

# Why T4DATA?

On 4 May 2016, the **EU General Data Protection Regulation** (GDPR) was published. While the GDPR entered into force on 24 May 2016, it will apply from 25 May 2018. GDPR strengthens the level of data protection for individuals, in accordance with European values and fundamental rights.

GDPR will safeguard the right of individuals to retain effective control over their personal data, including new rights such as the “right to be forgotten”.

The GDPR also entails new obligations upon every organization, including public authorities that collect personal data. In particular, the **GDPR will require all public authorities and public bodies to establish a framework for accountability** by ensuring that they have clear policies in place to prove that they meet the required standards.

One of the key accountability components consists in the **mandatory appointment of a data protection officer (DPO)** in particular by public authorities and bodies, whose task is to ensure, in an independent manner, the full application of the provisions of the Regulation in his/her institution.

Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) are the key enforcers of the current and future legal framework. There is the need to support and strengthen the capabilities of DPAs to train in particular public authorities and bodies in complying with GDPR requirements.

One of the main contributions of the project will consist in bridging the training gap on the GDPR and in particular in educating staff and developing a DPO – centered culture in public authorities and bodies.

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Training Data Protection Authorities  
and Data Protection Officers



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# Objective

T4DATA is a transnational project that aims to provide support for training of data protection supervisory authorities and the data protection officers of public bodies on the practical implications and possible interpretations of the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).



# Activities

- *Transnational Training for Trainers* addressed to Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) in order to build a common understanding and interpretation of the GDPR requirements; to strengthen the capacity of DPAs to build mutual trust among them so as to improve future transnational cooperation and to allow DPAs to learn from their respective experience. Three training events will be organized (two will take place in Italy and one in Poland).
- *Local trainings* addressed to the DPOs or to the leading figures of central, regional/local authorities in order to train them on the provisions of the GDPR and to raise awareness of the role, competences and main responsibilities of DPOs. Four local trainings will be organized in each partner country.
- *Webinars* of 48 hours of lessons will be organized and made available in each partner country to reach a greater audience.
- *Final international conference* to disseminate the knowledge base on the GDPR and to present the results of the project to a larger public. The event will take place in Rome.

# Expected results

*For DPAs:*

- Increased knowledge of the GDPR;
- Enhanced capacity of DPAs to support public authorities in establishing a framework for accountability in accordance with GDPR in their country;
- Strengthened cross-border cooperation and possibility of future cooperation.

*For civil servants and public authorities:*

- Strengthened capacity of addressing the challenge of applying the GDPR in national context;
- Raised awareness and understanding of the role, competences and main responsibilities of DPOs;
- Developed capacity of building a European culture of monitoring, reviewing and assessing data processing.

# Partnership

The partnership combines the involvement of Data Protection Authorities from five European countries with European data protection experts with extensive experience in training of legal officials in various European countries.

The project is coordinated by Fondazione Lelio e Lisli Basso which has a long experience in the fields of research and training on justice and in particular on the protection of fundamental rights, including data protection.

The Fondazione Basso is also part of the Fundamental Rights European Experts (FREE) Group, which involves some of the main European experts in the field of data protection who will actively take part in the project.

The partnership is composed by:

Fondazione Lelio e Lisli Basso – ONLUS (Italy),  
Garante per la Protezione dei Dati Personali (Italy),  
Agencia de Proteccion de Datos (Spain),  
Agencija za zastitu osobnih podataka (Croatia),  
Commission for Personal Data Protection (Bulgaria),  
Biuro Generalnego Inspektora Ochrony Danych Osobowych (Poland).

# The European data protection experts involved in the project:

**Marie Georges** 35 years of DP legislative practice and in each DPA's mission and powers. She is the former counselor of the French DPA, the CNIL. She worked at the EC up to the adoption of the 1995 Data Protection Directive and the first e-Privacy Directive. She has been advising the European Parliament on the GDPR, the Council of Europe on modernizing Convention 108 and currently the UN HR special rapporteur on privacy in his tasks. She has been cooperating with many DPAs in and outside EU. She is a member of the Fundamental Rights European Experts (FREE) Group.

**Douwe Korff** is a Dutch comparative and international lawyer specializing in human rights and data protection law. He has carried out many studies in data protection for the EU, the Council of Europe, the UN (ITU), OECD and the Commonwealth. He has been a member of the Advisory Council of FIPR, the Foundation for Information Policy Research since 2004, and a member of the Fundamental Rights European Experts (FREE) Group since 2014.



# Duration

January 2018 – December 2019