

## Brussels Privacy Hub Newsletter

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### Interview with Vagelis Papakonstantinou

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and BPH Training Programme Coordinator

**You started at the Hellenic DPA in September. In this role, what will you be working on over the next few months?**

Evidently, the new General Data Protection Regulation is a priority, and I hope that I will be working on its incorporation into the Greek legal system from the Hellenic DPA perspective. Apart from that, members of the committee of the Hellenic DPA, even alternate ones, are expected to contribute to administrative work and other duties of the Authority itself. These are challenging times for Member State DPAs, given fast-paced law-making developments at the EU level; their international obligations within a globalised processing environment; and, of course, ever-increasing personal data processing operations within their own respective jurisdictions.



**You are also BPH's Training Programme Coordinator. Why should we focus on the practical challenges of implementing the GDPR?**

The GDPR, although an impressive legal document by itself, is not, and could not possibly be, a one-size-fits-all, personal data processing panacea. A multitude of practical challenges are expected to be raised while implementing it, despite its length and comprehensiveness. BPH intends to offer [training seminars](#) that will focus on specific topics each time. We will try to identify where we stand today, what future problems we might be faced with, and what needs to be done from now on so as to efficiently address them.

**What do you hope participants will get out of these seminars?**

Sound theoretical groundwork and practical knowledge. Theory is important. We cannot ignore what is written in the law, and a lot that is written in such a detailed piece of legislation as the GDPR may be missed if not adequately highlighted. Once this is acquired, seminar participants can put this knowledge to, hopefully fruitful, work.

## Upcoming Events

BPH Training Programme

## Training Seminar: Implementing the GDPR - Practical Challenges

**1-2 December 2016**

Rome Conference Room,  
Institute for European Studies, Pleinlaan 5, 1050, Brussels

This two-day training seminar will identify and focus on specific topics within the GDPR, and will attempt to provide participants with in-depth knowledge and guidance as to the practical challenges they will be faced with while dealing with them under the new regulatory environment.

Please register by Monday 21 November, 2016.

Programme

Register

[More information](#)

### 9 December 2016 • GDPR Workshop Series: Scientific Research and Data Protection

As part of the BPH GDPR Workshop Series, this workshop will consider the implementation of the GDPR and the implications for research.



The workshop is free to attend and lunch is included.

Registration is required.

[More information](#)

## Recent Events



### 17 October 2016 • Prof. Christopher Kuner presents at ICDPPC

Hub Co-Director Prof. Christopher Kuner and Prof. Mireille Hildebrandt presented at closed panel sessions of the 38th International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners in Marrakesh, Morocco. Christopher Kuner was a speaker in the closed session on Encryption and Mireille Hildebrandt spoke at the closed session on AI and Robotics. The programme of the closed session is available [here](#).

**27 October 2016 • GDPR Workshop Series: What is to be done with the ePrivacy Directive?**

**4 October 2016 • GDPR Workshop Series: The GDPR and privacy impact assessments**

At the latest in our GDPR Workshop Series, we had many interesting discussions on such issues with regard to the ePrivacy Directive review as its scope, consent, confidentiality of communications, cookies, traffic and location data, as well as its 'commonalities' with the GDPR.



At this installment of our GDPR Workshop Series, we considered the multi-faceted topic of the implementation of the GDPR and privacy impact assessments.



## Latest Publications

October 2016 • Brussels Privacy Hub Working Paper Series • *Structure and Enforcement of Data Privacy Law in South Korea* by BPH Visiting Scholar Prof. Haksoo Ko, John Leitner, Eunsoo Kim and Jong-Gu Jung

## Event Recordings

In July 2016, the BPH co-hosted a seminar with the Seoul National University Center for Law and Economics on the synergies between EU and Korean data protection regimes. If you missed out, the recording of the seminar is now available.

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