

A practical e-guide for Privacy, Security, and Legal leaders evaluating

Board-ready proof pack: data lineage & compliance in 30 minutes

A fast, repeatable way to prove control with live data lineage and applied controls, ready for your board, auditors, and regulators.

Board-ready proof
in 30 minutes

Live data lineage +
applied controls

Article 30 &
AI governance evidence

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Introduction

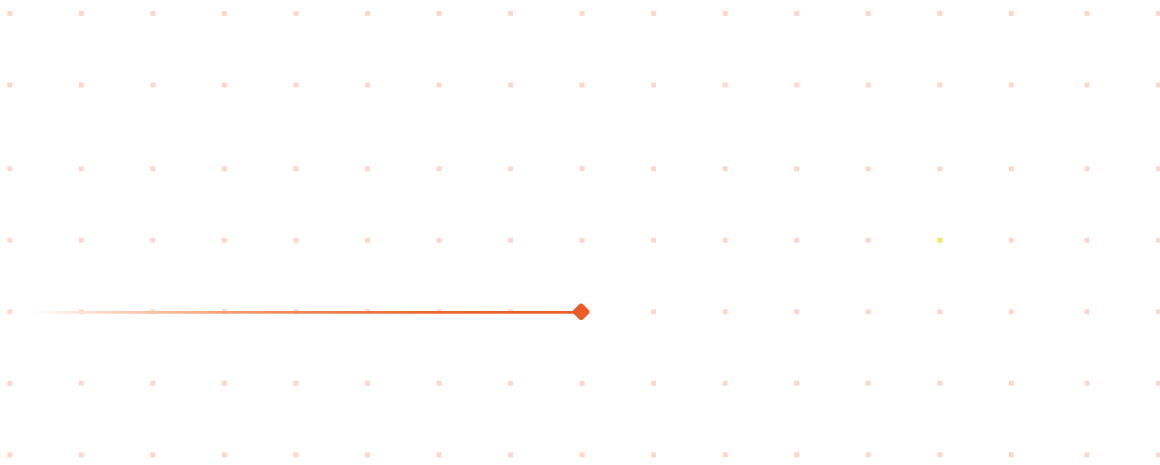
You're under pressure to prove compliance, not just talk about it. Spreadsheets and ad-hoc screenshots can't keep up with changing systems, new vendors, and evolving AI use cases. This e-guide gives you a fast, structured way to produce defensible evidence, data lineage, Article 30 records, and applied controls, so directors see exactly what's running, what's required, and what's being fixed. In half an hour, you'll build a tight, reusable pack that turns compliance from a reporting burden into a repeatable, measurable practice.



Who this is for and what you'll ship

Audience: GRC, Privacy, Security, and Engineering leaders who must show that operational reality matches legal and policy obligations.

Outcome in 30 minutes. You'll deliver a concise Board Deck plus an Evidence Appendix that demonstrates end-to-end data journeys (lineage) from source to sink across code, cloud/runtime, pipelines, storage, and SaaS; Article 30-aligned records (RoPA) that stay current and can be sliced by region or business unit; unified obligations mapped to real processing with gaps and owners visible at a glance; and AI governance artifacts that show training-data hygiene, lineage to sources, and policy-enforcement checkpoints.





The 30-minute proof pack method (10–10–10)

0–10 min: capture reality (auto)

1. **Refresh Data Journeys (lineage).** Pull a current snapshot from code-to-cloud-to-models to visualize flows, data classes, processing locations, and recipients. Export a filtered view by system or data category.
2. **Surface applicable obligations.** Load the view that links contracts/policies to the actual data landscape so you can see alignment and outliers.

10–20 min: generate evidence (auto)

3. **Produce a RoPA slice (Article 30).** Export a current record of processing activities (purpose, categories, recipients, retention, safeguards) for the scope you'll brief.
4. **Add AI governance checks.** Include training-dataset scans, lineage to sources, and usage-policy enforcement points for models.

20–30 min: assemble the board deck

5. **Obligations vs. Reality slide.** List each exception (what deviates, risk level, owner, due date) and note the trigger (e.g., contract/flow mismatch).
6. **Evidence Appendix.** Attach the lineage export, RoPA extract, assessment triggers/logs, and change history to emphasize continuous, not one-off, compliance.



What “good” looks like: deck artifacts

1. Lineage overview (1 slide)

- Diagram of systems, data classes, transformations, sinks, third parties, and data residency. Call out new flows since last update.

2. Article 30 RoPA (1–2 slides)

- Purpose, legal basis, categories of data/subjects, recipients, retention, safeguards; include export timestamp and source to prove currency.

3. Unified obligations (1 slide)

- Single view of obligations mapped to real processing, with exceptions and remediation status.

4. AI governance (1 slide)

- Training/serving lineage, dataset scan results, and policy checkpoints (input/output).

