



What is Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)?

A PIA is generally regarded as a systemic risk assessment tool that can be usefully integrated into a decision-making process. It evaluates a proposal in terms of its impact on personal data privacy, with the objective of avoiding or minimising adverse impacts.

A PIA includes the following 4 key components:



Data processing cycle analysis

Examine the purpose and rationale behind the project, whether it is necessary to collect the kinds, amount and extent of personal data.

Privacy risks analysis

Identify key privacy concerns and address them.



Avoiding or mitigating privacy risks

Risks should be avoided or mitigated to protect data from unauthorised access, processing, erasure, loss or use.

PIA report

The assessment findings, recommendations and proposed privacy protective measures should be clearly documented.

