

The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with dark coffee, resting on a wooden surface. In the foreground, a spiral-bound notebook with lined pages is open, and a bright blue pen lies across it. A laptop is partially visible in the background, slightly out of focus. The right side of the slide is overlaid with a solid red rectangle containing the title text.

Introduction to personal data protection in research

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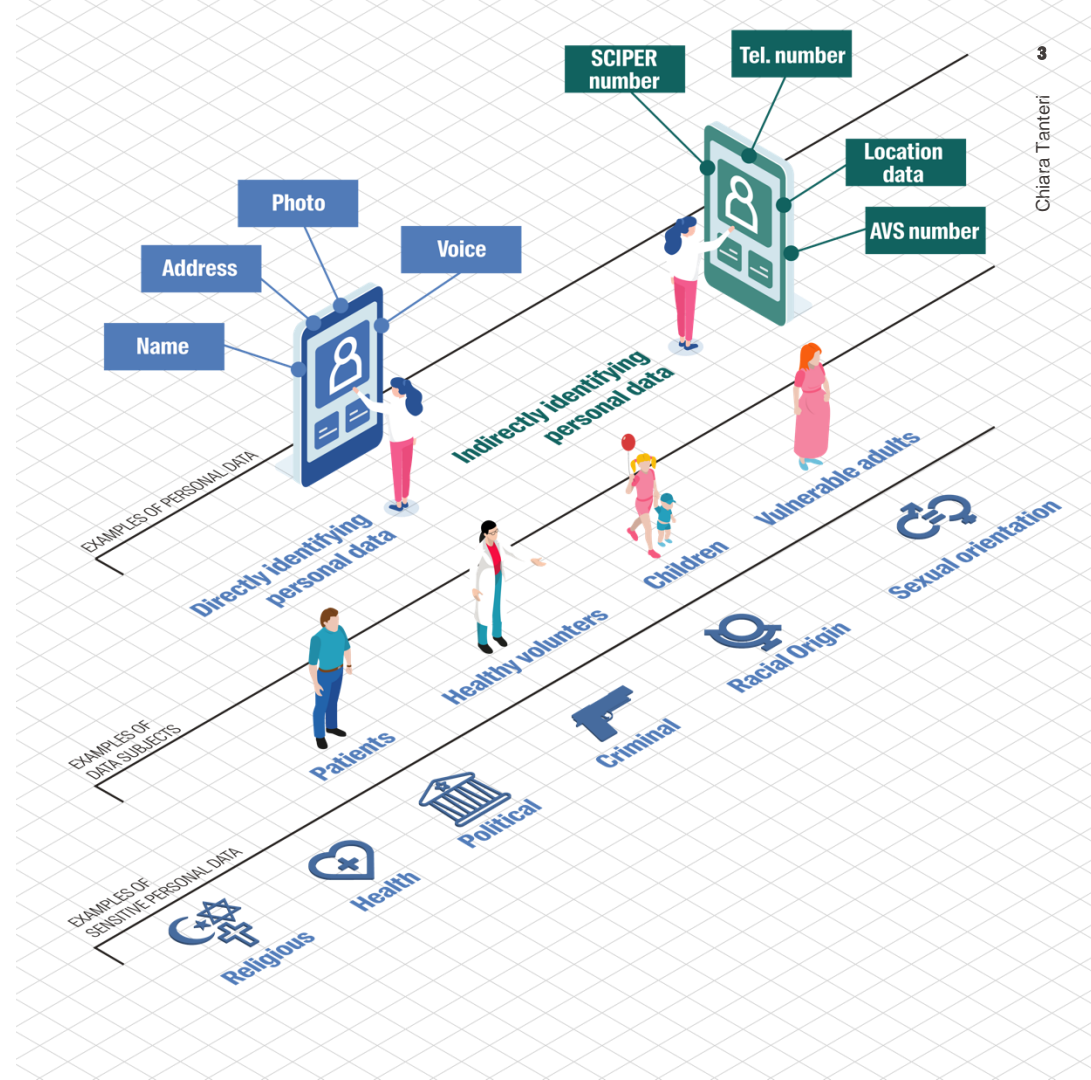
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Learning objectives

- Discover what personal data protection is
- Understand the main opportunities and constraints of data protection in research
- Know who can support you at EPFL

What is personal data ?

- **Personal data** is any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person (**data subject**)
- **Sensitive personal data** includes data on: (1) Religious, ideological, political or trade union related views or activities; (2) Health, intimate sphere or racial origin; (3) Social security measures; (4) Administrative or criminal proceedings and sanctions.



Why is it important to protect personal data ?

- **Privacy** is a fundamental right, written in the Constitution
- Any data processing not respecting the principles laid down by the law can cause physical, material or immaterial damages, or discrimination
- As **responsible** for the personal data it processes, EPFL:
 - Has the obligation to be compliant with laws and regulations about data protection and to introduce measures to protect data
- All personal data processing is carried out under the **FADP** as well as, where applicable, the GDPR

