

**Travel Report on
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This report reflects on the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) training by IAPP (International Association of Privacy Professionals) that took place in Brussels, during 26th to 27th November 2018.

I thank COINS for the training & travel support that gave me this opportunity to experience and learn from the very experts in the privacy profession. It gave me an opportunity to learn GDPR requirements from professional privacy faculties and connect with great participants.

The training was structured in 11 comprehensive modules, with interactive sessions covering legal basis to compliance requirements to data subject rights, and everything in between. Two days and 11 modules, training was very intense. On the first day we covered 5 modules: i) Data protection laws, which introduced key European data protection laws and regulatory bodies, ii) Personal data, which defines and differentiates between types of data as defined by the GDPR, iii) Controller and Processor, it presented the roles and relationships of entities involved in personal data processing, iv) Processing personal data, which detailed data processing principles and outlines the legitimate bases for processing personal data, and finally v) Information provisions, i.e. controllers obligations for providing information about data processing activities to data subjects and supervisory authorities.

On the second day, we covered remaining modules: vi) Data subjects' rights, describing rights and their applications, including data controller and processors obligations, vii) Security of processing, discussing considerations and duties of controllers and processors for ensuring secure processing of personal data and also about notifications in post security breach, viii) Accountability, discusses data protection management systems and impact assessment, data protection policies and the role of DPO (data protection officer), ix) Cross-border data transfer, outlining options and obligations when personal data is exchanged outside EU and EEA, x) Supervision and enforcement, discussed the roles, authorities and procedures of supervisory authorities, the European Data Protection Board, European Data Protection Supervisor, liabilities and penalties for non-compliance etc. and finally, xi) Compliance, discussed application and

compliance requirements for personal data processing, surveillance, direct marketing, Internet technology and communications and outsourcing.

Overall this training was crucial to acquire an overall understanding of the GDPR. Probably more such interactive sessions would be valuable to attain a workable understanding for the GDPR. Furthermore, discussions involved plenty of actual situations/examples to describe critical privacy concepts. Most importantly, training was vital to gain essential skills for our ongoing research work. This also gave me an opportunity to discuss our research work (during short coffee breaks) and receive feedback from fellow participants.

I again thank COINS for the travel support, that helped me to attend this event and learn from professionals and great participants.

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