

IN FOCUS: Brussels Privacy Hub hosts side events at International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners (ICDPPC) 2018

23 October: The future for collective action under the GDPR

On **23 October**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** together with **Privacy Laws & Business** will host an official **ICDPPC** side event on "**The Future for collective action under the GDPR**".

The private right of **redress by way of collective action** (Art. 80) is a little discussed right in the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) but has the potential to transform the balance of power between companies and consumers. Individuals, such as consumers and members of labour unions can now get together as a group to take legal action to assert their data protection rights and seek redress by way of resolving problems or claiming compensation. This private right of action can be used when the same issue affects many people, where legal action by a few people would be prohibitively expensive. Collective funding has already been used by Max Schrems to finance his case up to the Court of Justice of the European Union which sunk the EU-US Safe Harbor.

Drawing on limited experience of collective action in France, Germany and the United Kingdom, this half day workshop will explore the potential for collective action under the GDPR and assess how this new European Economic Area right will differ from well-established class action cases in the United States.

Find a list of confirmed speakers [here](#).

Time: 14:30 - 17:30 (refreshments included)

Venue: The Hotel, Boulevard de Waterloo 38, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium
Walking distance from the Palais d'Egmont (venue of closed sessions):
5 minutes

Registration: This workshop is free to attend but by registration only, please complete the registration form on our Website.

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23 October 2018: Data Protection in Humanitarian Action 2nd Working Series



On **23 October**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** together with **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** will host an official ICDPPC side event titled "**Data Protection in Humanitarian Action 2nd Working Series**".

Just over one year from the publication of the **ICRC/Brussels Privacy Hub Handbook on Data Protection in Humanitarian Action (the Handbook)**, this panel discussion will explore data protection implications of using new technologies in humanitarian action, take stock of the many developments that have taken place in this area since the publication, and present the launch of a new working series to address these developments, with a view to publishing a **second edition of the Handbook**.

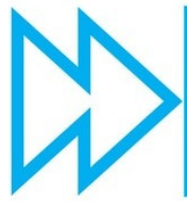
The first working series brought together humanitarian organisations, the Data Protection Authorities and Privacy Commissioners of the Working Group of the International Conference Resolution on Privacy and International Humanitarian Action, academics, corporate entities involved as third party stakeholders, and civil society. The working series led to the publication, in July 2017, of the Handbook, and the Handbook quickly established itself as a very useful resource. However, data protection in humanitarian action is a fast-evolving area, with new technologies becoming increasingly relevant for the humanitarian sector and raising new questions as to how they can be adopted in emergencies in a data protection-compliant way. There is therefore a need to bring together the same stakeholders that worked on the first edition of the Handbook to update it, to make it as relevant as possible in light of current needs in the humanitarian sector, as well as to ensure that humanitarian action makes the best possible use of technology without endangering the beneficiaries and the staff members of humanitarian organisations, and in full respect of their rights.

Time: 14:30 - 15:50 (refreshments included)

Registration: This workshop is free to attend but by registration only, please complete the registration form on our Website.

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25 October 2018: Digital Data Flows Master Class: Emerging Technologies



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On **25 October**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** together with the **Future of Privacy Forum** will host an official ICDPPC side event named "**Digital Data Flows Master Class: Emerging Technologies**".

This program is aimed at regulators, policymakers, legislators and staff who want to more deeply understand the **data driven technologies** that are front of mind for data protection discussions. Structured as an interactive lesson, technology experts will present a **training course** designed to equip data protection experts with a foundation to understand how data is deployed for machine learning, genetics, biometrics, connected cars, health research, facial recognition and ad tech.

This inaugural session will focus on **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**. Attendees will be provided in advance with a copy of "The Privacy Experts Guide to Machine Learning" and will join leading machine learning experts for presentations geared at bringing the details of the technology to an audience without an in depth computer science background. In addition to a primer on the basics of the field, issues of particular consequence to policymakers such as fairness, bias, and data minimization will be examined.

The organizers intend to offer additional sessions over a year, covering a range of technical topics. Sessions will be provided in person and will support remote participation. A certificate will be provided to those completing the full course.

Time: 14:30 - 15:50 (refreshments included)

Venue: Stanhope Hotel, Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium.

Walking distance from the Hemicycle (venue of public sessions): 10 minutes

Registration: Please note that given the nature of the programme, priority registration will be confirmed for authorities and government employees. Subject to availability, registration will be confirmed for additional participants.

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Upcoming Events

11 October 2018: Data localisation:

Analysing a growing global regulatory phenomenon



On **11 October**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** will host an evening and reception seminar on "**Data localisation: Analysing a growing regulatory phenomenon**" starting at **16:45** (with a cocktail reception hold afterwards).

Data localisation is an umbrella term for various legislative measures with the common characteristic of encumbering cross-border data transfers. Proposals of this sort are not historically unprecedented. In recent years, however, the number of localisation measures has greatly increased. Until the year 2000 only 15 measures of this kind had been imposed anywhere. By 2008, the number of such measures had doubled, and it more than doubled again by 2016. As data transforms into an object for governments all around the world to pursue, localisation is a regulatory phenomenon that follows inevitably.

In this panel, we will explore the phenomenon of localisation across the globe, paying special attention to legislative developments in the EU and US. In the EU, personal data regulations are the most well-known example of data localisation. That said, these regulations present just a fraction of all data localisation measures and, because of their human rights nature, may differ from localisation of financial, meteorological or satellite data. Thus, one important issue which the event will focus on are the factors that convert localisation into a desirable outcome of national or supranational policies.

