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**Improving Practical and Helpful cooperAtion bEtween Data PRotection
Authorities II**

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- A two-year European project (2015-2016), funded by EC DG Justice
- PHAEDRA consortium:
 - Vrije Universiteit Brussel – Research Group on Law, Science, Technology and Society (VUB-LSTS), Belgium (co-ordinator)
 - Trilateral Research & Consulting (TRI), UK
 - Generalny Inspektor Ochrony Danych Osobowych (GIODO), the Polish DPA
 - Universidad Jaume I (UJI), Spain.



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- Goals:
 - to identify, develop and recommend measures for improving practical co-operation between European Data Protection Authorities,
 - to assist in identifying and developing strategies for best practical implementation of the new framework taking into account the necessity to complete new rules with practical instruments and co-operation mechanisms as well as operational legal guidance.

- This project will focus on the challenges for co-operation arising from:
 - existing EU framework and
 - the reform of the data protection framework.

- Three big challenges for European DPAs:
 - ensuring consistency,
 - sharing different types of information (including confidential information) and
 - ensuring co-ordination and co-operation regarding enforcement actions.



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- The PHAEDRA II project will:
 - identify existing instruments and forms of co-operation and co-ordination (“best practices”) between the EU DPAs under the EU legal framework in force;
 - identify and analyse obstacles (legal and non-legal) and areas of opportunity (improvement),
 - analyse strategies (solutions) to enhance co-operation in other fields (Schengen co-operation, consumer protection, competition law) from which it might be possible to draw lessons for improving practical co-operation between European DPAs;
 - develop a set of recommendations for improving practical co-operation between European DPAs;
 - provide a set of practical measures to facilitate EU DPA co-operation that can be sustainable by DPAs (depository of decisions, common procedures for complaint-handling, common platform, etc).
- The target group of PHAEDRA II activities is European data protection authorities (DPAs).



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METHODOLOGY

In PHAEDRA II, the consortium envisages direct contacts with the main stakeholders (i.e., European DPAs):

- a) Interviews are the preferred research tool.
- b) Workshops and roundtables. PHAEDRA II will organise two workshops (open to DPAs, the advisory board and other key stakeholders as academic experts) and three roundtables (composed of DPAs themselves for discussing any divergences in views between DPAs).
- c) Comparative analysis of the co-operation mechanisms in certain other selected fields, such as Schengen, Visa co-operation, competition law and consumer protection.
- d) Desk research. Documentary analysis regarding the co-operation mechanisms (legal framework, soft law, policy documents).



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MOST IMPORTANT DELIVERABLES

- Deliverable D.1: Report of the findings from the interviews
- Deliverable D. 2: Report summarizing the findings, lessons learned and best practices for improving practical co-operation
- Deliverable D.3. Report on European and national legal challenges to apply new European Regulation provisions on co-operation tools
- Deliverable D.4 - Recommendations for improving practical co-operation between DPAs, including regarding complaint handling, consistency mechanisms and common platforms