5. Evidence appendix (3–6 pages)

- Lineage export, RoPA extract, assessment triggers, and relevant logs.



Board deck template

1. **Executive summary:** status (green/amber/red), material changes, top residual risks.
2. **Data journeys (lineage) snapshot:** new third parties, data types, cross-border flows.
3. **Article 30 proof (RoPA):** current scope, deltas vs. last quarter, automation coverage.
4. **Obligations vs. reality:** exceptions with owner/due date and trigger.
5. **AI governance view:** training/serving lineage, policy controls, model-specific risks.
6. **90-day plan:** specific control improvements, assessments to run, vendor follow-ups.
7. **Evidence appendix:** linked exports and logs.

KPIs the board actually reads

Lineage coverage: % systems/vendors with active, end-to-end visibility.

RoPA freshness: median age of entries; % automated vs. manual.

Obligation alignment: # open exceptions where flows $\neq$ obligations; MTDD/MTTR for remediation.

AI data hygiene: % training datasets scanned; # enforcement blocks/flags at model I/O.

Assessment automation: # auto-generated DPIAs/assessments and trigger coverage.



Article 30 essentials for your pack

Your RoPA export should clearly show processing purposes, categories of data/subjects, recipients, retention, and safeguards, kept up-to-date and reflective of actual processing.

Tip: Scope a **RoPA slice** per business unit or region for the board, and include the export timestamp to emphasize live currency.



AI governance proof, in or adjacent to Article 30 scope

Show that lineage and obligation logic extends to AI systems (training → deployment):

- Dataset scans for sensitive content
- Lineage to original sources and downstream use
- Enforcement checkpoints for policies at input/output
- Exceptions, owners, and mitigations in flight



Implementation notes

- **Data Security Posture + Data Journeys:** Discover, classify, track lineage from code commit to storage/runtime and SaaS, then export views for the board.
- **Universal RoPAs:** Generate and maintain Article 30-aligned records across your landscape with continuous updates.
- **Unified Obligations / Contract Analysis:** Map legal and contractual obligations to real processing to minimize risk and highlight gaps.
- **Assessments (e.g., DPIAs):** Auto-trigger and maintain assessments from integrated data mapping and contract analysis.
- **AI Governance:** Scan training datasets, track model/data lineage, and enforce usage policies through the AI lifecycle.



Ready-to-paste templates

A) Exception Register (Obligations vs. Reality)

Exception	Vendor X missing transfer terms
Obligation	Cross-border transfer
Affected Flow	PII → Vendor X (analytics)
Severity	High
Owner	Legal
Due	2025-10-15
Trigger	Contract/flow mismatch

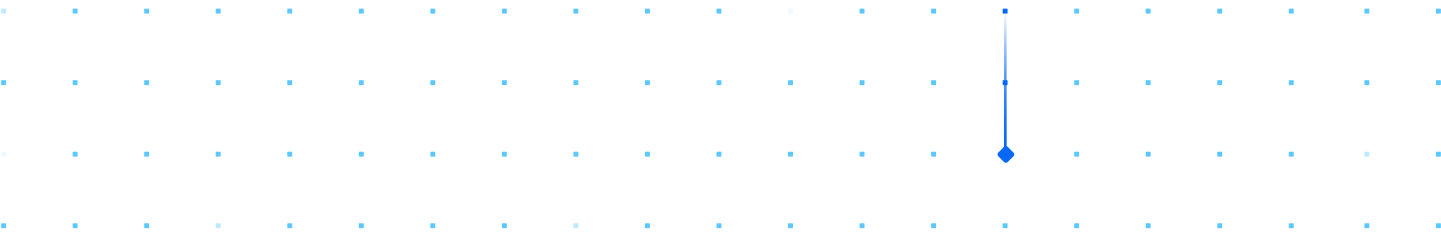


B) Article 30 RoPA Snapshot

Purpose	Customer analytics
Legal Basis	Legitimate interest
Data Types	Contact, usage
Recipients	Vendor X; BI
Retention	12 mo
Safeguards	Access controls, encryption

C) AI Governance Slice

Model	Lead scoring v3
Dataset Scan	No sensitive IDs
Lineage Linked	Sources A,B → Vector DB
Policy Checks	Output filter
Status	Green





FAQ (board-facing)

- **Is this continuous or a snapshot?**

Continuous: lineage, RoPAs, and obligation mapping refresh from live discovery and monitoring.

- **How does this reduce audit risk?**

It ties obligations and contracts to the actual data flows and produces exportable, time-stamped evidence.

- **What about AI systems?**

The same lineage + policy-enforcement approach applies across the AI lifecycle.



CTA

Ship your Proof Pack today.

Refresh lineage, export a RoPA slice, map obligations to reality, and assemble your board deck with a linked evidence appendix, all in under an hour.



