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# Making the DPP a success: Recommendations for action



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### Introduction





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# Recommendations for policymakers and business

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### **Recommendations for Policy**

Prioritise the principles of DPPs (transparency, sustainability, and circularity)

- Reporting based on DPP data
- Energy/resource efficient infrastructure (data carriers EOL)
- Real-life applications and innovation (product, circular business model)
- KPIs for the circular economy

#### Generate a level playing field

- Incentives for DPP-based circular practices (SMEs)
- $\circ$  Fines for misuse
- Standardise terminology (traceability)
- Policy coherence (duplication of efforts)

#### Ensure knowledge building

- Information campaigns and guidelines with best practices
- Training and educational programmes (workforce, university, SMEs)
- Regional DPP support centres (implementation)



## **Recommendations for Policy/Business**

#### **Fund the future**

- Research and pilot projects
- Open-source solutions and new technologies (AI, IoT, blockchain)
- Green public procurement (demand of active DPPs)

#### **Ensure stakeholder alignment and participation**

- Gradual roll-outs and timeline clarity
- Implementation assessment and feedback
- Ecosystem collaboration and sectoral alliances
- International initiatives

#### **Business and IT: Opportunities**

- Interoperable solutions (single framework)
- Sustainability and circular strategy
- Customer and user engagement
- Supply and value chain management (ecosystem leadership)





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# **DPP-as a Service for SMEs**

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## **Steps for successful DPP implementation**

Collaboration & Alignment

Awareness & Knowledge Building

- Alignment between EU Member States to ensure all DPP implementation support mechanisms provide unified information
- Clarity on DPP related legislation
- Facilitating collaboration between all economic operators to establish operational and interoperable DPP ecosystems

- Creating widespread awareness about upcoming policies and benefits of DPP implementation
- DPP Helpdesk per member state
- Creating training and sharing successful implementation models





## **Steps for successful DPP implementation**

Infrastructure & Support

Standardization & Adoption

- Implementing test cases and DPP pilots showcasing economic and sustainability benefits of DPP
- Supporting facilitation of DPP-as-a-Service offering
- Funding to support DPP implementations

- Establishing common understanding and standards for i.e. data requirements or privacy
- Stimulating the adoption of standards and integration of DPP solutions by service providers offering i.e. Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) or Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems



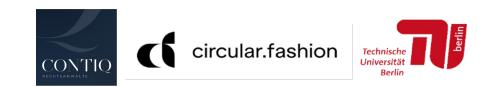


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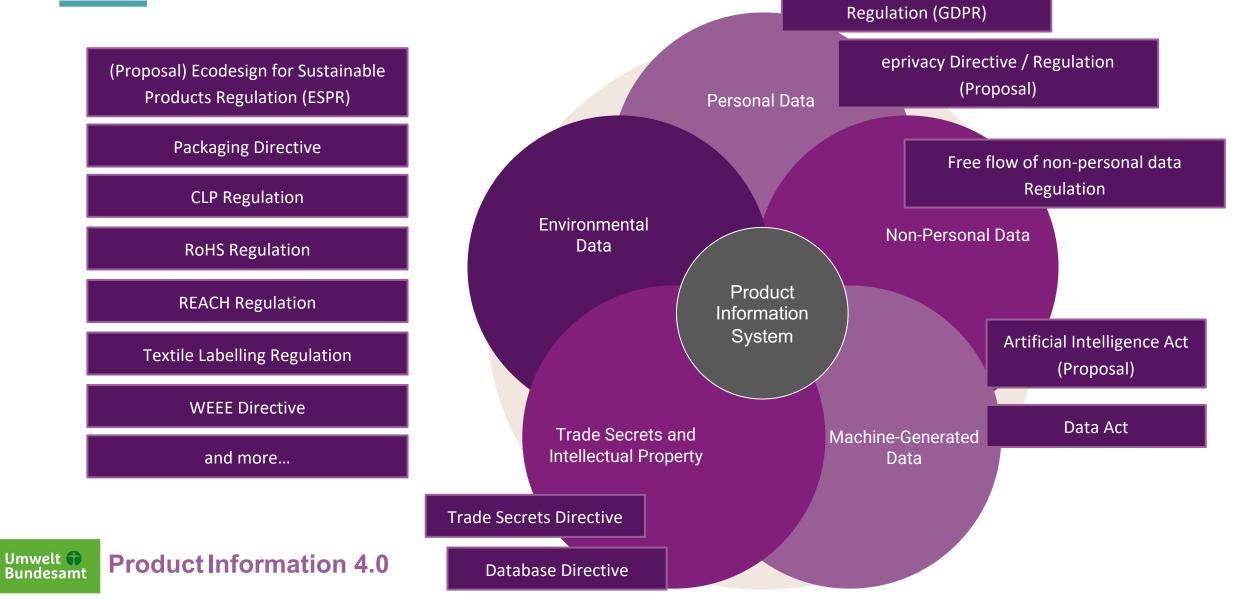
Legal Framework and Challenges of a Product Information System

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### Legal Framework of a Product Information System for a DPP



**General Data Protection** 

## Legal Challenges: Two Examples

RFID and data protection	Product information and trade secrets
<ul> <li>GDPR may apply to RFIDs if a natural person can be identified (e.g., tracked) through the tag.</li> <li>Example: Unique ID stored in the RFID tag</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Some stakeholders (e.g., recyclers) can profit from more information which is currently not mandated by law.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Consequence: If identification/tracking of an individual is potentially possible (even if not intended), GDPR applies.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Argument of protecting trade secrets has to be assessed product by product.</li> <li>Stakeholders in the electronics sector stated higher needs for trade secret protection than those in the textile sector.</li> </ul>



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# Thank you!





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