

General Data Protection Requirements (GDPR) for European Union Data

The European Union's (EU) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) regulates the use, access, collection, and processing of all personal data from the European Union, regardless of the citizenship or residency status of the individual to whom the data pertains. Investigators conducting research with data from the EU should be familiar with their responsibilities.

Requirements for data collection and access

When the **personal data** (as defined below) of an EU subject is collected, used, or accessed, the researcher must present certain information to the subject. If **sensitive data** is being collected, used, or accessed, a full informed consent process must be used, with translation as appropriate. The researcher is required to collect only the minimum necessary information for the defined research purpose.

Whether the data will be removed from the EU

Where one could lodge a complaint about their data use or protection

How to withdraw consent for use of the data once it has been given (and it must be "as easy" as the process for giving consent in the first place)

Contact information for USC and the relevant Data Protection Officer

Rights of research subjects / Data Storage

The data of individuals from the EU must be stored in a way that enables the following rights:

The right to access the data, free of charge, in an accessible format.

The right to object to a particular use of that data.

The right to correct the data in the event the individual feels that it is incorrect, incomplete, or inaccurate.

The right to "be forgotten," or to erase all data relating back to that person in an irreversible fashion. Parents of children and children each individually hold this right, so either of those parties can require a child's data to be deleted.

The right to move data; this means that the individual can ask you to transfer it to them, or to another party, in a commonly-used and machine-readable format.

child under the age of 16. Individual member states may utilize a different age of consent within their own jurisdiction.