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# Semantic Interoperability of Legal Compliance

From GDPR to Data Spaces

The logo for the ENDORSE conference. The word "ENDORSE" is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Each letter is composed of several overlapping circles of varying shades of orange and red. A small white triangle points to the right from the top-left corner of the letter 'E'.

THE EUROPEAN DATA CONFERENCE ON REFERENCE DATA AND SEMANTICS

# EU is building a *repertoire* of ‘Data’ Laws

Current: GDPR, DSA, DMA, DGA

Proposed: AI Act, ePrivacy, Data Act, (Health) Data Space, Interoperability Act



vs



## “Jigsaw” Laws

one (correct) solution where everything fits, discovered progressively

## “Lego” Laws

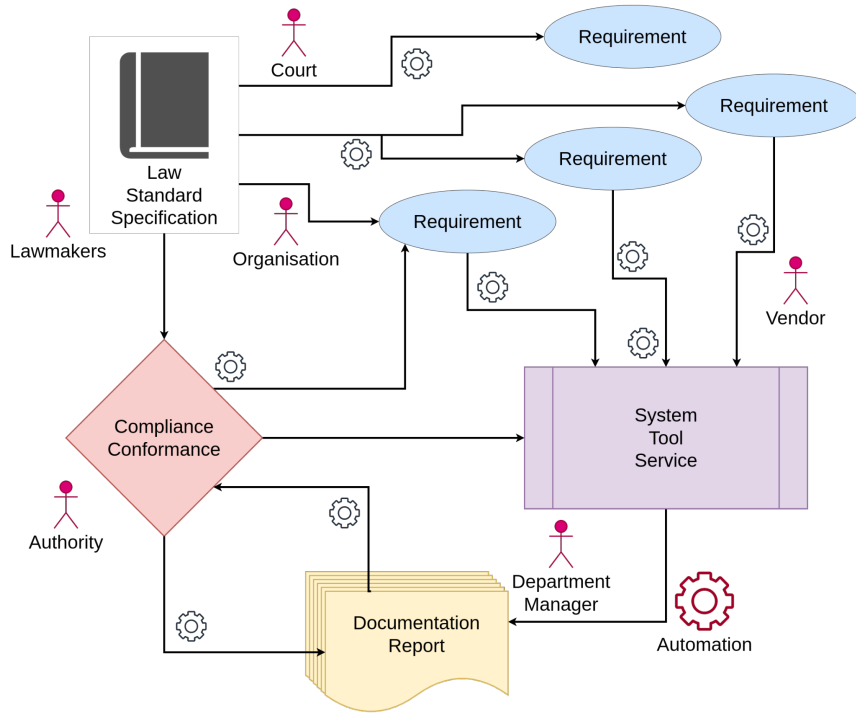
Many (correct) solutions can work, needs agreement on which one to choose

# Known Challenges for GDPR Enforcement<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] Four Years under the EU GDPR: How to fix its Enforcement <https://www.accessnow.org/cms/assets/uploads/2022/07/GDPR-4-year-report-2022.pdf>

<p><u>Time</u></p> <p>investigations, decisions, appeals, final decisions</p>	<p><u>Gaps</u></p> <p>new technologies, loopholes, interpretations</p>
<p><u>Space</u></p> <p>jurisdiction, establishment, transfers, adequacy</p>	<p><u>Consistency</u></p> <p>need for EDPB, under-investigated areas</p>
<p><u>Money</u></p> <p>under-funded authorities, effective fines</p>	<p><u>Scope</u></p> <p>web-scale enforcement, pan-EU actions</p>
<p><u>Knowledge</u></p> <p>new technologies, new use-cases</p>	<p><u>(Side-)Effects</u></p> <p>malicious compliance: e.g. pesky dialogues</p>

