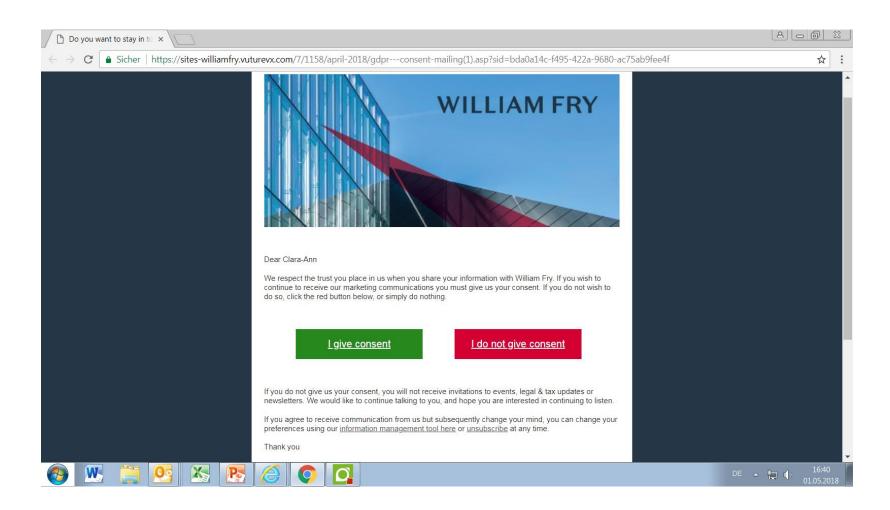


GDPR and Direct Marketing

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To Consent or not to Consent?





Marketing under GDPR I

- GDPR does not define «marketing» or «direct marketing»
- Caution: e.g. Unfair Competition Act, Privacy and Electronic
 Communication Regulations and Acts, Telecommunication Act,
 E-Privacy Directive, Seco Guidance (CH), etc. also apply!
- What is impacted?
 - E-Mail Marketing: Newsletters
 - Website and Cookies
 - CRM
 - Software design: Privacy by default / Privacy by Design



Marketing under GDPR II

- What changes under GDPR for marketing and newsletters?
 - new requirements for consent and obtaining of consent (e.g. pre-ticked optin boxes are banned under GDPR)
 - Cookie policies and privacy notices relating to the marketing activities
- Lawful basis:
 - Not only consent... there are 5 other grounds for processing personal data (performance of contract, compliance with legal obligation, vital interests, public interest, legitimate interests)
 - Recital 47: «the processing of personal data for direct marketing purposes
 may be regarded as carried out for a legitimate interest.»



Marketing under GDPR III

- Consent vs. legitimate interest:
 - it's worth balancing legitimate interest against consent before GDPR is implemented
 - Relying on consent (=opt-in) restricts the communications to those who have opted in
 - Legitimate interest allows communication with those who have not yet opted in
 - It may be worth thinking through legitimate interest today, rather than simply chasing opt-ins and risking opt-outs before GDPR is implemented



Opt-Out Rules

- Sending of e-marketing to a recipient is permitted on an opt-out basis if:
 - the recipient's details were originally collected in the context of a sale
 - the entity sending the marketing is the same legal entity that collected the recipient's details initially
 - the marketing relates to similar products and/or services for which the recipient's details were originally obtained and
 - the recipient is given the opportunity free of charge to object to the
 e-marketing, both at the time their details were collected and in each
 subsequent communication



Case Study: Direct Marketing and Consent I

- Role: DPO Jim Slim has data protection compliance lead
- Company: Global Services Ltd. with international SaaS business
- Workforce: 500 employees
- Current basis for customer data processing and marketing:
 - Consent through accepting terms & conditions
 - Purpose: rendering services and sending marketing materials



Case Study: Direct Marketing and Consent II

- What to consider?
 - Identify all the different purposes for processing customer personal data
 - Consent must be specific and not bundled
 - Other grounds for certain purposes will be more relevant (and less tricky)
 - Consent is not freely given, if performance of the service is conditional on consenting to something not necessary for the service (e.g. to marketing)
 - Marketing consents (where required) need to be granular to different channels and different group companies



Case Study: Direct Marketing and Consent III

- Terms & Conditions must include all the information necessary for consent (where necessary)
- Give information on the right to withdraw consent and how to do it
- Review and update existing customer privacy notices to provide clear and transparent information



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