

PrivacyOS

European Privacy Open Space



With an ongoing high rate of innovation, the information society raises new risks for the protection of privacy. Experiences from developers, users and Data Protection Authorities have shown that privacy requirements need to be considered already at early stages of innovation concerning all kinds of eServices and should be integrated into the processes in each organisation.

AT A GLANCE

Project: PrivacyOS

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Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, France, Greece, Macedonia, Belgium, Austria, Spain, Slovenia, Lithuania

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Further information:

WEB site: www.privacyos.de

Privacy Enhancing Technologies:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/privtech/

Protecting the citizens' privacy is increasingly becoming a core challenge of the ongoing dynamic evaluation of the information society. Achieving this on European level or even in the global internet is an enormous challenge, as a multitude of regulatory systems and concepts need to be taken into account. While organisations meanwhile are increasingly aware of security and privacy risks, end-users often are not. Moreover many organisations and end-users are lacking knowledge on how to effectively counter these risks. A trustworthy design of our information society requires know-how transfer among all stakeholders, being the basis for guidelines and tools supporting the needs of both organisations and end-users.

The European Privacy Open Space (PrivacyOS) brings together industry, SMEs, Government, Academia, and Civil Society to foster development and deployment of privacy infrastructures for Europe. All the invited partners are strongly involved with privacy issues and/or have significant experience in the field. PrivacyOS aims at giving an opportunity to articulate and exchange best practices, challenges and solutions. Following the bottom-up approach it offers a series of Open Space conferences to gain expertise, find new partners, starting ventures and present results. Over a two-year time span four such conferences will be held, where possible in co-location with other events to extend the network further.

In the Open Space conferencing style, all the participants are invited to bring topics to the agenda. It leaves room for spontaneous creation of new workshops during the meeting which reflects the dynamics of the discussion among participants. By choosing this innovative conferencing format, spontaneous development and interaction between the participants is encouraged.

Protecting citizens' privacy

The European commission has given the protection of privacy a priority and has thus allocated significant funds for research in this field. Projects such as the DISCREET-Project, the OPEN-TC Project, and the PRIME-Project in FP6, as well as its follow-up PrimeLife in FP7 all tackle privacy issues from different angles. The commission equally has been promoting the use of Privacy Enhancing Technologies, recommending action in a variety of areas. PrivacyOS brings together research and deployment, serving as a marketplace for those offering solutions to those facing new challenges.

In a series of PrivacyOS Conferences participants will exchange research and best practises, as well as develop strategies and joint projects following four core policy goals: Awareness-raising, enabling privacy on the Web, fostering privacy-friendly Identity Management, and stipulating research. Workshops will be held on Location Based Services, Electronic ID-Cards, eParticipation, Privacy Seals, and cryptographic mechanisms to name a few. New areas of work can be raised during the lifetime of the project. Outreach and consensus building will be ensured through co-locations with relevant other conferences.

Accordingly the first PrivacyOS Conference was co-located with the 30th International Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners Conference in Strasbourg in October 2008. Privacy-friendly Identity Management was one of the core issues at the Strasbourg event, but participants also touched upon other fields of relevance. The

partners presented on themes such as the "Harmonisation of Data Protection Law and best practices", "Belgian EID cards", "On-Line Health Insurance Card System in Slovenia", and "Enabling Privacy-aware Information Lifecycle Management in Enterprises". Projects like Swift, TAS3 and PrimeLife gave updates on their progress.

The second PrivacyOS Conference will be held in April 2009 in Berlin, and will concentrate on enabling privacy protection on the Internet.

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The association of Local Authorities of Kavala	Greece
Metamorphosis	Macedonia
European Digital Rights A.I.S.B.L	Belgium
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