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# Privacy from the Outset

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(Research Ethics in QUESTIONNAIRE Design)

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# Today's talk

Walk through the Research Project journey

using the **GSBPM** as a roadmap (Generic Statistical Business Process Model)

with a **Privacy by Design** approach (Privacy from the Outset, Privacy by Default)

incorporating the **PIA/DPIA** toolkit (Privacy <Data Protection> Impact Assessment)

using the **5 safes** framework as a high level check

We will also talk a bit about **Data Governance, Metadata** and **PETs (Privacy Enhancing Techniques/Technologies)** including **pseudonymisation/anonymization**

Finish with a reference list and questions



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# Project Roadmap GSBPM



Specify Needs

Design

Privacy By Design/Default

Build

Collect

Process

Analyse

Disseminate

Operational

Evaluate



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# Privacy by Design 7 Principles

1. **Proactive** not Reactive; **Preventive** not Remedial
2. Privacy as the **Default Setting**
3. Privacy **Embedded** into Design
4. Full Functionality – **Positive Sum**, not Zero Sum
5. End to End Security – **Full Lifecycle Protection**
6. **Visibility** and **Transparency** – Keep it **Open**
7. **Respect** for User Privacy – Keep it **User Centric**

**Incorporated into GDPR**



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# Five Safes Framework

Safe Projects

Safe Data

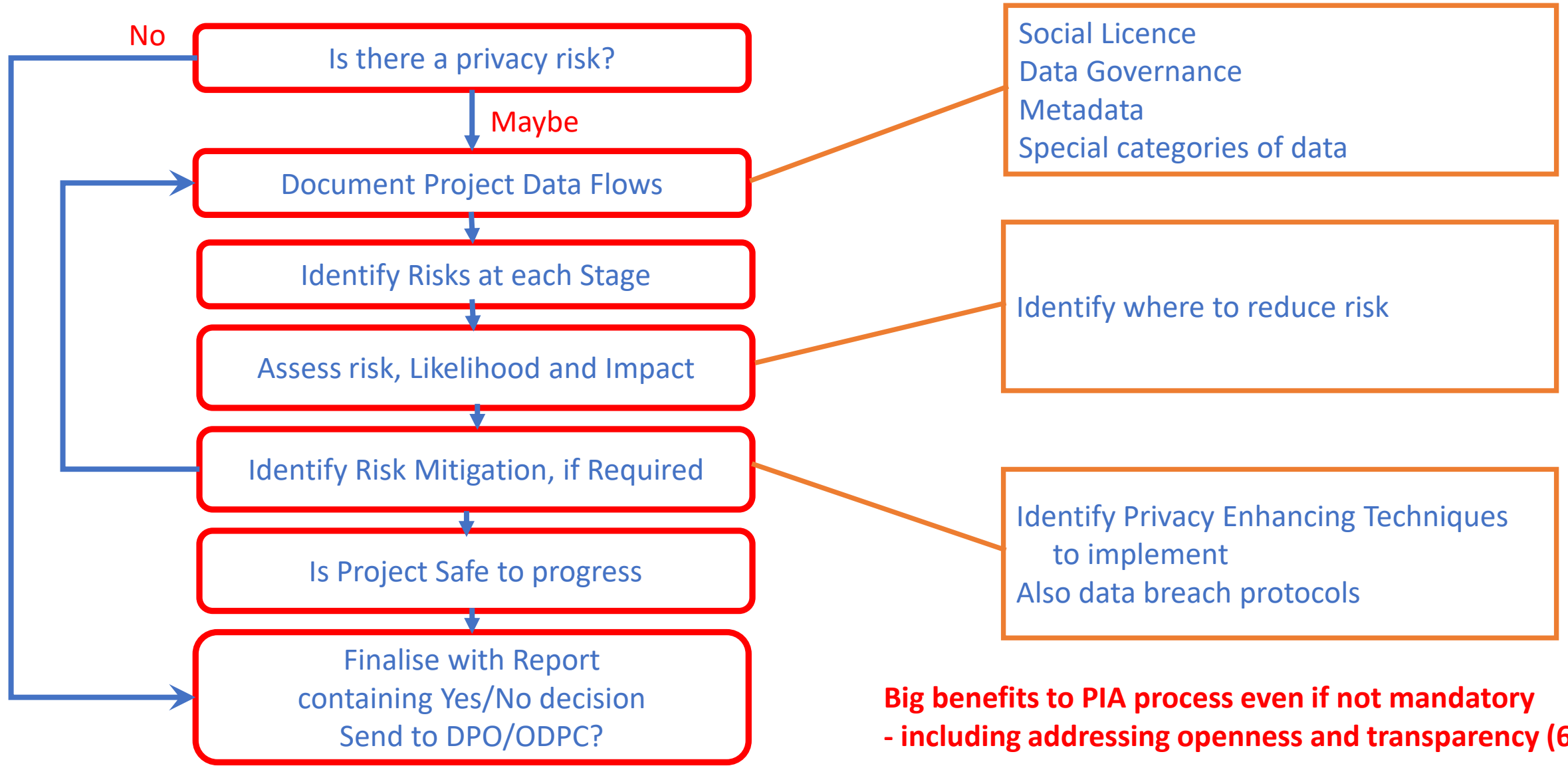
Safe People

Safe Settings

Safe Outputs



# Summary PIA/DPIA Process



**Big benefits to PIA process even if not mandatory  
- including addressing openness and transparency (6)**



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# Data Governance

For each Stage of data processing

- Know who the data custodian is ([Accountability](#))
- Know what datasets there are ([Metadata](#))
- Know where the data is, including copies, backups ([Data Management](#))
- Know who should have access/ has access ([Access Control](#))
- Know what data to delete and when ([Data Retention](#))



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# Role of Metadata

Know it **(List of datasets and locations)**

Understand it **(Data Dictionaries)**

Evaluate it **(Background documentation, questionnaires etc)**





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# Some Collect Stage Considerations

Primary data, Secondary data

> Is there a requirement for primary data collection

Passive data collection, Active data collection

Single data source or multiple data sources

Sample frames

Content – Personal data, Special categories of data

Single data source or multiple data sources

**Considerations - informed consent, legal basis, data controller/processor relationship, access control**



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# Some Process Stage Considerations

