The role of the Processor within GDPR

.I Definition

The processor is in charge of **processing operations on behalf of the controller**. The processor can be "the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body". The controller can be a processor too.

The processor is considered as controller when the processor infringes this Regulation by determining the purposes and the means of processing

.II Duties

1. Involvement

Who?

- Controller(s)
- Processor(s)

When?

- By contract between controller and processor
- By other legal act under member states law

What?

- Provide guarantee to implement appropriate technical and organisational measures
- **Subcontracting**: prior specific or general written **authorisation** of the controller in case of engagement of another processor:
 - → Same duties as the initial processor
 - → The initial processor is responsible in case of failure of the second processor
- Adherence to approved code of conducts or certification mechanisms

2. Contractual duties

What?

- Before execution
 - → Nature of processing, personal data, operations (= contract object)
 - → Purposes
 - → Types of personal data : only on documented instruction from the controller including transfer to third parties
 - → Categories of data subjects
 - → Persons authorised to make processing (e.g. confidentiality clause in staff member contractual issues).
- During execution
 - → Execute security measures decided by controller(s)
 - → Assist and support controller(s) in ensuring compliance with security measures and safeguards (e.g. communicate if possible infringement)
 - → Obligations and rights of controller
- After execution
 - → Delete or returns all personal data to controller(s) at the end of provisions of services

Summary sheet: GDPR / the Processor

→ Delete existing copies unless a storage is required by law and/or member state

Who?

- Controller(s) and or processor(s)
- Commission may lay down standard contractual clauses
- Supervising authority may adopt standard contractual clause