# From Compliance to Compliance Automation



## 1) Automation

→ IF information is machine-readable

## 2) Interoperable

→ IF information has defined schema/ontology + is FAIR

## 3) Consistent

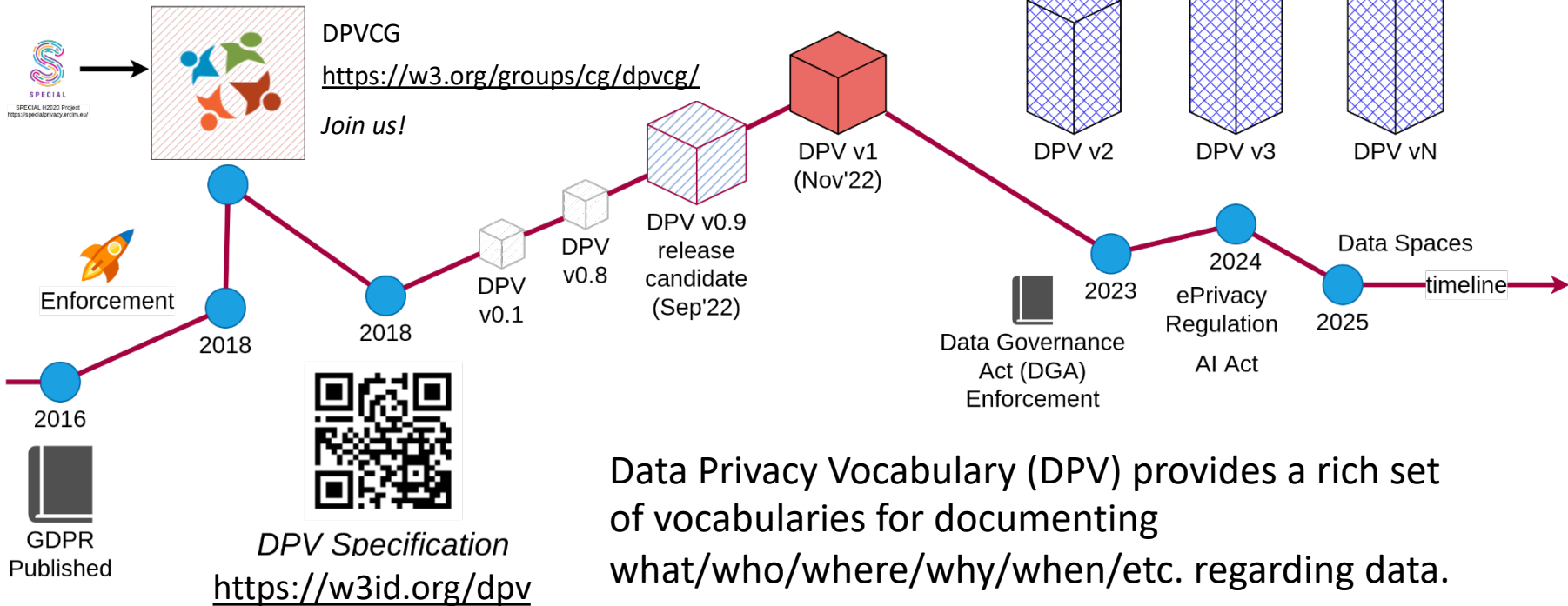
→ IF compliance is uniform and has 'shared interpretation'

*“how to create effective compliance mechanisms based on proven information management practices and standards?”*

How to do this:

- (1) Interoperable specifications for legal metadata
- (2) Automated solutions to validate information
- (3) Focus on conformity rather than compliance

# DPVCG Data Privacy Vocabularies and Controls Community Group (DPVCG)



Data Privacy Vocabulary (DPV) provides a rich set of vocabularies for documenting what/who/where/why/when/etc. regarding data.

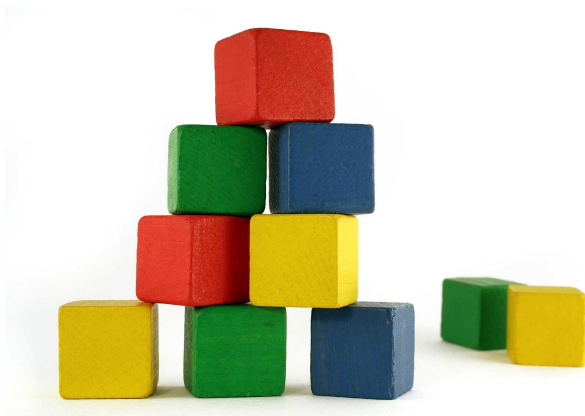
# DPV enables a single knowledge base to target all compliance related information and tasks

Privacy Policies	Risk Management
Consent Records	Data Breach Records
Compliance Checking	Subject Access Request
Data Portability	Impact Assessments (PIA / DPIA)
Data Input/Output Assistance	Data Transfers
Annotating code / documents	Register of Processing Activities (ROPA)
Expressing and Evaluating Rules	Standards & Guidelines

# Future Solution

Modular + Simple Vocabularies focused on making practical tasks more effective rather than theoretical logical correctness

We **NEED** this for *fast & adaptive solutions* for the new data regulatory regime.



Law	Enforcement
<u>GDPR</u>	<u>MAY-2018</u>
<u>DSA</u>	<u>NOV-2022</u>
<u>DMA</u>	<u>MAY-2023</u>
<u>DGA</u>	<u>SEP-2023</u>
AI Act	draft
ePrivacy Reg	draft
Data Act	proposed
Health Data Space	proposed
Interop. Act	proposed





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