



Workshop on data protection and humanitarian action

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Institute for European Studies (IES), Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)
5 Boulevard de la Plaine, Brussels

Attendance is by invitation only

Agenda

10.00-10.30: Registration

10.30-10.45: Welcome and introduction to the workshop

Dr. Christopher Kuner, co-chair of the Brussels Privacy Hub, will explain the parameters and purpose of the workshop, and introduce the initiative on data protection and humanitarian action being undertaken by the Hub.

10.45-11.30: Tour de table by participants

Participants will introduce themselves and their organizations, and briefly explain their interest in issues concerning data protection and humanitarian action.

11.30-12.30: Discussion of data protection developments impacting humanitarian action

Christopher Kuner will give a brief update on current data protection legal developments around the world impacting humanitarian action. Following this, Massimo Marelli, Head of the Data Protection Project at the International Committee of the Red Cross, will explain the importance of data protection in humanitarian work, and will moderate a discussion among participants. This will include discussion of some of the key data protection issues and challenges in the context of humanitarian action, such as determining the legal basis for processing and transferring personal data; the use of consent; transferring data across national borders; use of new technologies in humanitarian action; and others.

12.30-13.30: Lunch break

13.30-14.30: Discussion of future work

There will be a discussion concerning the main themes of interest in the field of data protection for the humanitarian practitioners present, to be explored as part of future work for the project. These could include such topics as the use of mobile phones to deliver monetary assistance; the use of drones in humanitarian action; biometrics; the impact of cloud solutions for data collection; data analytics and the use of open source data; and others.

14.30-15.00: Coffee break

15.00-16.00: Next steps

There will be a discussion of future work in the project, including such topics as the format, location, and timing of workshops, and the themes to be explored in each workshop.