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DPDP vs GDPR: A Comparative Overview

Understanding the Key Differences and Similarities



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INTRODUCTION

- DPDP (Digital Personal Data Protection Act) → India
- GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) → European Union



Both laws aim to protect personal data, but they differ in scope, enforcement, and principles.



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How They Function

| Functioning Feature | DPDP | GDPR |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Regulatory Body | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Protection Board (to be formed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervisory Authorities (EU-wide) |
| Enforcement Maturity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emerging | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well-established |
| Grievance Handling | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Right to redressal | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well-established |
| Global Recognition | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yet to be recognized globally | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• International benchmark |



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Legal Basis for Processing



GDPR

- Consent
- Contractual necessity
- Legal obligation
- Vital interests
- Public task
- Legitimate interests



DPDP

Under India's DPDP Act is simpler than the GDPR, legal basis for personal data can be processed based on centers around two key bases:

- Consent
- Legitimate use
(specified by the law)



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Data Types Covered

💡 Key Differences

| Category | DPDP (India) | GDPR (EU) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Covers Digital Data | ✓ Yes | ✓ Yes |
| Covers Digitized Offline Data | ✓ Yes | ✓ Yes |
| Covers Offline (Non-Digital) Data | ✗ No | ✓ Yes |





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Rights of Data Subjects



GDPR

- Right to access
- Right to rectification
- Right to be forgotten
- Right to restrict processing
- Right to data portability
- Right to object



DPDP

- Right to access
- Right to correction & erasure
- Right to grievance redressal
- Right to nominate



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Enforcement & Penalties

GDPR

- Supervisory Authorities in each EU state.
- Fines up to €20 million or 4% of global turnover.

DPDP

- Data Protection Board of India.
- Penalties up to ₹250 crore (~€28 million).





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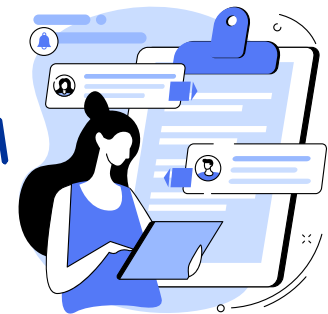
Applicability & Scope

GDPR

- Applies to EU data subjects.
- Extra-territorial scope for foreign entities processing EU data

DPDP

- Applies to digital personal data of individuals in India
- Includes data collected online or digitized offline data





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DPDP vs GDPR: Summary Table

| Aspect | GDPR | DPDP |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Basis | Fundamental rights | Reasonableness & consent |
| Data Rights | Broad & detailed | Focused & limited |
| Fines | €20M or 4% | ₹250 Cr |
| Regulator | EU Authorities | Indian Board |
| Scope | Global for EU data | India + foreign with India link |

