

P.15 Social Progress, Integration, Life, Conditions

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In various provisions, the GDPR assumes that the processing of personal data is conducive to social progress, social integration, social life and social circumstances:

Rec. 2 (2) GDPR: *“This Regulation is intended to contribute to [...] economic and **social progress**.”*

Rec. 5 (1) GDPR: *“The economic and **social integration** resulting from the functioning of the internal market has led to a substantial increase in cross-border flows of personal data.”*

Rec. 6 (5) GDPR: *“Technology has transformed both the economy and **social life**, and should further facilitate the free flow of personal data within the Union and the transfer to third countries and international organisations, while ensuring a high level of the protection of personal data.”*

Rec. 157 (3) GDPR: *“Within social science, research on the basis of registries enables researchers to obtain essential knowledge about the long-term correlation of a number of **social conditions** such as unemployment and education with other life conditions.”*