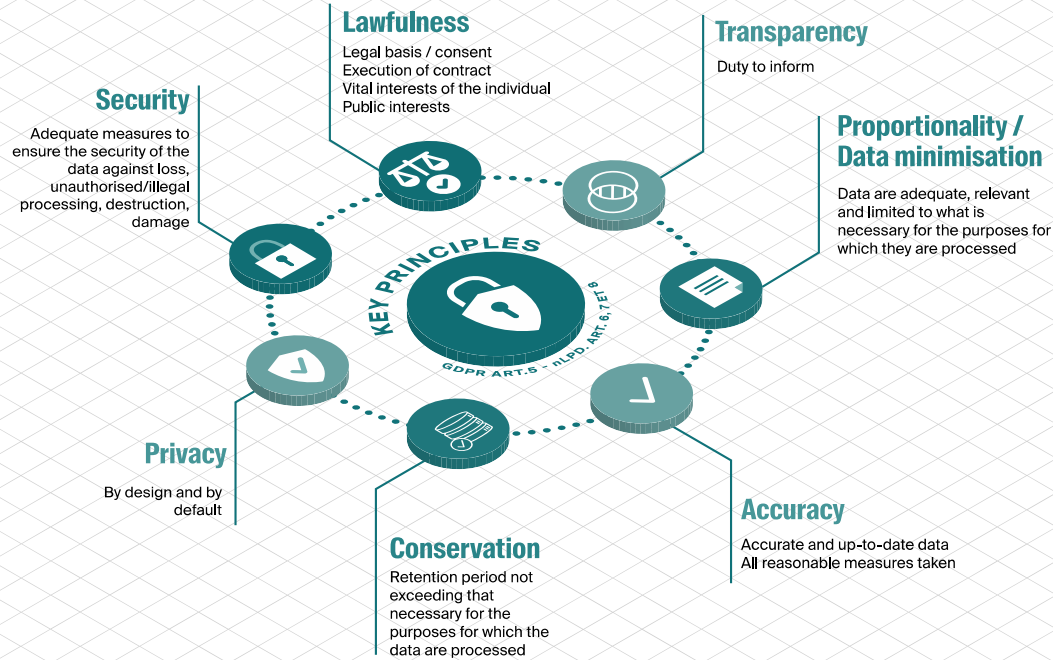
What does the DPO do?

- **Assists, Informs** and **advises** EPFL employees of their obligations under the law
- **Monitors compliance** of the organisation with all legislation on data protection (e.g. audits, awareness-raising activities, ...)
- Acts as **contact point** for requests from individuals
- **Cooperates** with data protection Authorities and **Coordinates** any crisis management in case of **Data Breach**



In case of a Data Breach immediately contact the 1234 !
Communication is carried out at EPFL level

The key principles

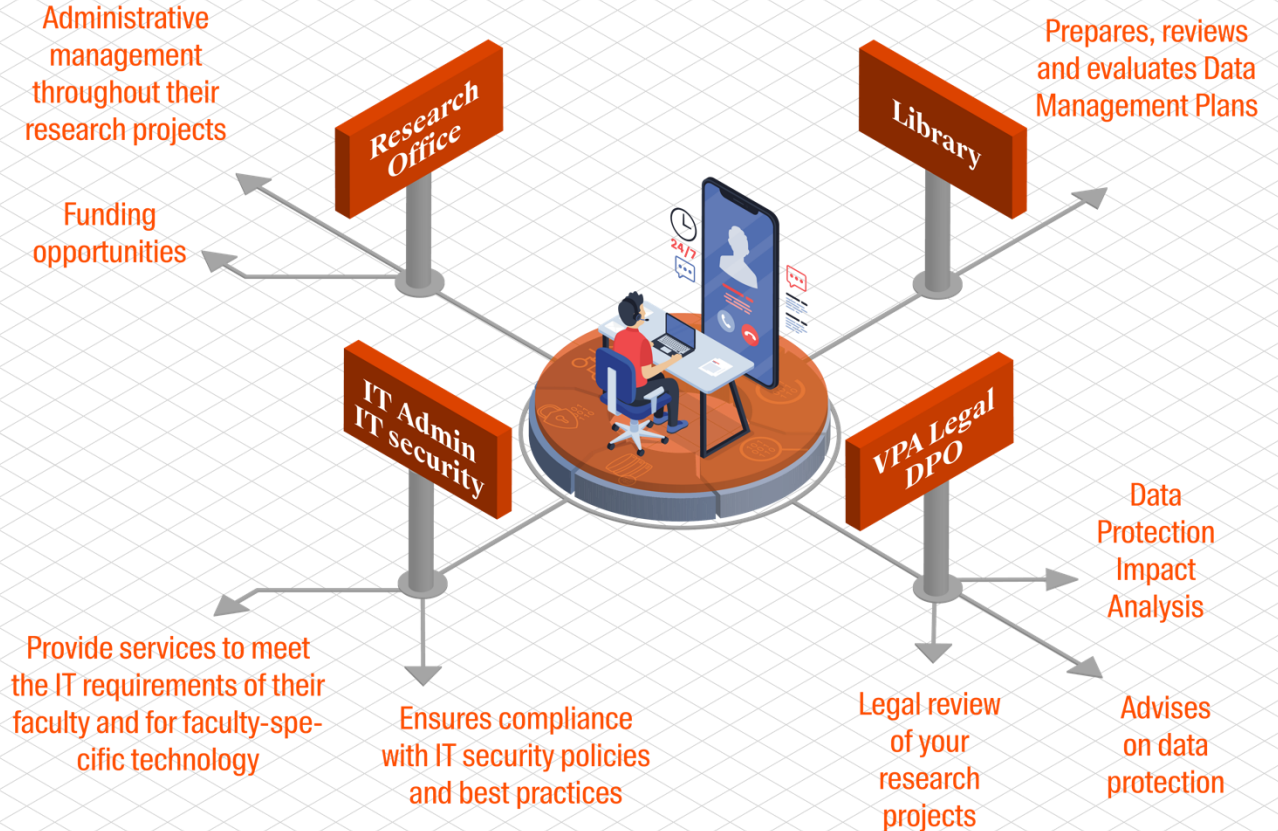


Personal data protection as an opportunity for researchers

- The protection of personal data has not to be seen just as a constraint but as a mean and an opportunity to strengthen citizens' confidence in science
- Learning about our obligations is also the opportunity to learn about our rights

Who can support you at EPFL ?

Most of the players should be contacted in the initialization phase (plan) of your project



Your driving licence in Data Protection



Thank you !

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