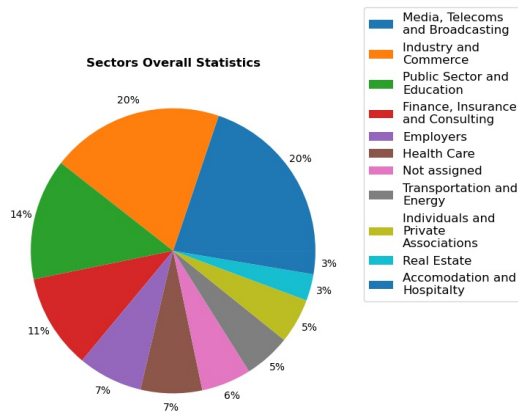


Figure 3. Top 10 Sectors on piechart with the highest number of fines

Overall sum of fines per sector	
Sector	Sum of Fines (€)
Media, Telecoms and Broadcasting	119004365
Industry and Commerce	6855822
Public Sector and Education	4424063
Finance, Insurance and Consulting	16033935
Employers	47796477
Health Care	8921521
Not assigned	910858
Transportation and Energy	34499400
Individuals and Private Associations	849596
Real Estate	14956270
Accommodation and Hospitality	20935007

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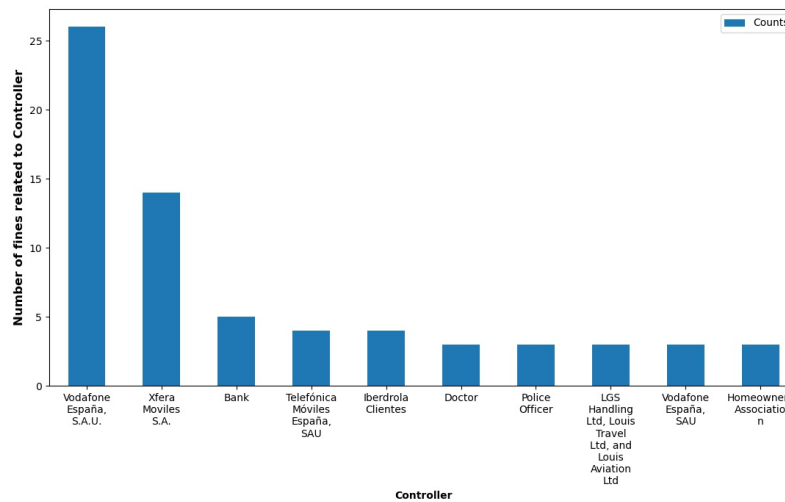


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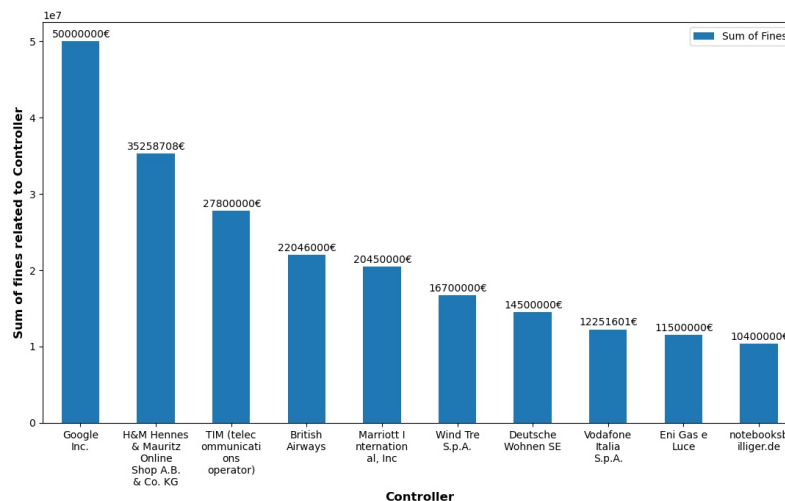


