

EU Data Act readiness checklist

The EU law on who can access and use data from connected products and services, and on switching between cloud providers.

What EU Data Act asks

- ☐ User access to product data: Users can get the data their connected products and services generate, easily and free of charge.
- ☐ Sharing with third parties: At a user's request, data holders pass data to a third party on fair terms.
- ☐ Fair contract terms: Unilaterally imposed unfair data terms between businesses are not binding.
- ☐ Data for public bodies: Data holders respond to duly reasoned public sector requests in exceptional need.
- ☐ Cloud switching: Contracts, notice periods, assistance, data export and no switching charges after 12 January 2027.
- ☐ International access and interoperability: Safeguards against unlawful foreign government access, plus interoperability duties.

Getting started

- ☐ Map your data: List the connected products, related services and data you generate, store and share.
- ☐ Set up access routes: Provide direct access or a simple request process with machine-readable exports.
- ☐ Update contracts: Add the required pre-contract information, fair data terms and, for cloud, the switching terms.
- ☐ Handle third-party and public requests: Define how you verify, decide, respond and record each request.
- ☐ Prepare to switch: Cloud providers set export tools, notice periods, retrieval periods and charging policy.

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