



DataPro

UPGRADING THE EU DATA PROTECTION SECTOR WITH NEW SKILLS

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DataPRO International Conference

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On February 25th IHF asbl and the DataPRO Partnership held the Online International Conference of DataPRO.

The Conference reached more than 100 international participants interested in the field of general data protection regulation.

The event allowed the partners to explain their roles and functions during more than two year of implementation. In addition, the conference aimed at showcasing the main results of the project.

The Conference has been moderated by Lorenzo Costantino (Senior Partner at IHF asbl), which illustrated the EU state of the art in GDPR implementation.

External Speakers with expertise and knowledge in the Data Protection field were invited to further enrich the level of the Conference. In particular,

- Mr. *Christoph Riedmann* – EUROCHAMBRES, illustrated his experience in supporting SMEs to comply with GDPR
- Mrs. *Karolina Argyridou* – Cyprus Association of Information Protection and Privacy, brought several examples of decisions by the Cyprus Commissioner
- Mr. *Michael Zerkowski* – INMACOM, described the German SMEs experiences
- The conference was also focused on the current development on Data Protection VET Education thanks to Mr. *Stelios Kavalaris*

from Akmi Metropolitan College.

Furthermore, the coordinator together with AMC and the IT Partner Readlab, showcased all the relevant information on DataPRO implementation, including the main functionalities of the DataPRO online platform, available at <https://datapro-project.eu/site/>.

ACQUIN and EOPPEP lead the session on available certification systems and analysed the challenges in the EU, together by an in-depth analysis on quality assurance of the DPOs Curricula.

Finally, Dr. *Yianna Danidou* from CERIDES offered an interesting overview on COVID-19 impact in digitalisation and the consequences on cybersecurity dynamics.

Participants were involved in a closing question and answers session which allowed to further explore the innovative training developed by DataPRO.

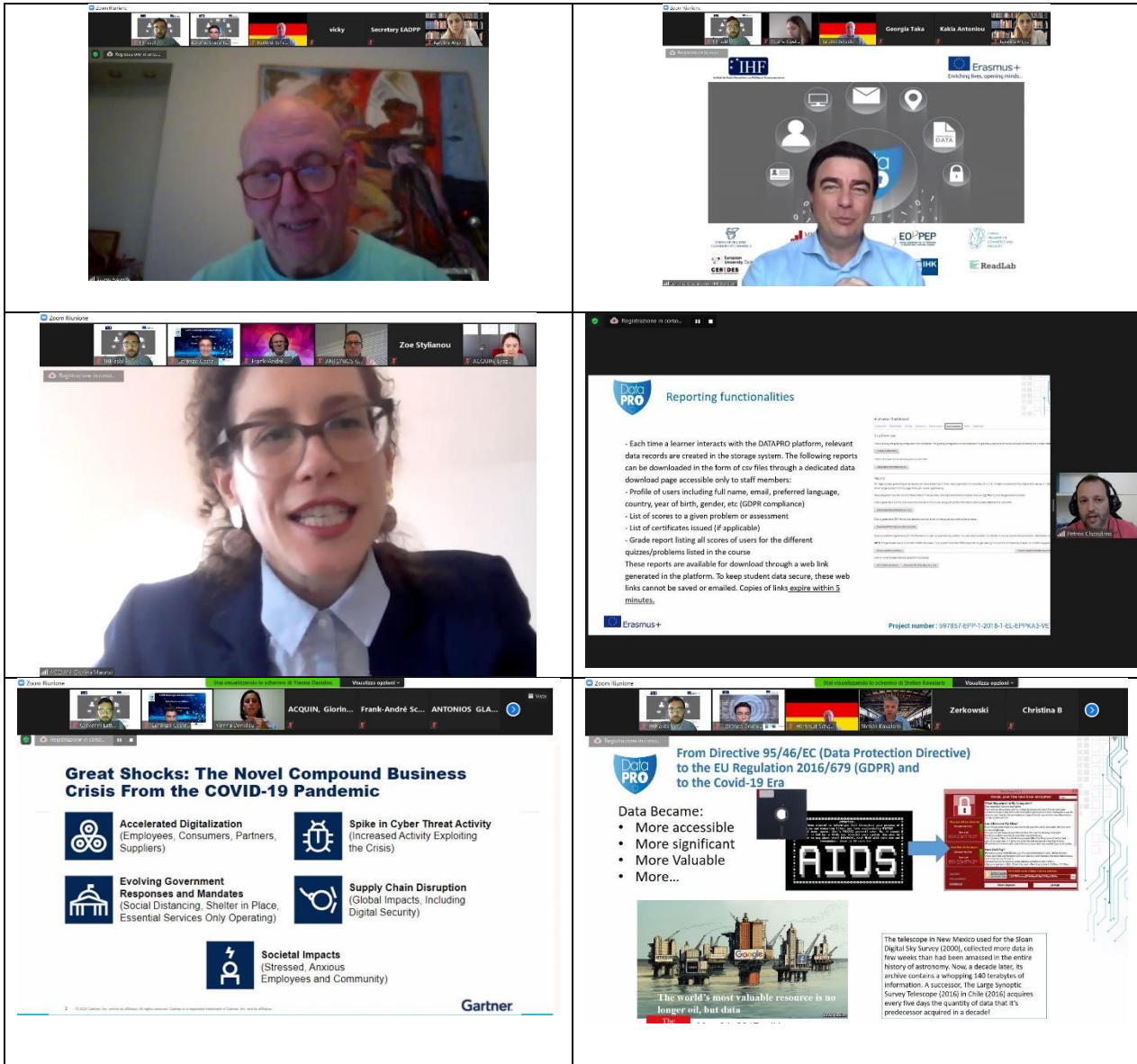
The DataPRO Project started in 2018 with the aim to establish a common European framework on technical skills, knowledge and competences in data protection sector narrowing at the same time the differences emerging at business levels in terms of data protection and certification systems.

