



ESSENTIAL

*Evolving Security Science
through Networked Technologies,
Information policy And Law*

INTRODUCING MY PhD RESEARCH

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Agenda

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 - Introducing PIA

PIA: Privacy Impact Assessment



Who am I?

- ✓ B.Sc. in Mathematics,
- ✓ M.Sc. in Cyber Security Engineering,
- ✓ 2.5 years working experience as a researcher at Cyber Security Institute in TUBITAK,
- ✓ Since January 2018, PhD Researcher at UG and NTNU,
- ✓ Currently at NFI.

TUBITAK: Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
NFI: Netherlands Forensic Institute
UG: The University of Groningen



ESSENTIAL Project

Evolving Security ScienceE through Networked Technologies, Information Policy And Law (<https://www.essentialresearch.eu/>)

- ❑ Funded under EU's Horizon 2020 (H2020) Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks,
- ❑ 13 Early-Stage Researchers (ESRs), 6 Academic Beneficiaries, 7 Industrial partners,
- ❑ Interdisciplinary, double or joint PhD degree,
- ❑ ESSENTIAL's 2 main goals:
 1. to train inter-disciplinary security experts and professionals, to tackle security threats in a systematic manner.
 2. to increase societal resilience and security by addressing in an interdisciplinary manner 15 research topics.



Problem Description

The increasing volume in data collection and processing necessitates reconsideration of existing digital forensics (DF) process from a different angle, this of privacy preservation. In order to prevent privacy abuses more efficiently, a shift towards proactive solutions like Privacy by Design (PbD) and privacy by default is expected. This new point of view has not been addressed yet in DF.



Privacy by Design in Large Scale Digital Forensics



Research Questions

1. How to detect and limit privacy exposures during DF process?
2. What strategies are used to enforce PbD out of the forensics scope?
3. What are the data and process oriented aspects of DF related to PbD?
4. What are the effects of big data to PbD?
5. How to implement PbD without reducing the effectiveness and speed of digital investigations?



Planned Contributions

- Finding better and effective ways of limiting privacy exposures during a digital investigation.
- Providing a basis for better understanding of the current state of the art concerning PbD.
- Introducing a framework adding end to end life cycle protection for personal data.
- Providing compliance with Directive (EU) 2016/680 and accountability, transparency.



Choice of Methods

- Literature Review
- Case Study
 - Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) on Hansken
- Semi-structured Interview (@NFI & @Økokrim)
- Experimentation
 - Differential Privacy >>> Privacy Enhancing Technology
 - Fuzzy Logic >>> Privacy Preserving Data Mining
- Implementation and evaluation of proof of concept



Current Work

Research Questions:

- 1) How to conduct PIA in big data forensics?
- 2) What are privacy risks in DF when processing large amount of data?



What is Hansken?

A service-based approach for processing and investigating multiple terabytes of seized digital material:

Digital Forensics as a Service (DFaaS).



Key Ideas

HANSKEN

- Minimization of the case lead time,
- Maximization of the trace coverage and
- Specialization of people involved.

XIRAF

(Hansken's predecessor)

- Automated pre-processing,
- Uniform data representation,
- A set-based query model,
- Web-based access.



Hansken's Design & Implementation Principles:

1. Security (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability)
2. Privacy
3. Transparency
4. Multi tenancy
5. Future proof
6. Data retention
7. Reliability
8. High availability

Sociological
Needs

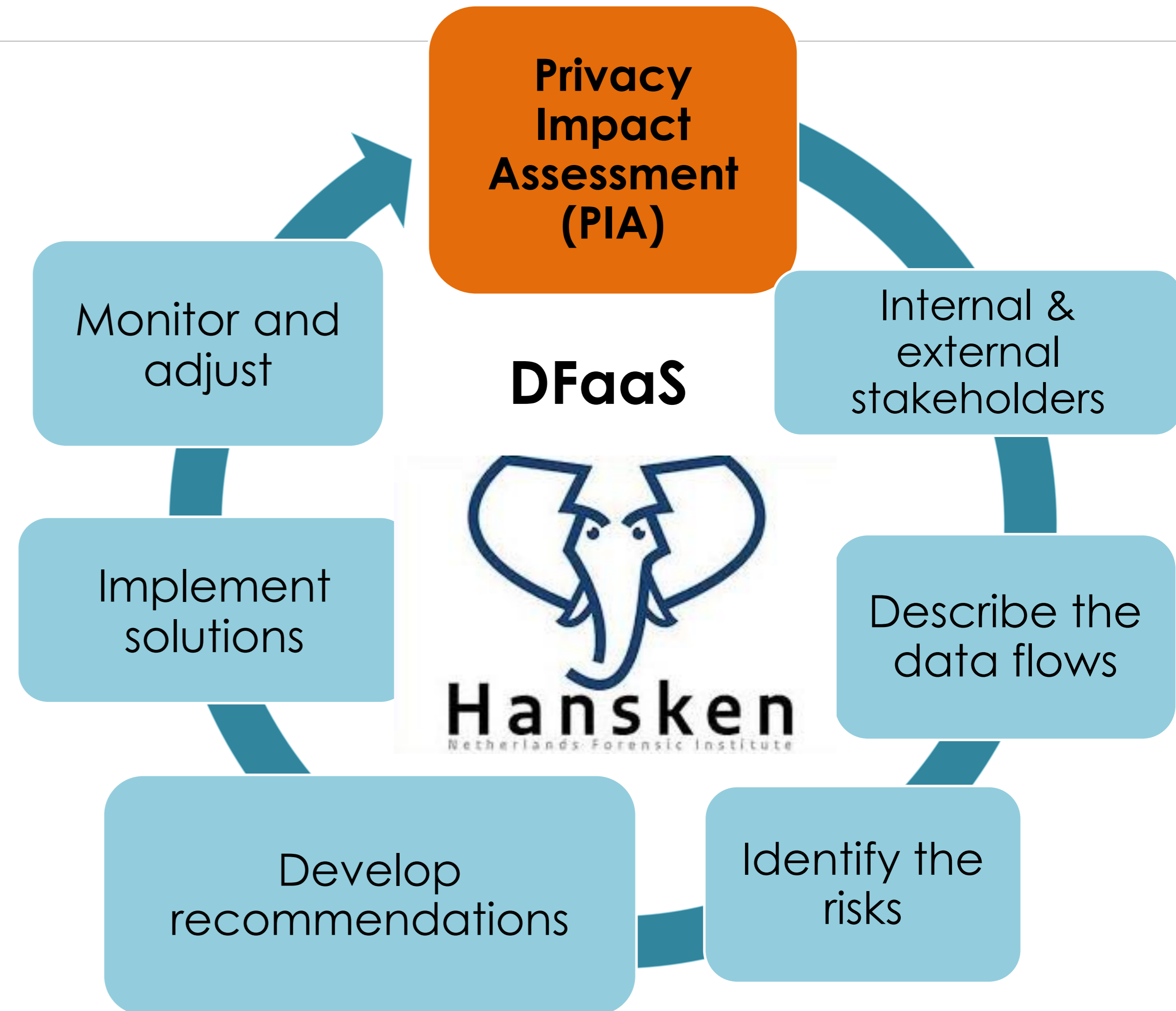
Business
Needs

Distributed
Implementation



PIAs

PIAs are tools to evaluate the origin, nature, particularity and severity of risks to the rights and freedoms of natural persons to determine the appropriate measures.



Thank you for your attention

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