

# Influence of GDPR in the Caribbean region

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#### **Privacy Baseline**

- Wide range of data protection and privacy regimes
  - Full EU regime in FWI
  - Partial regimes in Bermuda, Cayman and Dutch Antilles
  - No framework in many countries
- Low societal sensitization to privacy and data protection as an individual right
- Large proportion of population is "unbanked" little direct financial gain from identity theft so low security awareness
- Limited erosion of traditional advertising base by on-line media outlets still use traditional channels

## GDPR's regional influence

- GDPR fully effective in FWI
- Another 9 Digicel Caribbean markets are EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) and will be aligned with GDPR
- Cross border transfers will require further alignment beyond this footprint
- Many regional companies process payments and transactions from diaspora in EU

The GDPR net will spread even if companies don't realise it yet

## Data Protection and Privacy evolution

- Regional Governments are bringing forward Data Protection and Privacy legislation
- No clear framework data protection and privacy framework in US to copy
- GDPR very visible
- European privacy experts are available for consulting
- Strong EU influence in draft Data Protection Legislation across the region



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