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
 - \rightarrow 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) datenschutz@iea-hamburg.de (for German issues)





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Thank you!

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