

# Uitvoeringswet AVG (UAVG) — GDPR (EU) 2016/679

UAVG is the Dutch law implementing the EU GDPR, specifying national rules for data processing and protection.



## What it is

The Netherlands Implementation Act GDPR (Uitvoeringswet AVG or UAVG) is a national data protection regulation that helps organizations in the Netherlands comply with the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements. The UAVG supplements the GDPR by providing specific rules and clarifications for data processing activities within the Dutch jurisdiction.

Published by the Dutch government, the UAVG applies to all public and private sector organizations processing personal data in the Netherlands. It addresses areas such as data subject rights, special categories of data, employee data processing, and supervision by the Dutch Data Protection Authority (Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens). The UAVG ensures that organizations align local practices with EU-wide data protection and privacy standards.

## At a glance

|                                          |                                         |                                           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| PUBLISHER<br>Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens | TYPE<br>Regulation                      | VERSION<br>UAVG — Implementation Act GDPR |
| EFFECTIVE<br>May 25, 2018                | DOMAIN<br>Privacy                       | FAMILY<br>Global Privacy Regulations      |
| REGION<br>Netherlands                    | ADOPTION MODEL<br>Regulatory Compliance | IMPLEMENTATION COMPLEXITY<br>High         |

Source: <https://autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl>

## Why it matters

- **Enhance regulatory alignment** Aligns local data processing activities with EU GDPR standards to support consistent and lawful privacy practices.
- **Strengthen data protection practices** Requires robust privacy controls and risk assessments, improving how organizations manage and protect sensitive information.
- **Support audit and oversight readiness** Facilitates continuous monitoring and documentation to efficiently demonstrate compliance during regulatory inspections and audits.
- **Improve employee data governance** Clarifies rules for handling employee data, reducing risks related to workforce privacy violations and legal disputes.

How SmartSuite supports UAVG

|                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Personal Data Inventory and Mapping</b><br>Track personal data assets, systems, and data flows across the organization.            | <b>Records of Processing and Legal Basis Tracking</b><br>Maintain documentation of processing activities and legal bases for processing personal data. | <b>Data Subject Rights Workflows</b><br>Automate access, correction, and deletion requests with deadlines and audit trails.                          |
| <b>Privacy Risk and Impact Assessments</b><br>Track privacy impact assessments, approvals, mitigation tasks, and compliance evidence. | <b>Vendor and Processor Oversight</b><br>Monitor vendors and processors that handle personal data on behalf of the organization.                       | <b>Privacy Compliance Reporting and Audit Readiness</b><br>Provide dashboards and reports showing privacy program coverage and regulatory readiness. |

Common framework mappings

CCPA/CPRA

GDPR

ISO 27701

NIST Privacy Framework v1.0

Swiss FADP (SR 235.1)

UK DPA 2018

Official resources

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Netherlands Implementation Act GDPR (UAVG) Text</b><br>Provides the full legislative text of the Netherlands Implementation Act GDPR (UAVG).<br><a href="https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0040940">wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0040940</a>                                                                      | <b>Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens - GDPR/UAVG Guidance</b><br>Outlines guidance for organizations to align with GDPR and UAVG requirements in the Netherlands.<br><a href="https://autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/themas/basis-avg/avg-algemeen">autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/themas/basis-avg/avg-algemeen</a>  |
| <b>Dutch Government GDPR Information</b><br>Describes the implementation and impact of GDPR and UAVG within the Netherlands.<br><a href="https://rijksoverheid.nl/themas/overheid-en-democratie/privacy-en-persoonsgegevens">rijksoverheid.nl/themas/overheid-en-democratie/privacy-en-persoonsgegevens</a> | <b>Dutch Data Protection Authority Regulatory Overview</b><br>Defines the role and oversight capabilities of the Dutch Data Protection Authority under UAVG.<br><a href="https://autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/themas/basis-avg/avg-algemeen">autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/themas/basis-avg/avg-algemeen</a> |

Frequently asked questions

- What is the Netherlands Implementation Act GDPR (UAVG) used for?**  
The UAVG is used to supplement the European Union GDPR with national rules and clarifications specific to the Netherlands. It ensures that organizations processing personal data in the Netherlands comply with both EU-level and Dutch-specific data protection requirements.
- Is compliance with the UAVG mandatory for organizations?**  
Yes, compliance with the UAVG is mandatory for all public and private sector organizations that process personal data within the Netherlands. Failure to comply can result in enforcement actions from the Dutch Data Protection Authority (Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens).
- Who does the UAVG apply to?**  
The UAVG applies to any entity—public or private—processing personal data in the Netherlands, regardless of where the organization is headquartered. This includes multinational organizations, small businesses, and government agencies handling data concerning Dutch residents.

What key concepts and documentation does the UAVG require?

Key concepts and required artifacts include Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs), Records of Processing Activities (RoPA), lawful bases for processing, breach notification procedures, and documentation of data subject requests. Organizations must also appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) in certain cases and maintain technical and organizational security measures.

## How should organizations implement the UAVG?

Organizations should map data processing activities to UAVG and GDPR requirements, update privacy policies, conduct DPIAs, and ensure secure data handling procedures. Establishing robust governance processes for consent management, documentation, and responding to data subject requests is essential for compliance.

## How does the UAVG relate to the EU GDPR and other frameworks?

The UAVG builds on the EU GDPR by providing additional, Netherlands-specific requirements and clarifications but does not replace or override GDPR obligations. Organizations must comply with both the GDPR and UAVG where applicable, aligning Dutch practices with EU-wide standards and integrating with other privacy frameworks as needed.

## What are the ongoing compliance requirements under the UAVG?

Ongoing requirements include regularly reviewing and updating processing records, risk assessments, security controls, and privacy notices. Organizations must also monitor data processing activities, manage data breaches according to prescribed timelines, and respond promptly to data subject requests.

## How would SmartSuite support Netherlands Implementation Act GDPR — UAVG compliance?

SmartSuite supports UAVG compliance by providing pre-mapped control libraries, facilitating risk tracking through integrated registers for DPIAs and mitigation actions, and managing policy and RoPA documentation. The platform enables evidence collection for audits, breach response tracking, compliance management, and real-time dashboards for monitoring regulatory posture and audit readiness.

License included / downloadable: Yes The Netherlands Implementation Act GDPR is publicly available through official Dutch government legal resources.

Full framework page and mappings: [smartsuite.com/frameworks/netherlands-implementation-act-gdpr-uavg-uitvoeringswet-avg](https://smartsuite.com/frameworks/netherlands-implementation-act-gdpr-uavg-uitvoeringswet-avg)