## Separation principle

- separate identity from attribute data, use pseudonymisation

## Record linkage

- Deterministic, **Probabilistic**, Statistical

Use pseudonymisation where relevant

**Considerations – data minimisation, access control, privacy risk**



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# Some Disseminate Stage Considerations

Ensure Aggregate outputs (tables) are not disclosive

> Concept of primary and secondary confidentiality

Be familiar with Statistical Disclosure (SDC) techniques (see references)

Archive anonymous dataset for other researchers (along with documentation)

Delete relevant datasets on project completion

**Considerations – Statistical Disclosure Control, Anonymisation, Data Retention**



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# Anonymisation V Pseudonymisation

Personal data

Pseudonymisation is an anonymization technique but does not in itself fully anonymise data

Before classifying somethings as anonymous, consider

- i) is it still possible to single out an individual?
- ii) is it still possible to link records relating to an individual?
- iii) can information be inferred concerning an individual?

**Pseudonymisation is primarily used as part of toolkit to minimise privacy risk**



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# Something from the past

Statistical Deja Vu: The National Data Center Proposal of 1965 and Its Descendants  
Rebecca S Krauss - Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality (2013)

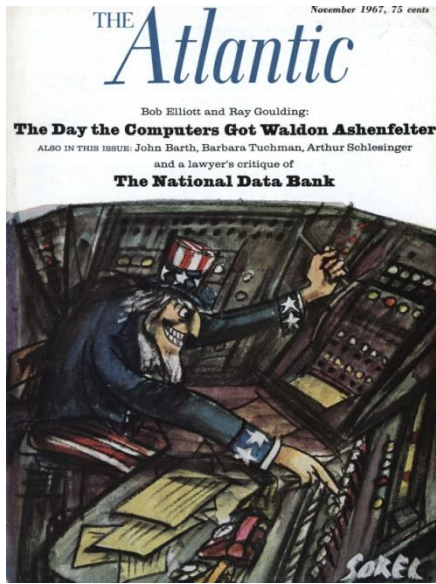
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By  
Arthur R Miller





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Privacy by Design

- <https://www.ipc.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/resources/7foundationalprinciples.pdf>

PIA Google Search **site:hiqa.ie PIA**

DPIA Google Search **site:dataprotection.ie DPIA**

5 safes

- <https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/manage-data/legal-ethical/access-control/five-safes>

Pseudonymisation and Anonymisation

- Google Search **site:dataprotection.ie Guidance on pseudonymisation and anonymisation**



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## Useful References (2)

Data Quality and Record Linkage Techniques by Herzog, Scheuren and Winkler (Textbook)

Handbook on Statistical Disclosure Control (SDC)

[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/content/handbook-sdc\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/content/handbook-sdc_en)

Guidelines for Output checking (SDC Tabular output)

[https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/system/files/dwb\\_standalone-document\\_output-checking-guidelines.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/cros/system/files/dwb_standalone-document_output-checking-guidelines.pdf)

Privacy Enhancing Technologies

Google Search **site:ENISA.EUROPA.EU Privacy Enhancing Technologies**

Irish Social Science Data Archive (ISSDA) <http://www.ucd.ie/issda>



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Thank you

Questions