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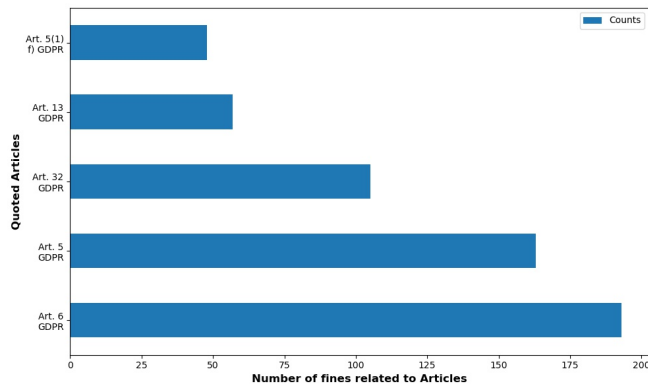


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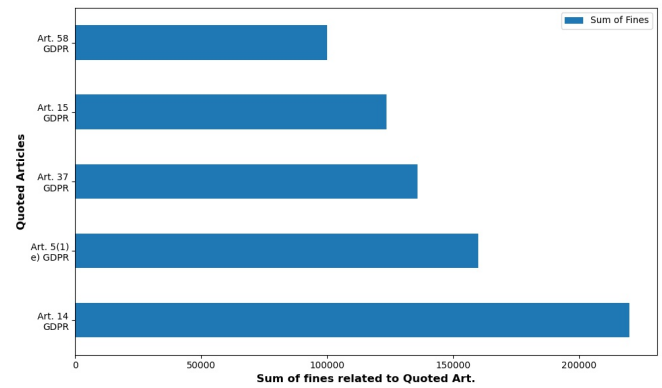


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Analysis on GDPR enforcement over years

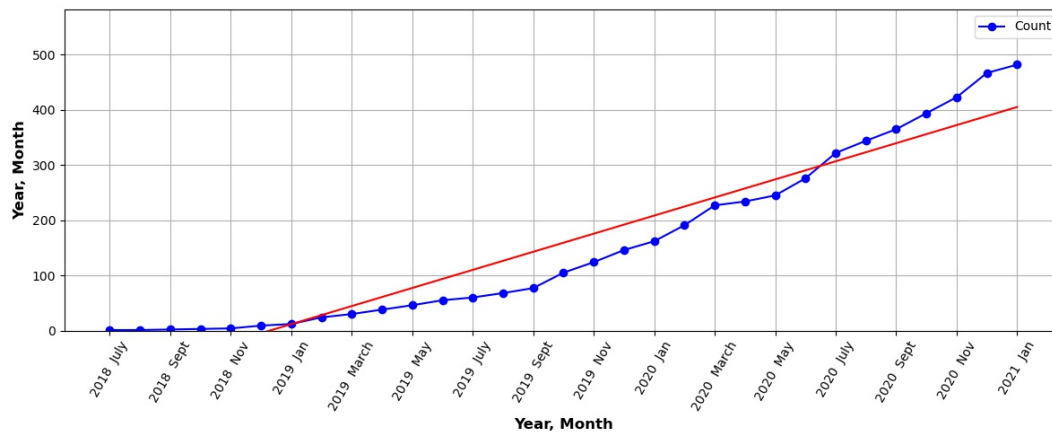


Figure 9. Overall Number of Fines (cumulative)

