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# NEWSLETTER

**RAISING DATA PROTECTION AWARENESS AMONG CHILDREN**

**CREATING AN OPEN SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE FOR PRIVACY PROFESSIONALS**

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# The Partners

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The byDefault consortium is compiled by three partners that represent three areas: regulatory, academic and software industry. The coordinator of the project is the Hellenic Data Protection Authority and the other two partners are the University of Piraeus Research Center and ICT Abovo PC.



## The project in brief

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, the Hellenic Data Protection Authority launched the project entitled “**Aware byDefault: raising awareness of critical social and professional groups (children and privacy professionals) (byDefault)**”, following a successful proposal to the European Commission.

Visit the website of the project at  
<https://bydefault-project.eu/>

The byDefault project has received funding from the European Union’s Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) under grant agreement No. 101074939 and is carried out under the coordination of the **Hellenic Data Protection Authority**, in cooperation with the **University of Piraeus Research Center** and the Greek IT company **ICT Abovo**.

The project is due for completion in August 2024.

# The project's Goals

The byDefault project aims to:

**RAISE** data protection and privacy awareness among the critical social group of **children** by:

- developing a comprehensive education program about privacy, targeting minors and especially using electronic services;
- providing training and support to educators (teachers and professors), in order to be able to design and enact learning sessions according to the philosophy of the education program;
- performing a set of pilot education activities to several elementary and secondary schools in order to assess the effectiveness of the training program.

**PROMOTE** the creation of an open source of knowledge for **DPOs and privacy professionals** by

- developing an electronic collaboration space open to DPOs and privacy professionals, fostering the exchange of general and specialized knowledge;
- launching a platform, creating a critical mass of content and users (DPOs and privacy professionals), monitoring and constantly assessing its operation.

Finally, byDesign aims to maximize the project's impact through dissemination, networking and sustainability of project results.

Whereas the byDefault project only involves partners from Greece, it has a clear European dimension. Data protection awareness is a topic with similar challenges and needs around Europe. This concerns both children, as well as DPOs and privacy professionals.

With this in mind byDefault will pay special attention so that its results can find applicability in European countries.

## Fisrt steps Identification of needs of privacy professionals

A first key objective of the project is the **creation of an electronic platform** for cooperation and exchange of views of data protection professionals. The platform, which will operate under the guidance and supervision of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority, aims to share specialized knowledge in thematic areas to facilitate the practical application of data protection principles. At the same time, the Authority will receive feedback from the platform, which will be taken into account in the preparation of its work programme, to provide more specific guidance where necessary.

In order to carry out the above activities, it is necessary to reflect as accurately as possible the needs and key themes that concern professionals in the field. To this end, the Authority has prepared a specific **questionnaire** in order to identify the main thematic areas on which the platform should focus during its initial operation, as well as key functionalities that the platform should provide.

After the submission and evaluation of the questionnaires, and in the second quarter of 2023, two **workshops** will be organized in order to discuss the findings of the survey, to present basic functionalities of the platform and to determine precisely its content and how it works.

For the needs of the survey, and taking into account the need to ensure reliability, anonymity and data protection, “EUSurvey” was selected as the most appropriate platform.





## Projects intertwined

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byDefault builds upon and complements past and current activities in the area of raising awareness regarding data protection and privacy.

For the HDPA, the byDefault project follows the successful course of the **TRAIN-GR-CY project** (funded under REC-RDAT-TRAI-AG-2016) and the **byDesign project** (funded under REC-RDAT-TRAI-AG-2020). TRAIN-GR-CY targeted the legal world and data protection practitioners in Greece and Cyprus, providing training to DPOs, judges and lawyers, whereas byDesign targeted the technical world, particularly ICT professionals and Greek SMEs.

The **byDefault** project perfectly complements these activities. On the one hand, it will provide DPOs and privacy professionals (the target audience of TRAIN-GR-CY) with specialized knowledge that goes beyond basic training. On the other hand, it will expand the HDPA awareness-raising activities towards children, a vulnerable group of data subjects, targeting also the whole educational community.



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