Dear Colleagues,

As some of you may know, EC DG JUST has recently awarded a contract to a consortium which aims to support DPAs and DPOs in the provision of training, as required by GDPR Articles 57(1) and 39(1)(b). NAIH, the Hungarian DPA, is a partner in the consortium, which is led by Prof. Paul de Hert from Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and includes Trilateral Research.

The two-year project, called STAR, aims to develop harmonised training materials across the EU in close consultation with DPAs and DPOs. The STAR project also aims to avoid each DPA developing such materials in isolation which increases the overall cost, risks undermining the harmonising effect of the GDPR and puts greater pressure on its consistency mechanisms. By the same token, we will provide DPAs and DPOs with ready-made, easy-to-customise and easy-to-run training materials, easily adaptable to specific training situations.

The training materials will be especially aimed at judges, lawyers, civil servants and other key stakeholders affected by the GDPR. Accordingly, we would like to enlist your support for this new endeavour as follows:

1. Could you please identify who is responsible for training in your Authority and provide their contact details, so that we could interview them with regard to their priorities for GDPR training materials and seminars?
2. Could you provide contact details for any DPO associations in your country so that we could also interview them with regard to the perceived training needs of DPOs?
3. Could you provide a list of the topics of any training materials that you currently provide and at whom those training materials are directed?
4. Would you be willing to provide a link on your website to the dedicated STAR project website which we aim to have operational in early 2018?

We would be grateful if you could respond by 15 December, 2018. Your co-operation would be highly appreciated.

Thank you and kind regards.

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