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The Computers, Privacy and Data Protection (CPDP) conference is proud to announce its 5<sup>th</sup> edition to be held on 25-27 January 2012 in Brussels, Belgium.

CPDP is a privacy stakeholder conference set up by five academic institutes (the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, the Université de Namur, the Universiteit van Tilburg, the Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique and the Fraunhofer Institut für System und Innovationsforschung) with the aim to bring together academics, practitioners, policy-makers and civil society so they can meet, exchange ideas and discuss emerging issues of information technology, privacy, data protection and law.

The CPDP 2012 conference is a three-day top-level scientific programme

- organized by academics from all over Europe
- several panels with international experts in technology, privacy, data protection, law and social sciences
- updates on the latest emerging issues
- interactive workshops and valuable networking opportunities with leaders in the field

As in the previous editions, more than 25 panels will be organized focusing on key issues such as geolocation, e-identity and e-management, enforcement of copyright protection, surveillance in the workplace, accountability and communication of privacy. In addition, there will be workshops and special sessions on topics such as eDiscovery, privacy impact assessments and “privacy by design”, smart metering and transborder data flows. As usual, CPDP dedicates a special attention to PhD Students and Early Stage Researchers with the organization of two specific sessions.

CPDP 2012 takes place during a significant stage of the revision of the EU legal framework on data protection and will have several panels focused on the review and proposals regarding the new data protection frameworks, as well as its limits and possibilities. The next European Parliament’s Privacy Platform “‘Computers reading our minds? The benefits and risks of profiling’” is co-organized with CPDP and will take place on the first day of the conference.

Since 2012 was declared the European Year of Active Ageing, three sessions will be devoted to the theme of Ageing and New Technologies. While great promises and expectations lay with technological developments for ageing, ICT solutions for active ageing also pose risks to individual autonomy and private life. The impressive diffusion of new technologies calls for a critical discussion and a sound conceptualization of their impact on privacy and data protection, and, more in general, of their role in the development of contemporary societies.

CPDP 2012 enjoys about 200 valuable contributions by speakers from all over the world and with various backgrounds, among which Colin BENNETT, Alexander DIX, Ben HAYES, Mireille HILDEBRANDT, Peter HUSTINX, Andras JORI, Susan LANDAU, Françoise LE BAIL, David LYON, Natasa PIRC, Spiros SIMITIS, Chris SOGHOIAN, Alma WHITTEN, as well as several Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission, FRONTEX, Data Protection Authorities of Belgium and Poland, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, the Commissioner of the Federal Institute for Access to Information and Data Protection of Mexico, representatives of academia and private sector and several leading advocates from both EU and US.

Finally, several public events (debates, Privacy Awards, Pecha Kucha, etc.) will take place before and during CPDP 2012 and supported by Vlaams-Nederlands Huis deBuren and the Permanent Representation of Poland to EU, among others.

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