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The Impact of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on Land Surveying in Finland

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Background of the GDPR

- The GDPR entered into force on 24 May 2016 and will apply beginning 25 May 2018
- The GDPR repeals the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC and the Finnish Personal Data Act (523/1999) based on the DPD
General Contents of the GDPR

- The GDPR comprises 11 chapters containing altogether 99 articles on 88 pages
- The GDPR applies to processing of personal data by automated means or by other means which form or are inteneded to form part of a filing system
General Contents of the GDPR

- Personal data governed and protected by the GDPR is information that relates to an identified or identifiable natural person.
- Name, identification number, address, phone number and e-mail.
- Also location data (real estate identification number?)
New features in comparison to DPD

- Accountability (Art. 5)
- Right to data portability in certain cases (Art. 20)
- Privacy by design and privacy by default (Art. 25)
- Communication of data breaches to the data subject and supervisory authority (Art. 33 and 34)
New features in comparison to DPD

- Appointment of Data Protection Officer (DPO)
- Administrative fines for breaches of the GDPR up to 20 billion or 4% of turnover (Art. 83)
Impact of the GDPR on surveying

- Effects in connection to collecting and recording personal data of the parties relating to the surveying activities
- Disclosure of personal data together with real estate information
- Establishment of lawfullness of processing (Art. 6) and fullfillment of core principles (Art. 5 – accountability)
Impact of the GDPR on surveying

- Ensuring the fullfillment of the applicable rights of data subjects
- Communication of data breaches and ensuring ”privacy by design and privacy by default” in surveying handling systems and other information systems
- Ensuring reliability and trustworthiness in public authority activities in relation to surveying
Thank you!

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