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# Background to the STAR project

The STAR project (*Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform*) will provide 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). The GDPR requires these two categories of data protection actors to undertake training activities (Arts 57(1) and 39(1)(b)). Each DPA developing such materials in isolation increases the overall cost, risks undermining the harmonising effect of the GDPR and puts greater pressure on its consistency mechanisms. STAR will thus provide them with necessary and efficient training materials and resources. In particular, STAR will:

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

This output will be freely and publicly available in a digital form. STAR is directly addressed to EU DPAs and DPOs; it also offers a benefit to other privacy professionals in the EU and beyond.

STAR supports the legal obligations of DPAs and DPOs to undertake training activities and, in order to facilitate their work, will provide them with ready-made, easy-to-customise and easy-to-run training materials, easily adaptable to specific training situations. STAR will also provide to the European Data Protection Board (EDPB) the common training programmes (Art 70 GDPR). The main outputs are thus the training materials and resources themselves. While their exact format and nature will be refined in cooperation with stakeholders, the following will at least be included:

1. Training scenarios for each training category,
2. A Seminars’ Topics List, based on the training scenarios,
3. Seminar Material for each one of the seminars,
4. Webinars (selected from the Seminars’ Topics List),
5. A training Handbook,
6. A takeaway reference GDPR checklist,
7. A ten-point GDPR introductory list.

# Introduction

This report documents the publication and dissemination of a press releases for the STAR project. The press releases were published on the NAIH’s website, which was considered the most appropriate informational platform for the stakeholders of the project as the end-users presumably used to visit the NAIH website for information on recent data protection issues, guidelines and decisions issued by the authority and other information on the activity of the authority.

The first one was published on 27.11.2017 announcing the launch of the project, the second one in October 2019 when the draft training materials were drawn and the last one in November 2019 on the results of the project.

The aim of the article was primarily to promote information on the STAR project and on the available STAR training materials.

# Text of the press releases

## Announcement of the President of the NAIH on the launch of the STAR project

The announcement on the launch of the STAR project can be found at the following link: <https://naih.hu/files/2017-11-27-STAR_Projekt.pdf>

### Full text of the press release

**NAIH közlemény a 2017-19 között az Európai Unió finanszírozásában, a NAIH részvételével futó STAR project (*Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform*) indulásáról. A projekt célja a 2018 májusától életbe lépő uniós adatvédelmi rendelethez (GDPR) kapcsolódó képzési anyagok összeállítása és tesztelése. Bővebb, angol nyelvű leírás a NAIH honlapján található (**[**www.naih.hu**](http://www.naih.hu)**).**

**Budapest, 2017. november 27.**

**Dr. Péterfalvi Attila**

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Budapest, 27 November 2017

**GDPR: EU awards grant to help authorities train data protection officials**

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will have a far-reaching impact on the processing and protection of personal data in the European Union (EU) and beyond when it becomes applicable on 25 May 2018. It is expected to greatly harmonise the regulation of data controllers and processors offering their services in the EU. To forestall the risk that regulators in the EU and the Member States send different messages on the Regulation’s provisions, the EU has awarded a grant to a consortium of researchers to develop a harmonised set of training materials that regulators can use to explain some of the most important provisions of the new legislation to stakeholders such as judges, magistrates and civil servants. The announcement was made today by Dr. Attila Péterfalvi, President of National Authority for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (NAIH), a member of the research consortium.

The two-year STAR project (*Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform*) will support the training activities of Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) and data protection officers (DPOs) required by the GDPR. “Each DPA developing such materials in isolation increases the overall cost, risks undermining the harmonising effect of the GDPR and puts greater pressure on its consistency mechanisms,” according to Paul de Hert, co-ordinator of the STAR project and a professor of law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB).

STAR will develop the training materials in consultation with the DPAs and DPOs and test and validate them in pilot trainings. “This output will be freely and publicly available in a digital form,” said David Wright, Director of London-based Trilateral Research, another partner in the consortium. “Although the STAR project directly addresses EU DPAs and DPOs, it will benefit other privacy professionals in the EU and beyond.”

The new Data Protection Regulation includes many novelties such as the so-called right to be forgotten, the right to data portability, data protection by design, data breach notification, the obligation to conduct data protection impact assessments and much else. “We foresee especially a need to develop training seminars addressing some of these novelties,” added Dr Péterfalvi.

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## Announcement of the President of the NAIH on the draft versions of training materials

The announcement on the launch of the STAR project can be found at the following link: <https://naih.hu/files/2019-10-10-Kozlemeny-STAR-projekt.pdf>

### Full text of the press release

NAIH közlemény a 2017-2019 között az Európai Unió finanszírozásában, a NAIH részvételével futó STAR projekt (Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform) keretében kidolgozott, az adatvédelmi rendelethez (GDPR) kapcsolódó képzési anyagokról. Az adatvédelmi hatóságok és adatvédelmi tisztviselők számára összeállított angol nyelvű képzési anyagok a STAR projekt honlapján érhetőek el PPT formátumban (<http://www.project-star.eu/training-materials>). A PPT előadások hamarosan magyar nyelven is elérhetőek lesznek a NAIH honlapján.

