



DPOBOARD APPROACH · REPRESENTATIVE SCENARIO

Industrial Manufacturing — How We'd Build One Governance Model Across the US, Canada & the EU

INDUSTRY	FOOTPRINT	ENGAGEMENT	DURATION
Manufacturing	US, Canada & EU	Governance Program Build	12–16 Weeks

A TYPICAL SITUATION

Consider a mid-sized industrial manufacturer headquartered in the United States, with production sites in Canada and the EU, expanding its use of AI-enabled quality control and predictive maintenance tools across plants. Privacy and AI obligations differ by site — U.S. state law, Canada's federal and provincial privacy regimes, and the EU's GDPR and AI Act all apply at once — and no single team has a current view of the full picture. A generic, headquarters-only compliance program isn't going to hold up across three regulatory environments.

HOW DPOBOARD WOULD APPROACH IT

DPOBOARD would run the engagement from the US, drawing on its network of Canadian and EU privacy and AI governance partners to ground each region's obligations map in local legal expertise rather than a US-centric read of foreign law. Scope would typically cover EHS, Engineering, IT, and Procurement across all three regions. The team builds a single cross-border data and AI system inventory, maps obligations separately for U.S., Canadian, and EU sites, then delivers one coordinated governance framework instead of three disconnected regional programs.

Organizations in this position often expect to run three separate compliance projects — one per region. The goal of this approach is one coordinated program instead.

This page describes a representative engagement scenario, built to illustrate DPOBOARD's typical approach and is not a specific client engagement.

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

One governance model designed to cover all three regions, with local obligations kept current in each.

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functions (EHS, Engineering, IT, Procurement) typically brought under a single governance model

3

jurisdictions covered — US, Canada, and EU — in one obligations map

12–16

weeks, typical timeline from kickoff to board-ready findings and roadmap

WHAT THIS TYPICALLY DELIVERS

A single AI and data governance policy translated for local application in each region, rather than three separate policies. Role-based training rolled out to EHS, Engineering, IT, and Procurement staff at every site. A standing cross-border governance committee, with clear local ownership in Canada and the EU supported by DPOBOARD's partner network, and a recurring review cadence tied to AI Act and provincial privacy law developments.

WHY IT MATTERS

Multinational manufacturers rarely have the luxury of a single regulatory environment. Organizations that build one coordinated governance model — grounded in real local expertise in each market rather than a headquarters-only view — move faster and spend less than those running parallel, disconnected compliance projects per region.

FACING A SIMILAR SITUATION?

DPOBOARD is a US-based firm working with a network of partners across Canada and the EU to support multinational, multi-department organizations wherever they operate. Reach out at info@dpoboard.com or dpoboard.com to start a conversation.