Following the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016/679, DataPRO Partners recognised the need for a specific occupation profile in the domain of data protection and GDPR compliance and decided to exploit the Regulation as a new and unexplored employability opportunity.

The Final International Conference represented a very important moment for the implementation of DataPRO.

Despite the implementation issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic, partners managed to plan their activities avoiding any negative impact.

All the materials and the event registration will be soon available.





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'Data Protection' at the center of an online event by the CCCI and CERIDES

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The Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) and the Center of Excellence CERIDES (Center of Excellence in Risk and Decision Sciences) of the European University of Cyprus, organized on Friday 26 February 2021 an online conference on the field of Data Protection entitled "**Data Protection and the applicability of GDPR Regulation 2016/679 in Cyprus**". The event was organized in the framework of their participation in the project entitled "[Upgrading the EU Data Protection Sector with new Skills - DataPRO](#)" co-financed by the European Commission through the Erasmus + program.

Among the event speakers was the Commissioner for Personal Data Protection, Mrs. Irimi Loizidou, who presented the results arising from the audit controls of compliance with the General Regulation of Data Protection carried out by her Office. Some of the general conclusions that emerge from these audits are:

- Unsatisfactory level of compliance between the Public and the Wider Public Sector.
- Satisfactory level of compliance of the Private Sector.
- Higher level of compliance of insurance companies compared to supermarkets.
- Higher level of business compliance with a larger number of employees.

The rest of the experts speaking at the conference analyzed how the sectors of telecommunications, banking, education and Safety and Health in Cyprus have been affected by the application of GDPR 2016/679 in Cyprus.

For the material presented during this event, as well as its video recording, please click [here](#).

For more information on the European project [DataPRO](#), please contact the CCCI, c/o Demetra Palaonda (tel. 22889840).





