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# Foreword

This Technical Report (TR) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Smart Machine-to-Machine communications (SmartM2M).

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# Introduction

The present document focuses on privacy, which is particularly relevant within the IoT environment due to a series of emerging challenges resulting from hyper-connectivity. The approach adopted builds on the fundamental assumption that even though it is generally considered that privacy and security are separate concepts, they are actually interconnected, and they should therefore be treated in practice in a coordinated manner. Security constitutes a prerequisite for the effective protection of privacy, as it has also been confirmed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

NOTE: See also the Preamble of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 [i.16] on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) [i.23].

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# 1 Scope

## 1.1 Context of the present document

In order to provide a global and coherent view of all the topics addressed, a common approach has been outlined across the Technical Reports concerned (see below) with the objective to ensure that the particularities of the IoT systems are properly addressed and that the overall results are coherent and complementary.

In this context, the present document has been built with this common approach also applied in all of the other documents listed below:

- ETSI TR 103 533 [i.2]
- ETSI TR 103 534 (part 1 and 2) [i.28]
- ETSI TR 103 535 [i.33]
- ETSI TR 103 536 [i.34]
- ETSI TR 103 537 [i.35]
- ETSI TR 103 591 (the present document)

## 1.2 Scope of the present document

The present document elaborates on how to ensure effective protection of individuals' privacy in the IoT environment. It acknowledges the challenges for privacy and data protection and stresses the necessity for a human centred approach.

To this end, the present document will:

- highlight the role of social values in the design of IoT systems;
- discuss the role of standards under the GDPR and the proposed ePrivacy Regulation;
- outline the role of the individual, also, through a set of use cases drawn from an ongoing EU project and further adapted for the needs of the present document;
- produce an overview of the main privacy and data protection challenges emerging in the IoT environment;
- review the privacy standardization gaps identified in ETSI TR 103 376 [i.1] and how some of these gaps have been resolved since the completion of the work if at all;
- illustrate current best practices across industrial and other organizations in the processing of personal information to meet, and in some cases exceed, the minimum requirements for compliance in view of maximizing the protection of personal information;
- point at the fundamental shifts taking place in relation to privacy under EU Law, including the shift from rule-based frameworks to principle-based frameworks, the necessity to go beyond mere compliance to meaningful accountability and the implementation of impact-based measures.

For reasons explained below under clause 7.3, the development of new standards falls outside the scope and the objectives of the present document.

Notably, the present document is addressed to the entire set of stakeholders with a role in the IoT environment and it complements ETSI TR 103 533 [i.2].

## 2 References

### 2.1 Normative references

Normative references are not applicable in the present document.

### 2.2 Informative references

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NOTE: While any hyperlinks included in this clause were valid at the time of publication ETSI cannot guarantee their long-term validity.

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document, but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

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  - [i.4] European Data Protection Supervisor: "Glossary".
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  - [i.9] ISO/IEC 27552: "Information technology - Security techniques - Extension to ISO/IEC 27001 and to ISO/IEC 27002 for privacy management - Requirements and guidelines [Draft]".
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- [i.18] Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on ENISA, the "EU Cybersecurity Agency", and repealing Regulation (EU) 526/2013, and on Information and Communication Technology cybersecurity certification ("Cybersecurity Act"), 13.9.2017.
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- [i.20] Directive (EU) 2015/2366 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on payment services in the internal market, amending Directives 2002/65/EC, 2009/110/EC and 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010, and repealing Directive 2007/64/EC.
- [i.21] Council of the European Union (2018) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the respect for private life and the protection of personal data in electronic communications and repealing Directive 2002/58/EC (Regulation on Privacy and Electronic Communications, Interinstitutional File: 2017/0003(COD), Brussels.
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- [i.23] Directive 95/46/EC on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data).
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- [i.34] ETSI TR 103 536: "SmartM2M; Strategic / technical approach on how to achieve interoperability/interworking of existing standardized IoT Platforms".
- [i.35] ETSI TR 103 537: "SmartM2M; Plugtests™ preparation on Semantic Interoperability".



- [i.36] ISO/IEC 29151:2017: "Information technology - Security techniques - Code of practice for personally identifiable information protection".
- [i.37] ISO/IEC 29134: "Information technology - Security techniques - Guidelines for privacy impact assessment".
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- [i.40] ISO/IEC 27001: "Information Security Management".
- [i.41] ISO/IEC 27002: "Information Technology - Security Techniques - Code Of Practice For Information Security Controls".
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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms apply:

**biometric data:** personal data resulting from specific technical processing relating to the physical, physiological or behavioural characteristics of a natural person, which allow or confirm the unique identification of that natural person, such as facial images or dactyloscopic data [i.16]

**cyber security (or cybersecurity):** comprises all activities necessary to protect network and information systems, their users, and affected persons from cyber threats [i.18]

NOTE: There are multiple definitions on cybersecurity each of which pertains to a specific domain. The definition above has been considered appropriate for the purpose of the present document.

