Data protection matters, the IEA approach

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Just as a reminder: What is GDPR?

- **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**
- Applicable in the European Economic Area (EEA)
- Came into force in May 2018
- Shall protect a personal right of natural persons: *informational self-determination (privacy regulation)*
- Data collection requires informed consent
  - What data is collected and how?
  - Who gets access to these data?
  - How/where data is stored and for how long?
  - For which purpose is the data used?
What does GDPR mean to us?

- Handling data of European citizens and processing data in Europe, IEA studies have to comply with GDPR.
- Already in the past, data from IEA studies were processed under the strict German Data Protection law.
- GDPR requires:
  - transparent and comprehensive documentation of data processing
  - clear and agreed upon responsibilities and roles
    - data controller determines the purposes and means of processing personal data. If two or more controllers jointly determine the purposes and means of processing, they are joint controllers
    - data processor processes personal data on behalf of the controller
What have we done so far internally?

• Processes in human resources, personal accounting and our IT units have been described and scrutinized in the light of GDPR → vast majority of processes are GDPR-compliant

• All IEA Hamburg staff received training on GDPR

• Besides IEA Hamburg, also IEA Amsterdam appointed a Data Protection Officer

• Some contracts with external service providers needed amendments

• Confidentiality agreements needed an update
What have we done so far externally?

- Data processing in TIMSS and other studies have been described and scrutinized in the light of GDPR → vast majority of processes are GDPR-compliant
- Discussed and clarified roles and responsibilities of involved parties in IEA studies
- Signed Standard Contractual Clauses with international study centers outside the EU (Boston College and ACER)
- Finalized Joint Controller Agreement including description of data processing activities for TIMSS 2019 and PIRLS 2021
Next steps

• Create “Data protection” section on our website with relevant documents and links
• Roll out Joint Controller Agreements to countries participating in our running studies
• Continuation of documenting data processing activities and fixing of minor areas to be compliant with GDPR
• If in doubt, contact Data Protection Officers (DPO)
  dataprotection@iea.nl (for international issues)
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Thank you!

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