Budapest, 2019. október 10.

**dr. Péterfalvi Attila**

**elnök**

Budapest, 10 October 2019

**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>

## Announcement of the President of the NAIH on results of the STAR project

The announcement on the launch of the STAR project can be found at the following link: <https://naih.hu/files/2019-11-05-kozlemeny-STAR-projektzaro.pdf>

### Full text of the press release

NAIH közlemény a 2017-2019 között az Európai Unió finanszírozásában, a NAIH részvételével futó STAR projekt (Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform) eredményeiről.

Budapest, 2019. november 5.

**dr. Péterfalvi Attila**

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Budapest, 5 November 2019

**Announcement on the results of the STAR project**

The STAR project (Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform) aimed at contributing to a more effective application of the EU data protection reform package, through supporting the training activities of EU Data Protection Authorities (DPAs) and data protection officers (DPOs) on the EU data protection reform, especially the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Each DPA and DPO developing training programmes and materials in isolation increases the overall cost involved, risks undermining the harmonising effect of the GDPR, spreading different sets of competing interpretations and best practices and puts greater pressure on the GDPR consistency mechanisms. The financial and human resources (including staff numbers) of EU DPAs and DPOs are also highly variable, meaning that not all have the capacity to generate training materials efficiently.

The STAR project provides freely available, ready-made and easily customizable training materials necessary to carry out their training operations. These 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. With such materials, trainers can reduce their workload, as the ground-setting work has already been carried out for them by STAR.

The Partners based their work not only on the respective EU legal framework and academic literature, but engaged with stakeholders multiple times throughout the project, assessed their actual needs. In the project the Consortium carried out qualitative interviews in January-April 2018 with representatives of the Member States’ DPAs and public and private sectors’ DPOs 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 training materials.

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* aim and objective of the slide,
* pedagogic strategies and guidance,
* timing (importance) of the slide,
* an indication of the slide’s degree of difficulty [i.e. whether it is suited for data protection beginners or not],
* its target audience [everyone vs authorities, lawyers, data protection officers, etc.],
* list of respective legal provisions,
* list of respective case law,
* list of respective additional reading,
* further notes,
* its degree of importance [whether it is essential to deliver it, or if it can be removed without impacting the effectiveness of the training].

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<http://www.project-star.eu/training-materials>

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Regardless of the changes in the layout, the training material should acknowledge the STAR project and its funding. The following text is advised to be used: “This material was developed by the STAR project, [www.project-star.eu](http://www.project-star.eu/). (Support Training Activities on the data protection Reform; 2017-2019) and was co-funded by the European Union under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020 (REC-RDAT-TRAI-AG-2016) under Grant Agreement No. 769138.” Further guidance for the use and display of the European Union flag in relation to this acknowledgement can be found at: <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/communication-toolkit>.

To further support the work of the trainers a handbook was also edited during the project. This handbook serves as a guiding document for DPAs and DPOs on how to use these materials. It provides trainers with additional knowledge around GDPR training that has been gathered by the STAR Consortium, including feedback gathered through stakeholder interviews and trials of the STAR materials. The handbook sensitises trainers to issues that may emerge in GDPR training and provides pedagogic support to trainers who may lack previous training experience.

The handbook is not intended to contain all the factual content on the GDPR, this resides in the seminar material for each of the topics (e.g. in Microsoft PowerPoint presentations).

The results of the STAR project were presented on the final events organized by the Consortium:

* on 17 October 2019 in Brussels, Belgium
  + this event is dedicated specifically to Data Protection Officers
  + please see the details of the event here:

<https://brusselsprivacyhub.eu/events/17102019.html>

* on 22 October 2019 Tirana, Albania Side Event of the International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners
  + this event is dedicated specifically to representatives of Data Protection Authorities
  + please see the details of the event here:

<https://privacyconference2019.info/conference/side-events/>

These events introduced and discussed the final results of the STAR project (co-funded by the European Union (EU) under its Rights, Equality and Citizenship programme (2014-2020)). The panel identified the challenges and best practices around data protection training. The panels then launched the ready-made, easy-to-customise and easy-to-run training materials, (i.e. 11 Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, training scenarios, further supporting forms as well as a handbook for trainers and users of the materials) targeted for DPAs and DPOs. During the event speakers guided the audience through the STAR materials and, in form of a discussion, gathered their feedback and experience from training activities thereafter.

The STAR project demonstrated fast growing interest in assistance, a need for expanding the data protection knowledge dissemination activities to other groups of stakeholders emerged. The STAR II (Support small And medium enterprises on the data protection Reform II) project builds on and expands the results of the STAR project, yet it targets a different group of stakeholders, namely SMEs, who are structurally different, encounter different problems with GDPR compliance and have different needs. Furthermore, in many instances, they fall into the scope of specific, often protective, legal frameworks.