

FINAL CONFERENCE

Privacy in Times of Smart Surveillance: Conference on Ethics and Rights as Standards for European Surveillance practices

1 & 2 July 2014

Conference Room
Centre for European Policy Studies
Place du Congrès 1,
Brussels



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SEVENTH FRAMEWORK
PROGRAMME

PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

Context

After 3 years of intensive research on the topics of surveillance technologies, the SAPIENT research project is ending and presenting its main findings in a Final Conference taking place in Brussels on 1 and 2 July 2014. The Final Conference will be a good opportunity to look back at the security/rights conundrum and how it was approached by researchers in the scope of the project, and also at how the SAPIENT project has bridged the gap between academics and policy-makers on this issue. The project started in the wake of the terrorist attacks on New York, Madrid and London in the 2000s, and the emergence of smart surveillance technologies or combinations of such technologies, supposedly to combat crime and terrorism. The use of these technologies also implied concrete risks of intrusion upon the privacy of individuals. Since then, the revelations of mass surveillance activities by US and UK intelligence agencies (PRISM programme, 2013) confirmed the challenges to privacy in our society.

The first panel of the Final Conference will consist of a **Policy Meeting** inviting relevant policy-makers and stakeholders to debate on the new policy agenda on privacy and surveillance, especially in the post European elections context and the establishment of the new European Commission and European Parliament. The questions of the state of play of the currently negotiated Data Protection package and the EU-US relations in security and data protection will be addressed.

The second and third panels of the Final Conference will focus on presenting the **results of the SAPIENT project**, namely the findings of the research on EU policies carried out during the last three years on EU security policies (such as Data Retention, Smart Borders and other large-scale information systems including Passenger Name Records) and the research on impact assessments' methodologies and guidelines as a tool for a better data protection in the EU. The Final Conference will also present practical examples of implementation of such assessments. The scenarios elaborated by the project, touching upon forms of surveillance that are not currently limited to law-enforcement agencies, such as that which monitors traffic, passengers on public transport, employees' computer or targeted advertising on the Internet, will also be presented.

The SAPIENT research project

SAPIENT (**S**upporting fundamental rights, **Pr**ivacy and **E**thics in surveillance **T**echnologies) is a 36-month collaborative research project on the state of the art of surveillance studies, emerging smart surveillance technologies, and the adequacy of the existing legal framework that relates to these technologies. This project is co-funded by the European Commission, DG Enterprise under the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). SAPIENT started in March 2011, has developed scenarios to help show the impacts of new surveillance technologies and is constructing a surveillance-related privacy impact assessment (PIA) framework. The project has helped policy-makers, technology developers and other stakeholders to better understand how and when smart surveillance should be used and to apply criteria to assure that such systems respect citizens' privacy and other values. This project has eight partners and is led by Fraunhofer ISI.

For more information, please visit SAPIENT's website: www.sapientproject.eu

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DAY 1 – 1 JULY 2014

13.30 – 14.00 Registration & Coffee

14.00 – 14.30 Welcome Panel & Keynote Address

Sergio Carrera, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), SAPIENT partner

Michael Friedewald, Fraunhofer Institute, Coordinator of the SAPIENT project

- Keynote Speaker: **Luca de Matteis** (Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU)

14.30 – 16.00 Policy Meeting: The Future of Data Protection in Europe

A new European Parliament has just been elected, and a new college of commissioners will soon be chosen: will it influence in any way EU data protection policies and the EU-US relations on security and privacy? What should be the next policy priorities?

- Chair: **Sergio Carrera**, CEPS

- Speakers:

Lord Sharkey (House of Lords)

Daniel Drewer (Europol)

Chris Connolly (Galexia)

Katarzyna Szymielewicz (Panoptykon)

30 minutes for Q&A

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00 Panel I: Mass Surveillance, Privacy and the Role of the Courts

Recent EU judicial practice goes in the sense of stronger data protection: how does it sit with international surveillance practices that seem to espouse an opposite trend?

- Chair: **Michael Friedewald**, Fraunhofer

- Speakers:

Sergio Carrera (CEPS)

Joanna Parkin (BEPA)

Els de Busser (Max Planck Institute)

Didier Bigo (KCL)

30 minutes for Q&A

18.00 – 18.15 Concluding Keynote Speech

- Keynote Speaker: **Paul Nemitz** (European Commission)

DAY 2 – 2 JULY 2014**09.30 – 10.00 Registration & Coffee****10.00 – 12.00 Panel II: Privacy and Technology Impact Assessments: Methodologies, Guidelines and Hands-on Practice**

In the last years, the EU has promoted impact assessments as a tool for effective data protection. As a self-reflexive preventive instrument their potential is great. However, in order to exploit this potential, clarity must be made on a crucial point: the methodology to be used. Since 2011, the EU has accompanied the development of impact assessment methodologies and templates for two distinctive technologies, namely RFID and smart meters. One of the main aims of the SAPIENT Project is to devise a methodology for surveillance impact assessment. It is therefore important to compare its outcome with state-of-the-art European methodologies. It is equally important to assess the methodology in practice. What are the benefits of impact assessments, and their potential pitfalls? How much can we expect from such tools? Is there room for improvement and if yes, how?

- Chair: **Nicholas Hernanz**, CEPS

- Speakers:

David Wright (Trilateral)

Inga Kroener (Trilateral)

Raphaël Gellert (VUB)

- Discussants:

Rocco Bellanova (PRIO)

Jens-Hendrik Jeppesen (Center for Democracy & Technology)

Reinhard Kreissl (IRKS)

Didier Bigo (King's College London)

Elsbeth Guild (CEPS)

30 minutes for Q&A

12.00 – 12.30 Concluding Remarks: How can the Research Findings of SAPIENT Matter for the Future?

Michael Friedewald, Fraunhofer Institute, Coordinator of the SAPIENT project

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

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