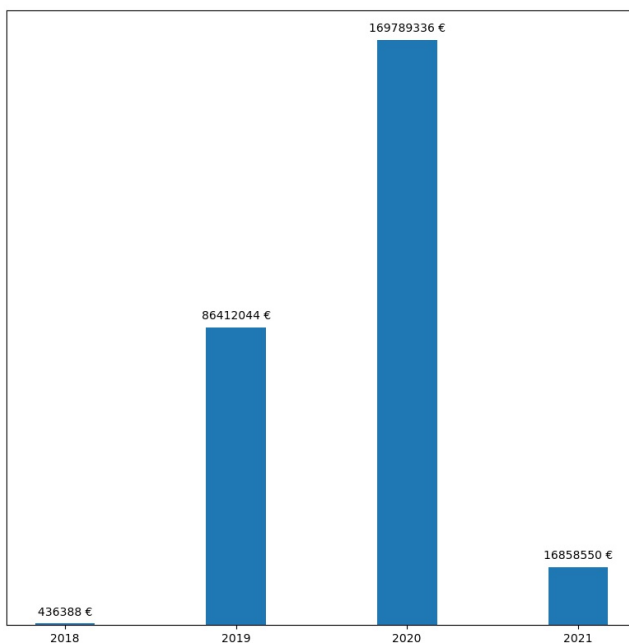


Figure 10. Overall Amount of Fines per year

GDPR enforcement has accelerated since the first few years, both on the number of enforcement cases as well as the sum of fines. Public awareness and media coverage on privacy and data protection have increased over the years too. However, GDPR is at the risk of failing. According to a research from Brave, this is due to the Data Protection Authorities(DPA) not giving enough human and financial resources to perform their tasks. Only 6 national DPAs have more than 10 specialist tech investigation staff. Half of all national DPAs receive small (€5 million or less) annual budgets from their governments.

GDPR fines overview in 2019

In 2019, there have been **165** fines. The cumulative total of data protection fines for 2019 now stands at **878 023 14€**.

Nb of cases	165
Total Amount of Fine	878 023 14€

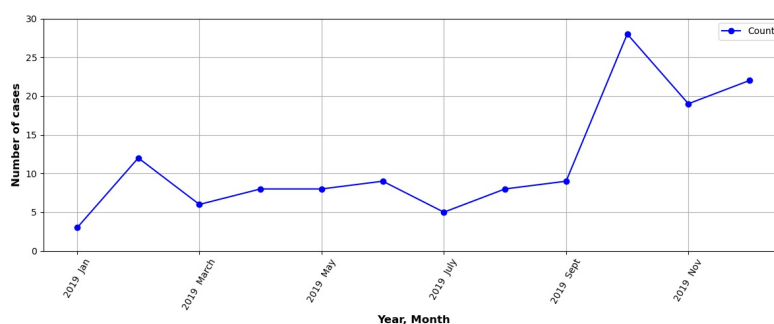


Figure 11. Small Overview over months in 2019

The GPDR fines for 2019 break down for each months as follow :

