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EU EDUCATION FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE IN THE REGIONS OF ALBANIA

EU4EduGovRegAl

EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION SUPERVISOR
EDPS

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OPEN FORUM OVERVIEW: EU4EduGovRegAl

Academic Transformation: Strengthening European Union studies through innovative teaching, interdisciplinary approaches, and research on EU governance.

Institutional Capacity Building: Supporting the modernization of public administration by promoting European standards of transparency, accountability, and good governance.

Regional Engagement and European Awareness: Enhancing awareness of European integration and fostering cooperation among institutions, students, and regional stakeholders.

Sustainable Academic and Institutional Networks: Establishing long-term collaboration between universities, local governments, and international partners to support Albania's European integration process.

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🎯 FORUM OBJECTIVES

- 🇪🇺 Understanding EU Governance Principles
- 🏛️ Analyzing EU Institutions
- 🛰️ Promoting Active Citizenship
- 🤝 Connecting EU Governance with Albania
- 🏆 Applying Knowledge Practically

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INTRODUCTION AND INSTITUTIONAL PHILOSOPHY

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The Guardian of Human Dignity in the Digital Age

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DATA IS THE "NEW OIL"

Why do we need a Supervisor? Every click, message, and transaction leaves a trace

The EDPS as the "technological conscience" of the European Union

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MANDATE: THE SUPERVISOR OF THE SUPERVISORS

The EDPS does not oversee businesses,

but EU institutions themselves (Commission, Frontex, Europol)

Ensures that the "State" does not misuse our data

👉 "Your phone knows more about you than your closest friend."

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PRINCIPLES OF PRIVACY (THEME 11.1)
THE PHILOSOPHY OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Institutions must prove they protect data, not just claim it.

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THE GOLDEN PRINCIPLES OF PRIVACY

Minimisation: Collect only what is necessary.

Purpose limitation: Do not use employment data for surveillance.

Accuracy and erasure: The right to be forgotten.

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ABSOLUTE INDEPENDENCE

Why is the EDPS an "island" in Brussels?

No politician can instruct how it conducts investigations

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK (THEME 11.2)
GDPR VS REGULATION 2018/1725

GDPR: For citizens and businesses

Regulation 2018/1725: The "Digital Constitution" for EU officials

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DATA PROTECTION OFFICER (DPO)

The "eyes and ears" of the EDPS within each institution.

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DPIA: RISK ASSESSMENT

Measuring risks before launching new technological projects (e.g., use of drones)

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ADVISORY ROLE (THEME 11.3) PRE-LEGISLATIVE FILTER

- The EDPS is consulted on every new law before adoption
- Preventing "bad laws" that infringe privacy

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EXAMPLES: HEALTHCARE AND THE DIGITAL EURO

- Protecting medical records from pharmaceutical companies
- Ensuring the Digital Euro does not track how we spend money

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NEW TECHNOLOGIES (THEME 11.4) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN ADMINISTRATION

- No "blind decisions" by machines
- Every AI decision must be explainable by a human

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BIOMETRICS: THE RED LINE

- The fight against automatic facial recognition in public spaces
- Preserving anonymity in public life

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CROSS-BORDER CLOUD TRANSFERS

How to keep Europeans' data safe from foreign surveillance (USA/China)

👉 "Where your data is stored = who can control it."

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COOPERATION AND THE REGION (THEME 11.5)
EUROPEAN DATA PROTECTION BOARD (EDPB)

Coordinating Europe to speak with one voice against tech giants

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EU MODEL VS SURVEILLANCE MODEL (CHINA)

Why privacy is a democratic advantage, not a limitation.

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IMPACT IN ALBANIA AND KOSOVO

Chapter 23 (Fundamentals): Data protection as a "passport" for EU membership

Cooperation between national commissioners and the EDPS

👉 "Without data protection, Albania remains outside European security networks."

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MESSAGE

Privacy is not just law; it protects our freedom of thought.

Technology must serve people, not the other way around.

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CONCLUSION:

👉 **“In the digital age, whoever controls your data controls your life.”**

👉 **“Are you ready to trade your privacy for a bit of convenience?”**

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CONCLUSIONS AND QUESTIONS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS. SPACE FOR DISCUSSION.

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