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DataPRO National Event in Greece

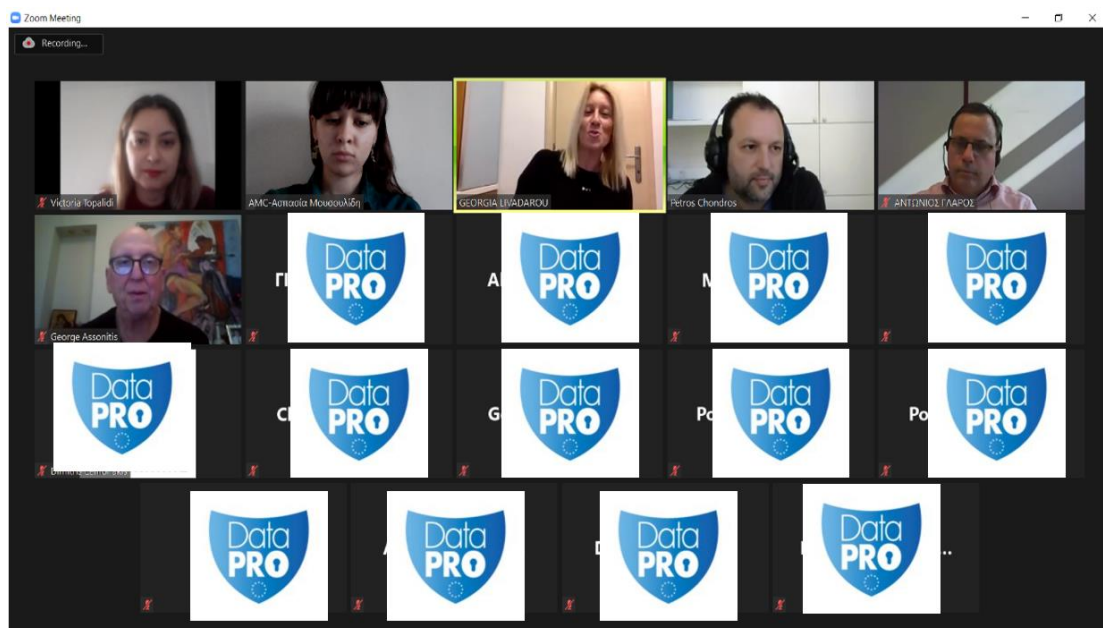
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“On Thursday, 26th of February 2021, the Lead Partner of DataPro project, Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce (UHCC) with the participation of AMC, hosted an online meeting at national level to present the results and outputs of the project in Greece.

Speakers covered a wider spectrum of topics, emphasizing the changes that have been introduced in the European business sector after the entry of the GDPR 2016/679 into force and the adaptability of the Greek market to the shaping trends, the introduction of new professional curricula for DPOs and their role within companies as well as the responsiveness of Vocational

Education and Training sector to the current skillset that the businesses need in Greece.

Together with the participants, they got involved into a vivid conversation exchanging their views on the World Café sections, demonstrating the most updating trends, challenges and everyday working environment of Greek DPOs and IT technicians”.





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DataPRO Closing Meeting

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On 1st of March 2021, the DataPRO partnership met online for the final transnational project meeting.

The closing meeting allowed partners to sum up on the main project's achievements and lessons learnt from implementation. In particular, the partners resumed all the activities carried out and the main deliverables evaluating the impact on the target group.

Despite the issues coming from the pandemic, DataPRO partners intensified their presence online, organising a series of national and international events to deliver the DataPRO training and tools directly to the target group.

The transnational gathering was also instrumental to plan actions to guarantee further sustainability of project's results. All the contents will be maintained online and will be available for lawyers of bars associations, current and future employee's learners and trainers making use of the learning and training resources developed in multilingual versions (English, German and Greek).

the DataPRO consortium produced:

- A Joint Occupational Profile for DPOs
- A Joint DPO VET Curriculum accompanied by a detailed WBL Scheme
- An Awareness raising Curriculum on Data Protection for current and future employees
- Data Protection and GDPR Learning Resources for learners and wider audiences and WBL Employer Manual
- On line web platform for "Data Protection Ready" Employees
- A new Certification Scheme for Data Protection
- Concrete Methodology for Quality Assurance and Licencing of DPO VET Curricula

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