



## **Results of the first PHAEDRA workshop aimed at improving privacy enforcement co-operation and co-ordination – News release, October 2013**

The first PHAEDRA workshop was held on 24 September 2013 in conjunction with the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners in Warsaw, from 23 to 26 September 2013. During the workshop, data protection authorities (DPAs), privacy commissioners (PCs) and privacy enforcement authorities (PEAs) discussed ways of improving privacy enforcement co-operation and co-ordination.

The PHAEDRA project aims to support improvements in privacy enforcement co-operation and co-ordination between DPAs, PCs and PEAs around the world. Articles 45 and 55 of the EC's proposed Data Protection Regulation encourage such co-operation and co-ordination.

The two-year project began in January 2013 and is supported by a grant from the European Union. The PHAEDRA consortium comprises Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), Trilateral Research & Consulting (UK), the General Inspectorate of Personal Data Protection (GIODO, Poland) and Universidad Jaume I (Spain).

More than 75 representatives of DPAs, PCs and PEAs registered for the workshop, at which the PHAEDRA consortium presented the results of its efforts so far, which include the distribution of a draft of its first report comprising case studies of co-operation or the lack thereof between DPAs, PCs and PEAs, a description of different international and regional mechanisms for co-operation, the results of the first PHAEDRA questionnaire (53 responses) and interviews held with DPAs, PCs and PEAs. At the workshop, eight different PEAs presented their views on how co-operation and co-ordination could be improved. The workshop was opened by Wojciech Wiewiórowski, Inspector General for Personal Data Protection, and closed by Jacob Kohnstamm, Chairman of the Article 29 Working Party.

Among the issues (briefly) discussed at the workshop were how the PHAEDRA consortium could support efforts towards improving co-operation and co-ordination in its second year. The consortium presented a short list of issues, which were also discussed in the working group of the International Conference. Following feedback from that, the consortium has decided to focus on two key issues for 2014:

1. Identify the different types of barriers to privacy enforcement co-ordination and ways in which those barriers could be overcome.
2. Develop a [binding, non-binding] framework for information exchange, joint inspections and co-ordinated enforcement actions between DPAs, PCs and PEAs.

For more information about the PHAEDRA project, see [www.phaedra-project.eu](http://www.phaedra-project.eu).  
For the agenda of the workshop, see [http://www.phaedra-project.eu/?page\\_id=49](http://www.phaedra-project.eu/?page_id=49)