



# Schneider Electric's approach to the EU Data Act

## Introduction

At Schneider Electric, data is more than just information. It plays a central role in how we operate, make decisions, and deliver value. It flows through every part of the business and supports our efforts to innovate, collaborate, and grow.

To guide how we manage and use data, we have developed the Schneider Electric Data Charter, a company-wide framework that defines our approach to data governance, quality, and protection. Central to this framework is our strategy called Trusted Data @ Scale, which treats data as a product. This means we focus on ensuring that data is created, maintained, and shared in ways that are consistent, reliable, and aligned with business needs.

Our data strategy is based on building trust through clear standards, responsible use, and strong governance. We are guided by three principles: 1) integrity, which ensures ethical and careful handling of data, 2) transparency, which supports objective and informed decisions and 3) resilience, which helps us manage risks and adapt to change.

Schneider Electric is committed to complying with data regulations and aligning with global standards. We ensure that data is managed with care, supporting its quality, accessibility, and privacy. These efforts protect the interests of our employees, partners, and customers, while empowering Schneider Electric to use data confidently and consistently across the organization.

## Approach to the regulatory landscape

As data policies continue to evolve, Schneider Electric remains actively engaged in tracking regulatory developments and ensuring that our practices remain effective and compliant. To manage compliance with different and evolving regulations, we prioritize building a robust data management foundation. This includes monitoring developments and sharing insights across our data community to stay ahead.

To support this, Schneider Electric has established a dedicated governance model designed to manage regulatory complexity and secure compliance. This model enables cross-functional collaboration and promotes accountability across all stages of the data lifecycle, enabling the opportunity to interpret overlapping requirements and ensure that data practices remain consistent and interoperable.

Through structured frameworks, such as Data Offices, Data Delivery Teams and Data Domains @ Scale framework, Schneider Electric ensures that data practices remain aligned, compliant, and resilient. By staying engaged throughout the policy lifecycle, from early awareness to implementation, we help the organization remain proactive and prepared.



## Understanding the EU Data Act

The EU Data Act is a transformative regulation introduced by the European Commission that sets out clear rules on who can access and use data generated within the European Union, particularly concerning connected products and related services. It requires data holders to make raw and readily available data, along with relevant metadata, accessible to users and, with user authorization, third parties upon request, while allowing the exclusion of inferred or derived data to protect intellectual property and trade secrets.

The Data Act introduces obligations for businesses to design products that facilitate data access, switching between data processing services such as cloud service providers, and defines standards for structured, machine-readable data sharing. It also outlines conditions under which public bodies may request data in exceptional circumstances. Furthermore, the Data Act sets rules for interoperability, contractual fairness and compensation in business-to-business data sharing. Within this framework, organizations may take on different roles, such as data users who generate data through product usage, data holders who control and share it, data recipients who receive it under agreed conditions, and manufacturers who design the products that generate data.

## The EU Data Act and Schneider Electric

In line with the EU's ambition for a fair and transparent data economy, Schneider Electric strives to uphold principles that promote responsible and trusted data use. As a global leader in energy management and industrial automation, Schneider Electric is directly impacted by the EU Data Act due to the products and services it offers in the European market.

The Data Act has a direct impact on Schneider Electric's data strategy. With responsibilities that vary accordingly Schneider Electric may, depending on the context, assume different roles such as data holder, data manufacturer or data recipient, and is committed to meeting its obligations across all roles it may hold.

To meet these requirements, Schneider Electric is adapting product design to enable direct access to data, improving systems to support secure and timely data transfer, and assessing storage capacity to meet user requests. Schneider Electric is also updating contracts where relevant to secure compliance with its obligations, while standardization efforts are underway to align with EU interoperability requirements.

## Going Forward

Schneider Electric is actively working to meet the obligations of the EU Data Act in line with its phased implementation schedule. Following the regulation's entry into force on January 11, 2024, several provisions became applicable as of September 12, 2025, including user rights to access and share data and transparency requirements. For provisions with extended deadlines, such as product design adaptations by September 2026 and the review of unfair contractual terms by September 2027, dedicated workstreams are being established to secure timely compliance.

While this effort is part of a broader commitment to responsible data governance and digital innovation, compliance with the regulation is essential to maintaining our leadership and trust in the European market. As a company operating at the intersection of technology and sustainability, we recognize the importance of aligning our products, platforms and services with these new regulations. Going forward, Schneider Electric will continue to monitor regulatory developments, engage with stakeholders and contribute to Standardization efforts to ensure its technologies remain compliant.



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