Speakers:

- Professor Paul de Hert, Brussels Privacy Hub, VUB
- Professor Andrew Keane Woods, University of Arizona (per video)
- Helena U. Vrabec, Palantir

Time: 16:45 – 18:30 followed by a **cocktail reception**

Venue: **Lisbon Conference Room**, Lower Ground Floor, Institute for European Studies, VUB, Pleinlaan 5, 1050 Brussels

Registration: The event is free to attend, but due to limited capacity, registration is required. Should you encounter difficulties with the online registration, please contact info@brusselsprivacyhub.eu

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5 - 8 November 2018: Become a GDPR-qualified DPO with IAPP and the Brussels Privacy Hub

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Due to the great success of the DPO trainings by **IAPP** at the **Brussels Privacy Hub**, we can announce a further DPO Training from **5 - 11 November 2018**.

The training sessions provide the necessary knowledge for becoming a **GDPR-qualified Data Protection Officer (DPO)** through four days of in-person classes encompassing key elements of the **IAPP's European Data Protection and Privacy Programme Management training**.

More information on registration and availability can be found [here](#).

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**Study International, European and Data
Law in Brussels**



The **Brussels Privacy Hub** has joined forces with **VUB's Institute for European Studies (IES)** to offer the possibility to study **International and European Law with a Data Law** specialisation in Brussels, starting from the academic year **2018-19**. Students of the LLM in International and European law, an Advanced Master's degree, will be able to follow a **new Data Law option**, consisting of three courses: **'International and European data protection law'**, **'Data policies in the EU'**, and a case study on **'Global privacy and data protection law'**. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (hence **applications are still possible**). You can find more information [here](#).

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Past Events

29 August 2018: Data protection for scientific research: Which preliminary findings under the GDPR?



On **29 August 2018**, the Brussels Privacy Hub in association with the **Promoting Integrity as an Integral Dimension of Excellence in Research (PRINTEGER)** project hosted a lunchtime event on **"Data Protection for scientific research: Which preliminary findings under the GDPR?"**. In front of numerous participants (the event was fully booked out) **Marlon Domingus** (Data Protection Officer, Erasmus University Rotterdam), **Audrey Van Scharen** (Data Protection Officer, VUB), **Jef Ausloos** (Legal Researcher, CITIP, KU Leuven) and **Gloria González Fuster** (LSTS/BPH, VUB) debated the effects of the GDPR on research activities, combining a practical and academic approach. The event was chaired by **Serge Gutwirth** (LSTS/VUB). A summary of the event will be uploaded to our website soon.

18 September 2018: The GDPR and

Journalism. Protecting Privacy or a Break on Democratic Accountability?



On **18 September 2018**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** hosted a lunchtime debate on "**The GDPR and Journalism. Protecting Privacy or a Break on Democratic Accountability?**". **Charlotte Michils** (legal advisor VVJ/AVBB) presented the Belgian framework law for implementing the GDPR. Afterwards, under the guidance of **Paul Quinn** (Brussels Privacy Hub, LSTS, VUB), the audience engaged with the speaker and debate different aspects of the journalistic exception to the GDPR, including for example the appropriate balancing with freedom of expression or the Google Spain Case. A summary of the event will be uploaded to our Website soon.

Publications

Interview: The GDPR: A perspective from Down Under

During their visit to Brussels in June 2018, the Brussels Privacy Hub took a few minutes to discuss the **perspective of the GDPR from Down Under** with **Brussels Privacy Hub Visiting Scholar from Australia, Professor Graham Greenleaf**, University of New South Wales and **d.pia.lab Visiting Scholar, Anna Johnston**, Director of Salinger Privacy. Read the full interview [here](#).

Summary online of Law Enforcement Data Access Series event on encrypted data

On **6 June 2018**, the **Brussels Privacy Hub** together with **Canvas Project** held its 3rd Law Enforcement Data Access Series event on "**Encrypted data: Challenges and Opportunities**" under the chairmanship of **Catherine Van De Heyning** (FRC, VUB). The event combined perspectives from **Graham Willmott**, Head of Unit DG Home, European Commission, **Owen Bennett**, Mozilla, Prof. **Joachim Meese**, University of Antwerpen, and **Jan Kerkhofs**, Belgian Federal Prosecutor's office, Counter Terrorism Unit & Cybercrime Unit. A summary of the proceedings is now available [here](#).

News

Joris van Hoboken, member of expert group on Online Platform Economy

Joris Van Hoboken, LSTS member and teaching on the new **Data Law Option of the LLM** in International and European Law led by the **Brussels Privacy Hub**, has been selected as a member of the expert group for the **Observatory on the Online Platform Economy**. The expert group, set up by Commission Decision of 26 of April, will support the Commission in monitoring the evolution of the online platform economy so as to allow for evidence-based and problem-focused policy making. It will be composed of up to 15 members acting in a personal capacity who should have a proven competence and experience in respect of the online platform economy or of specific digital technologies, business models or other related issues. The group will normally meet at least four times a year in Brussels.

Hub Member, Vagelis Papakonstantinou, appointed to Professor

Brussels Privacy Hub member **Vagelis Papakonstantinou** has been appointed a professor at the **Faculty of Law & Criminology** of the **Vrije Universiteit Brussel**. While working for the Brussels Privacy Hub and the Research Group on Law, Science, Technology & Society (LSTS) his research will continue to focus on personal data protection, both from an EU and an international perspective; Special emphasis will be placed on supervision, in particular Data Protection Authorities' global cooperation. New research topics will include cybersecurity, digital personhood and computer programmes.

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