

# Training and Cooperation Activity (TCA)

## Data Protection and the Ethics of Data Collection in Erasmus+ Projects

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### DESCRIPTION

Data collection and analysis are becoming increasingly important. At the same time, the protection of personal data must be ensured on the one hand. On the other hand, awareness must be created that data collection has a rich potential for positive and negative uses. This must also be addressed in a project application or in the implementation of a project e. g. within the Erasmus+ Programme. The application of the GDPR guidelines is handled very differently among various organization types applying for projects in Erasmus+.

This TCA is intended to provide applicants and ongoing project leaders with guidance on the dos & don'ts of data collection as well as on the applicable data protection regulations at the European level. Furthermore, an exchange between participants on good practices in data protection and on ethical guidelines in Erasmus+ project work should be initiated.

Results to be expected are the expansion and dissemination of knowledge about applicable data protection regulations in projects, the sufficient handling and implementation of existing data protection regulations as well as the collection of relevant data sources and the establishment of ethical guidelines.

#### Profile of participants:

- Project representatives / interested parties
- Employees from the university administration/legal department/data protection officers
- Scientists and academics who deal with data collection or apply it in practice.

**The TCA is suitable for advanced beginners und participants with intermediate knowledge of data protection issues. Interest/experience in Erasmus+ project management is desirable.**

## **WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY**

15.00-17.00

**NA staff networking meeting (only NA staff)**  
(S5/S6)

17.00-18.30

**Registration and Arrival**

18.30-21.30

**Welcome Dinner at GSI and activity to get to know each other**  
(Restaurant 2)

## **THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY**

**Moderation of the event:** *Stephanie Oberheidt, European Digital Education Hub Leader, DAAD Office Brussels*

9.15-9.30

### **Welcoming and Opening of Day 1**

#### **Data Protection: Legal Basis & Ethics**

*Dr. Stephan Geifes, Director NA DAAD, Germany  
(S5/S6)*

9.30-10.00

### **Keynote on Data Protection in Scientific Projects - Dos and Don'ts**

*Dr. Marit Hansen, President of German Data Protection Conference 2023*

10.00-11.00

### **Panel Discussion**

Data Protection in Erasmus+ Cooperation Projects: Perspectives from different countries

*Viktoria Szinyei, Széchenyi István University, Hungary*

*Lena Wicke-Aengenheyster, University of Applied Arts Vienna, Austria*

*Viktoras Bulavas, University of Vilnius, Lithuania*

*Jérôme Broustaut, Representative of Agence Erasmus+ France / Éducation Formation*

**11.00-11.30**

### **Coffee Break**

11.30-12.15

### **Interactive session: How can personal data be misused?**

*Jochim Selzer, Chaos Computer Club, Germany*

**12.15-13.30**

### **Lunch**

13.30-14.15

### **Introduction into the Legal Basis of Data Protection in Erasmus+ Projects**

*Jacob Kornbeck; Michal Osmenda, European Commission*

14.15-15.00

**Flash presentations on selected topics of Data Protection and Ethics in Europe**

*Dimitris Kokkalis, Belgium*

**Data Protection and Ethics in Europe**

(S12/13)

Description: EU projects in research, education and training implement many activities where processing of personal data is included. Data protection is a central aspect for ethics in Europe and EU projects must comply with the GDPR regulation. But it is a challenge to use and share the data, and at the same time ensure that those data are protected. What is the existing ethics framework in EU and how is it implemented? What can Erasmus + learn from other programmes such as HORIZON Europe? What activities can include processing of personal data and how project promoters can deal with them? This flash presentation will give a quick overview on those aspects and provide some principles to consider when dealing with personal data processing in EU projects.

*Prof. Dr. Paul Libbrecht, IU International University*

**How to Allow Making Use of Research Results?**

(S01)

*Description: Many projects plan to make research results publicly and openly available. This objective opens incredible opportunities and is also often a requirement. Before a recipient can see on the web that a research result is available, several aspects need to be envisioned: How to make the results usable for anyone? Are all ingredients allowed to be published? Did we ask for allowance? How is a recipient going to use the result? Such questions will be discussed; the flash presentation will shed light on how open licenses provide answers and how the technical formats impact or support re-use and a higher relevance. Further, the presentation will highlight the need to deal with existing regulations concerning data protection and personal rights e.g., while doing interviews, registering students, using photos, or developing a joint website, a topic that will be continued during the workshop sessions.*

*Dr. Susanne Buch, Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg*

**Challenges of research data management and publication of research data**

(S02)

Description: Scientific research requires not only well-designed experiments and precise analyses, but also structured handling of the underlying data. This flash presentation introduces you to the main challenges along the research data lifecycle. You will not only learn more about FAIR data, but also how the handling of research data can be planned early on in the research project.

Moreover, you will gain an insight into the topics of saving, archiving and publishing of digital results.

**15.00-15.30**  
**Coffee Break**

15.30-17.00

**Workshops (Part 1): How to work with Data Protection Topics and Guidelines in Projects**

Workshop 1: S01

Workshop 3: S09/11

Workshop 2: S02

Workshop 4: S12/13

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Awareness of data protection topics during the different stages of the project life cycle (Preparation, Application, Project Implementation, After Project Completion)
- Getting to know pitfalls with regards to data protection and ethics

**17.20**  
**Bus departure to the museum**

Meeting point: Lobby of GSI

**18.00**  
**Visit of exhibition at the LVR Landesmuseum and dinner**

Rheinisches Landesmuseum für Archäologie, Kunst- und Kulturgeschichte  
Colmantstr. 14-16, 53115 Bonn

## FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY

9.00-9.30

### **Welcoming and Opening of Day 2** **Data Protection: The Practical Dimension**

#### **Flashback session: Expectations, challenges and solutions**

*NA DAAD, Germany*  
(S5/S6)

9.30-10.15

#### **Learning from good practices: How Data Protection is effectively implemented in Erasmus+ Projects – 2 good practice examples**

*Iuliana-Raluca Gheorghe, BENDIT-EU, University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania*

*Namrata Sethi, INCLAVI, Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Finland*

10.15-10.45

#### **Coffee Break**

10.45-12.15

#### **Workshops (Part 2): Exchange of Ideas (same groups as in day 1)**

Workshop 1: S01

Workshop 3: S09/11

Workshop 2: S02

Workshop 4: S12/13

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

- Safe handling and implementation of existing data protection regulations
- Collection of relevant data sources and creation of ethical guidelines.
- Understanding about responsibilities within a project consortium related to data protection (from a project coordinator's point of view).

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12.15-12.45

#### **Concluding Plenary: Wrap Up Data Protection as a Challenge and Opportunity**

Collecting Findings from Workshops and Idea Exchange  
(S5/S6)

12.45-13.30

#### **What does the future hold? On the ethics of data-driven research in an age of Big Data and AI**

*Dr. Tijs Vandemeulebroucke, Sustainable AI Lab, Institute for Science and Ethics, University of Bonn, Germany*

13.30

#### **Formal closure of the conference**

Lunch and Departure