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Privacy impact assessment and risk management: Six questions

Dear friend,

Trilateral Research is a London-based limited liability partnership, specialising in research and the provision of strategic, policy and regulatory advice on new technologies, privacy, trust, risk and security issues.

We are doing a study for the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on how privacy impact assessment (PIA) can be more closely integrated with an organisation's risk and project management practices. To inform this study, we are conducting a survey of UK organisations to find out about their current practice concerning risk management and PIA in the UK. In that regard, we would be grateful if you could respond to the six questions listed below.

1. *Does your organisation follow a particular **risk management** methodology and/or standard (e.g., ISO 27000, ISO 31000, etc.)? If so, which risk management methodology and/or standard does your organisation use?*

2. *Does your organisation follow a particular **project management** methodology and/or standard (e.g., PMBOK, PRINCE2, etc.)? If so, which project management methodology and/or standard does your organisation use?*

3. *Does your organisation currently take account of privacy risks in the context of its overall risk and/or project management process?*

4. *Does your organisation perform privacy impact assessment (PIA) and, if so, how many PIAs have you done so far?*

5. *If not, do you think it would be possible to include PIA as part of your organisation's overall risk and/or project management process?*

6. *If relevant to your organisation, is there any collaboration between the risk manager or project manager and the data protection officer regarding privacy risk management?*

We will anonymise all responses to this questionnaire and will not disseminate individual responses to any third parties, including the ICO. We will delete all responses once the study is completed in May 2013.

It would be very helpful if you could respond to the undersigned by early February. We will be happy to share the aggregated results of the survey with you.

Kind regards.

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