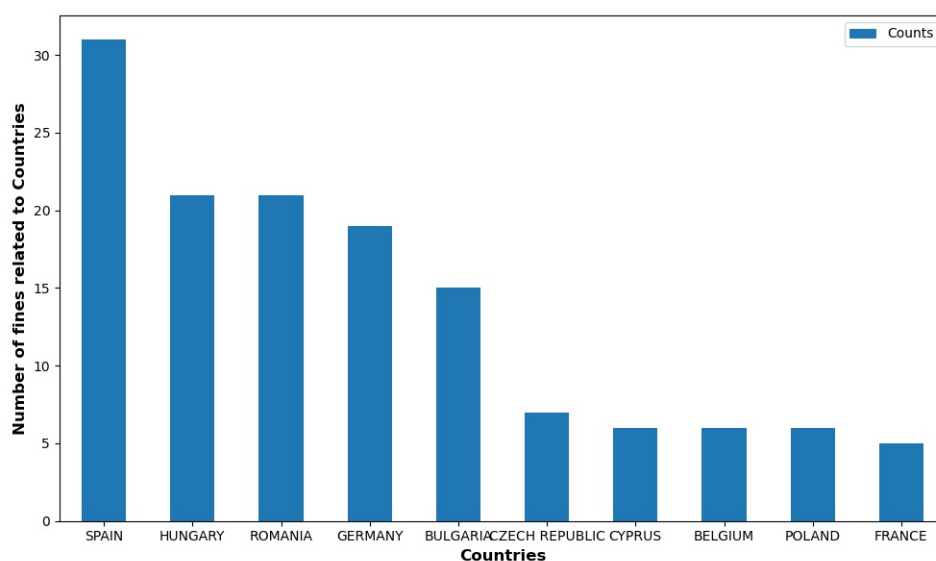


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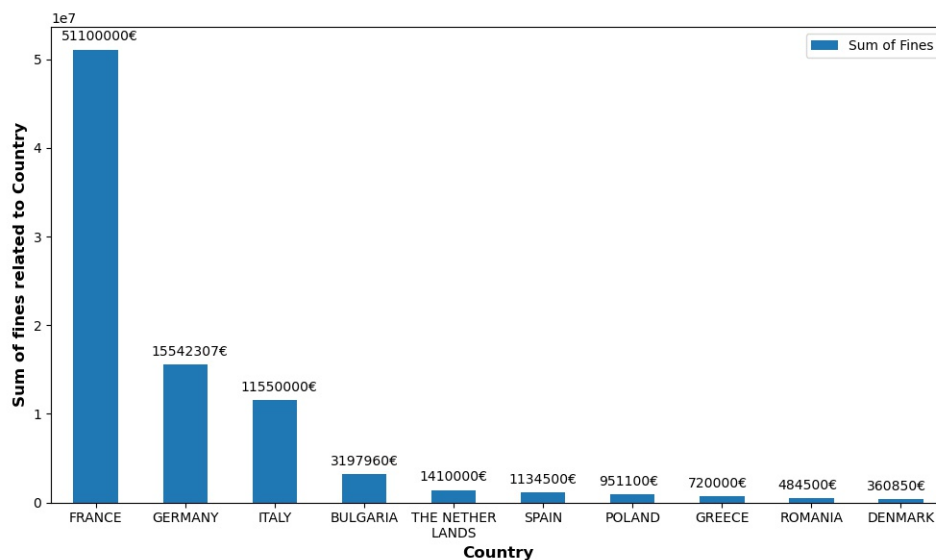


Figure 13. Top 10 EU Countries with the highest sum of fines in 2019

3 most recent fines in 2019

— **2019-12-19**

150,000€ fine issued in GREECE to Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc..

Companies outside the Aegean Marine Petroleum Group had access to its servers containing personal data and copied the contents of the servers, since Aegean Marine Petroleum failed to take the necessary technical measures to secure the processing of large amounts of data and to keep the relevant software separate from the personal data stored on the servers. Furthermore, Aegean Marine Petroleum had not informed the data subjects of the processing of their personal data stored on the servers.

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— **2019-12-18**

2000€ fine issued in ROMANIA to Telekom Romania Mobile Communications SA.

The company has failed to ensure the accuracy of the processing of personal data which resulted in a disclosure of a clients personal data to another client.

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— **2019-12-17**

15,000€ fine issued in BELGIUM to Website providing legal information

An operator of a website for legal news had the privacy statement only available in English, although it was also addressed to a Dutch and French speaking audience. In addition, the first version of the privacy statement was not easily accessible and did not mention the legal basis for data processing under the GDPR. Furthermore, with reference to the ECJ ruling on Planet 49, it was determined that effective consent was required for the use of Google Analytics.

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Notable fines in 2019

- The **largest** fine of 2019 - **50000000 €** - was issued in FRANCE to Google Inc..

Summary : The fine was imposed on the basis of complaints from the Austrian organisation None Of Your Business and the French NGO La Quadrature du Net. The complaints were filed on 25th and 28th of May 2018 - immediately after the GDPR became applicable. The complaints concerned the creation of a Google account during the configuration of a mobile phone using the Android operating system. The CNIL imposed a fine of 50 million euros for lack of transparency (Art. 5 GDPR), insufficient information (Art. 13 / 14 GDPR) and lack of legal basis (Art. 6 GDPR). The obtained consents had not been given specific and not unambiguous (Art. 4 nr. 11 GDPR).

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- The **lowest** fine of 2019 - **0 €** - was issued in to Austrian Post.

Summary : Original Fine summary : The Austrian Post had created profiles of more than three million Austrians, which included information about their home addresses, personal preferences, habits and possible party affinity - which were subsequently resold, for example to political parties and companies. (In the case, also a civil court judgement about compensation claims at a value of 800 € has been issued : <https://www.adresshandel-und-recht.de/urteile/800-EUR-Schadensersatz-wegen-unerlaubter-DSGVO-Verarbeitung-Landgericht-Feldkirch-20190807/> *however, this court decision has already been overturned due to* <https://www.dr-bahr.com/news/oesterreichische-post-muss-doch-keinen-dsgvo-schadensersatz-zahlen.html>) Update : [The Federal Administrative Tribunal has](#) *More info*

