**Questions to ask DPAs about their training requirements**

INTRODUCTION: Hi, my name is [name] from [VUB/TRI/NAIH], and we are a partner in the STAR project, which has been funded by the European Union, to support data protection authorities’ training needs regarding the GDPR. We are interviewing data protection authorities across the EU to get their views on those needs before we start developing training materials. We aim to consult with DPAs throughout this whole process. To this end, I have a few questions I would like to ask you. I will probably need about half an hour of your time to go through my questions.

1. Do you offer some training on the GDPR now? If not, are you planning to develop training packages in the future?
2. To whom do you offer that training, e.g., DPA employees, lawyers, judges, civil servants, general public? Do you provide training to DPOs?
3. What is the scope of the GDPR training you provide? What topics or issues do you cover?
4. Do you provide online training? Or is it face-to-face in a workshop? How long does your training session last?
5. What are three topics you consider most important for training?
6. What kind of materials do you currently use for your training activities (slides, brochures, essays, …)? Would you be willing to share with us some of your current training materials for best-practices-identification purposes (even materials addressing the directive)?
7. Do you gather feedback on your training courses or training materials? How do you gather such feedback -- online questionnaires, paper questionnaires, e-mail? Based on the feedback you’ve received, what do you think would be the most effective way to provide training? E.g., webinars, videos, workshops, online courses… And what types of materials would you create?
8. What variety of training level do you consider appropriate? E.g. general overviews vis a vis specialised training on selected issues.
9. How long do you think training sessions should last, e.g., an hour-long webinar or a half-day workshop?
10. Do you have any other comments or observations that might help us prepare the STAR project training materials?
11. Would you be willing to test the training materials in actual training sessions?
12. We aim at identifying best practices and evaluate existing training materials on the following criteria: comprehensiveness, suitability, coherence with the regulatory environment, delivery quality, certification, cross-border relevance, accessibility. Do you consider these criteria as appropriate for a proper assessment of best practices? Are there any other criteria we should consider?
13. As I mentioned at the beginning, the EU is funding the STAR project the aim of which is to develop training materials that DPAs and DPOs can use in providing training to their stakeholders. Do you think DPAs need or could benefit from harmonised training materials, so that the cost of each DPA developing more or less the same material can be avoided?