Announcement on the recent results of the STAR project

The STAR project (Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform) provides support to the training activities of European Union (EU) Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) and data protection officers (DPOs) on the EU data protection reform, especially the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

To achieve these goals the STAR project set three main objectives:

- to formulate the training topics in close cooperation with stakeholders,
- to author the actual training materials and
- to validate and test them in pilot trainings.

The STAR Consortium conducted interviews with the EU DPAs and gathered information on the training methods applied by them and also identified the difficulties of the implementation of the new data protection regime. Based on the findings of the interviews the Partners developed the draft training materials.

The training materials include:

- 11 training topics focusing on the GDPR,
- seminar materials (i.e. Microsoft PowerPoint presentations) for each one of the topics with detailed guidance for trainers and suggested reading materials,
• training scenarios,
• a takeaway reference GDPR checklist,
• a ten-point GDPR introductory list,
• an evaluation questionnaire for attendees.

These ready-made, easy-to-customise and easy-to-run training materials are easily adaptable to specific training situations and they are freely and publicly available in a digital form, saving thus time and reducing the workload of trainers and facilitating a harmonized training of the GDPR across the EU.

The topics were compiled by comparing the prioritized lists of topics from data protection authorities and other training stakeholders that emerged from the interviews the STAR consortium conducted. The training topics, structure and materials are developed with an objective of meeting the learners’ needs. The ten plus one topics are the following:

- Topic 1 - Introduction to the European Union Data Protection Regime
- Topic 2 - Purposes and legal grounds for processing personal data
- Topic 3 - The rights of the data subject and their exercise
- Topic 4 - Responsibilities of data controllers and processors
- Topic 5 - Role of the DPO
- Topic 6 - Role of the DPA
- Topic 7 - Technical and organisational measures
- Topic 8 - Risk-based approach to data protection
- Topic 9 - Data Protection Impact Assessments
- Topic 10 - Data Protection Communication
- Topic 11 - It's not just the GDPR

A presentation has been developed in Microsoft PowerPoint format for each of the above referred topics. These presentations are easily adaptable and customizable to different audiences as well as to the specific needs of the trainer. Trainers are further assisted in the preparation for the training activity. In particular, in the notes-section below each slide useful information can be found (i.e. the trainer’s guidance on how to tailor down the materials to meet the needs of the audience and the format of the training).

It must be underlined that the slides are not applicable immediately as they require customization and preparation. The trainers are responsible for adjusting the training material to the level of expertise of the training recipients.

The Microsoft PowerPoint presentations in .pptx format are available in the following link: http://www.project-star.eu/training-materials