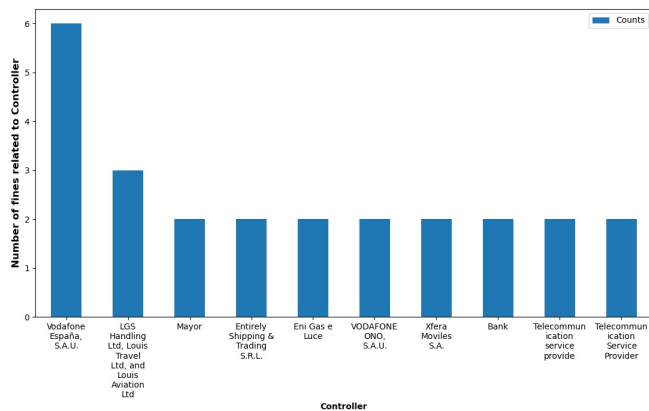


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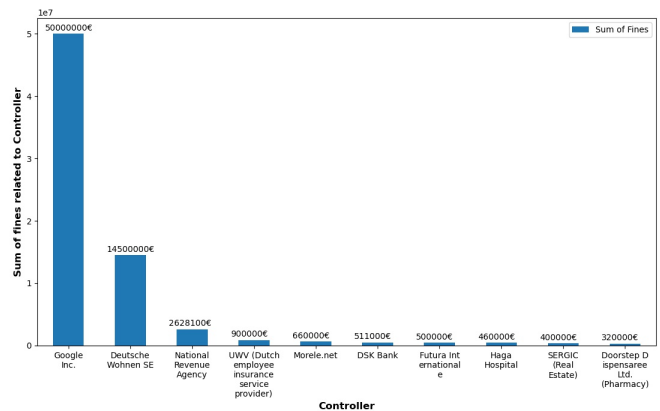


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Finance, Insurance and Consulting	1349185
Employers	1208579
Public Sector and Education	3081473
Not assigned	858852
Health Care	964421
Transportation and Energy	11894000
Individuals and Private Associations	278850
Real Estate	14902270
Accommodation and Hospitality	318407

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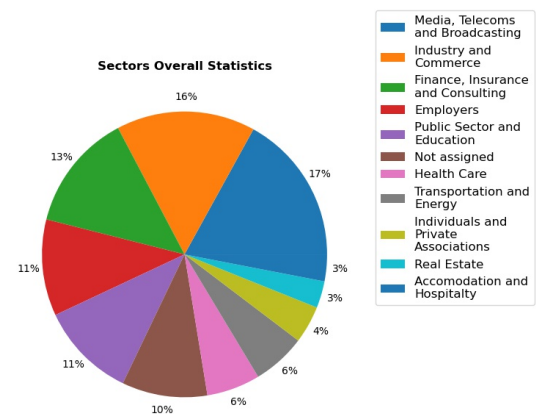


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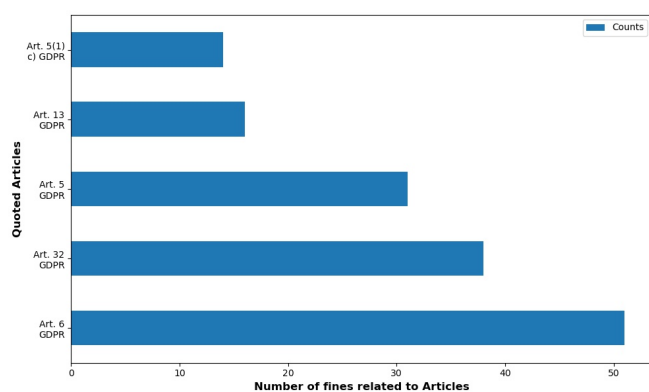


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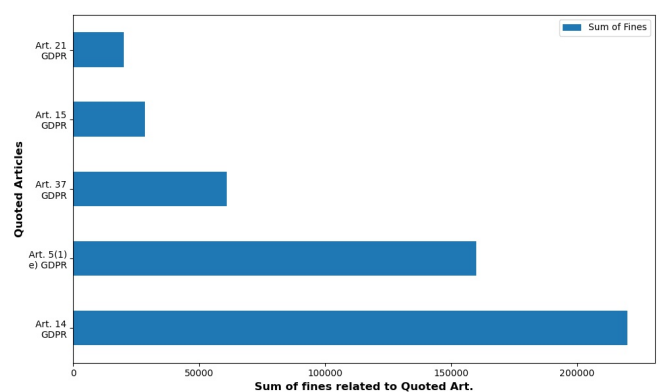


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