



## Security and Data Flows in the European Union

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Data security is a central aspect of the process of European integration. Security and cybersecurity constitute key aspects for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (including a Common Security and Defence Policy) and for the European Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. In light of these dynamics, the conference will be dedicated to the scientific, juridical and social aspects of data flows and to the urgency to protect sensitive data online, continuing to guarantee the offline security of the European citizens. Speakers will come from political institutions; communication field; legal professions; social and computer science; private companies, to discuss the data processing in its relations with security, data protection, social and juridical implications, involving private and public actors. A special attention will be paid to the issues raised by the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and how it affected the circulation of some sensitive data, such as data concerning religious affiliation, or the processing of sensitive data in special contexts as smart cities and communities. At the end of the sessions, the debate will be open to disseminate awareness on the topic among the general public.

The conference is the second of three general conferences dedicated to the different aspects and dimensions of security in the European Union: *Security and Migration Flows in the European Union* (Víglaš, Slovak Republic); *Security and Data Flows in the European Union* (Trento, Italy); *Security and Money Flows in the European Union* (Roma, Italy). The three conferences are included in the larger framework of the project BeSEC (Boosting European Security Law and Policy), which intends to support activities of information and dissemination of knowledge and skills with regard to the role of security in the process of European integration.



### **Session 1 | Data Security and Data Flows in the Context of EU Security Law and Policy**

Introducing a general overview of the issues related to security and its role in the process of European policy making, the session connects interdisciplinary areas of interest concerning the relationship between data flows, security and cybersecurity. A special attention will be given to the aspects of IT security and especially to the topic of cybersecurity. The session aims to involve scholars but also policy-makers, business representatives, staff of public administration and, in general, stakeholders in the field of European security, in order to address urgent issues, such as the Internet regulation and control, privacy protection, flow of big data analysed in its legal and multidisciplinary aspects. The session will explore on both the theoretical and the practical approach the balance between privacy, personal freedoms and the online and offline security of the European citizens.

### **Session 2 | Smart Cities and Communities and the General Data Protection Regulation**

The aim of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is to protect all EU citizens' privacy and personal data in today's data-driven world. This session will offer an overview of the changes carried by the new GDPR, using a specific case study: the smart-cities and communities. Smart cities, in fact, represents the next level in the evolution of towns characterized by the deployment of information and communication technologies (ICT). In the smart cities' environment technological improvement lays at the core of their development, and this inevitably requires the collection, production, and sharing, of personal information and knowledge for the common wellbeing and quality of city-life. Within this frame the session will explore if and how GDPR changes the way of collecting and managing sensitive personal data, and how this affects the smart cities' growth.

### **Session 3 | Sensitive Data and Religious Minorities**

In the last decade, the connection among religions, technologies and security, expressed a new phenomenon. In this context, especially the Internet played a double role: on one side has promoted innovative religious practices gathering widespread communities, on the other side it has represented a new tool for the construction of violent and radical religious-based networks. Trying to face the latter problem, the European Union has shown an ambivalent attitude ensuring the security of European citizens by limiting the protection of religious data, but, at the same time, stressing the importance of data security to safeguard the Europeans' privacy. Deepening this complicated balance, this session aims to reconstruct the phenomenon of cyber religious terrorism, highlighting how the danger of digital radicalization affected the relations among security, privacy, and sensitive data, with a special focus on religious minorities. In reframing this context, will be analyzed how the new GDPR affects religious data processing.