**data concerning health:** personal data related to the physical or mental health of a natural person, including the provision of health care services, which reveal information about his or her health status [i.16]

**data protection:** protection of data relating to an identified or identifiable natural person. In the context of the present report, data protection refers to personal data protection. Notably, it is largely technically feasible that non-personal data become personal data

**genetic data:** personal data relating to the inherited or acquired genetic characteristics of a natural person which give unique information about the physiology or the health of that natural person and which result, in particular, from an analysis of a biological sample from the natural person in question

The following terms are taken from [i.3] and [i.4]:

**authentication:** verification of the claimed identity of an entity

**availability:** property of being accessible and usable upon demand by an authorized entity

**data:** data of any form, nature or structure, that can be created, uploaded, inserted in, collected or derived from or with cloud services and/or cloud computing, including without limitation proprietary and non-proprietary data, confidential and non-confidential data, non-personal and personal data, as well as other human readable or machine-readable data

**data controller:** natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which alone or jointly with others determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data

**data integrity:** property of protecting the accuracy and completeness of assets

**data portability:** ability to easily transfer data from one system to another without being required to re-enter data

**data processor:** natural or legal person, public authority, agency or any other body which processes personal data on behalf of the data controller

**data retention period:** length of time which the cloud service provider will retain backup copies of the cloud service customer data during the termination process (in case of problems with the retrieval process or for legal purposes); this period may be subject to legal or regulatory requirements, which can place lower or upper bounds on the length of time that the provider can retain copies of cloud service customer data

**data subject:** identified or identifiable natural person, being an identifiable person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identification number or to one or more factors specific to his physical, physiological, mental, economic, cultural or social identity

**information security:** preservation of confidentiality, integrity and availability of information

**personal data:** any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'); an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person

**privacy:** ability of an individual to be left alone, out of public view, and in control of information about oneself

NOTE: One can distinguish the ability to prevent intrusion in one's physical space ("physical privacy", for example with regard to the protection of the private home) and the ability to control the collection and sharing of information about oneself ("informational privacy"). The concept of privacy therefore overlaps, but does not coincide, with the concept of data protection. The right to privacy is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human rights (Article 12) as well as in the European Convention of Human Rights (Article 8). (Also, see the definition in [i.4]). The concept of privacy within the context of data protection entails that personal data is entrusted to the data controller and/or data processor. The data controller and/or data processor are responsible to keep the data as "private" as possible, in the sense that data needs to be protected, as if it was not disclosed.

**privacy by design:** approach that aims to build privacy and data protection up front, into the design specifications and architecture of information and communication systems and technologies, in order to facilitate compliance with privacy and data protection principles

NOTE: It is considered that a wider spectrum of approaches may be taken into account for the objective of privacy by design which includes a visionary and ethical dimension, consistent with the principles and values enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU [i.24]. In practice, organizations often confuse privacy by design with data protection; privacy by design forms the broader concept, part of which is data protection.

**privacy enhancing technologies (PETs):** coherent system of information and communication technology (ICT) measures that protect privacy by eliminating or reducing personal data or by preventing unnecessary and/or undesired processing of personal data, all without losing the functionality of the information system

NOTE: The use of PETs can help to design information and communication systems and services in a way that minimizes the collection and use of personal data and facilitates compliance with data protection rules. It should result in making breaches of certain data protection rules more difficult and/or helping to detect them. PETs can be stand-alone tools requiring positive action by consumers (who does purchase and install them in their computers) or be built into the very architecture of information system.

**processing purposes:** list of processing purposes (if any) which are beyond those requested by the customer acting as a controller

**recital:** part of a legal document that sets out the reasons for the contents of the enacting terms (i.e. the articles) of an article

**vulnerability:** weakness of an asset or group of assets, e.g. software or hardware related, that can be exploited by one or more threats

## 3.2 Symbols

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## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AIOTI	Alliance for the Internet of Things Innovation
BS	British Standard
CCTV	Closed Circuit Television
DCMS	Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
DPIA	Data Protection Impact Assessment
EC	European Commission
EDPS	European Data Protection Supervisor
EEA	European Economic Area
ERP	Enterprise-Resource-Planning
ETSI	European Telecommunication Standards Institute
EU	European Union
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
GSMA	Global System for Mobile Communications Association
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IoT	Internet of Things
ISMS	Information Security Management System
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IT	Information Technology
ITS	Intelligent Transport System
ITU	International Telecommunications Union
ITU-T	ITU Telecom sector
LIBE	committee on civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs