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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

The byDefault consortium is comprised of 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's Goals

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

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

DPOs and privacy professionals

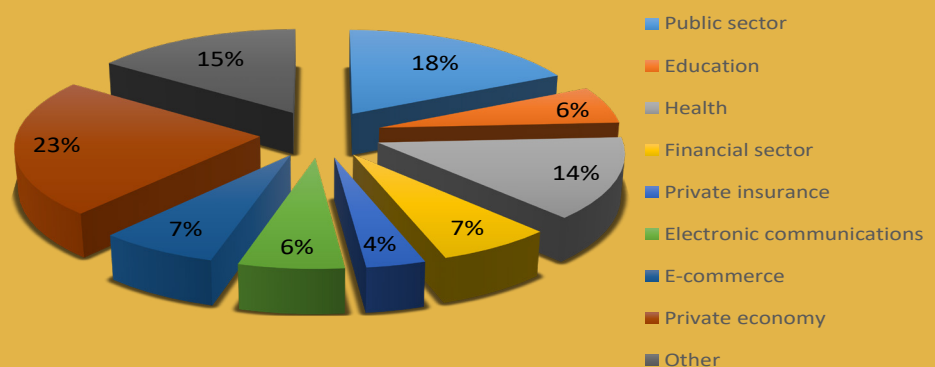## Identification of needs of privacy professionals

As mentioned in Newsletter Issue 1 one of the key objectives of the project byDefault is the **creation of an e-platform** for the cooperation and exchange of views of DPOs and data protection professionals.

To achieve this, it was necessary to carry out a **survey**, among privacy professionals, first of all to identify those professionals and furthermore to point out as accurately as possible their needs and concerns on data protection related matters and to specify the **main thematic areas** on which the platform should focus during its initial operation.

Results of the survey at a glance

Number of professionals who took part in the survey: **371**.

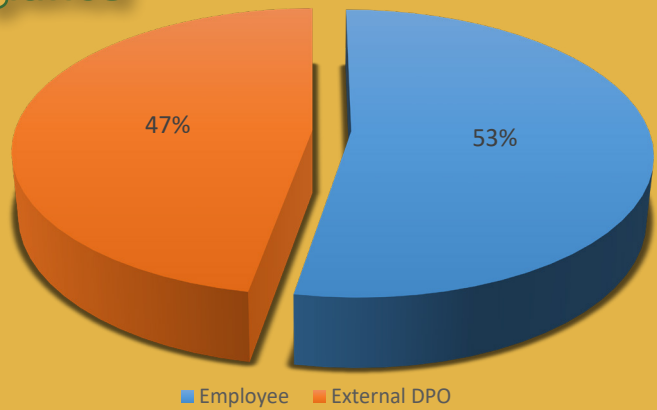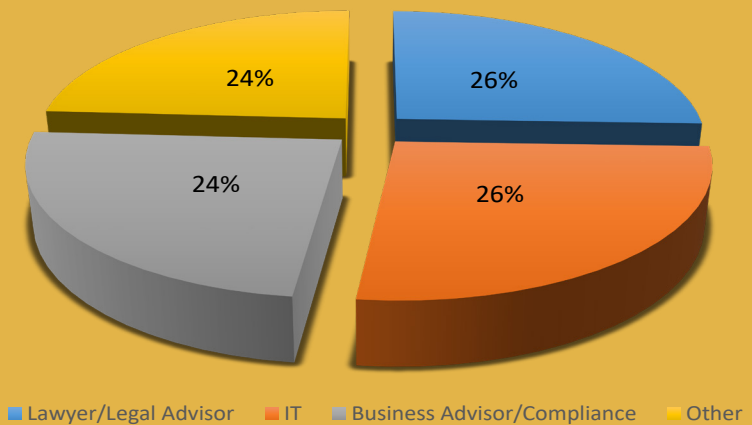**Area of activity of the entity to which the DPO is appointed**

15%
18%
6%
23%
14%
7%
6%
4%
7%

- ■ Public sector
- ■ Education
- ■ Health
- ■ Financial sector
- ■ Private insurance
- ■ Electronic communications
- ■ E-commerce
- ■ Private economy
- ■ Other

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Results of the survey at a glance

Employment relationship of the DPO with the entity

Pie chart:
- Employee 53%
- External DPO 47%

Legend: ■ Employee ■ External DPO

Professional capacity of the DPO/privacy professional

Pie chart:
- Lawyer/Legal Advisor 26%
- IT 26%
- Business Advisor/Compliance 24%
- Other 24%

Legend: ■ Lawyer/Legal Advisor ■ IT ■ Business Advisor/Compliance ■ Other

Scientific specialisation of participants to the survey

Pie chart:
- Law 32%
- Computer and information technology 25%
- Business administration 14%
- Applied sciences 12%
- Other 10%
- Economics 3%
- Political science 2%
- Theoretical sciences 2%

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- ■ Computer and information technology
- ■ Economics
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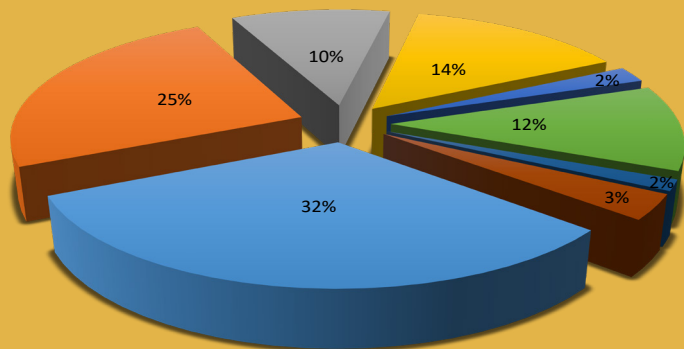
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Results of the survey at a glance

The Authority grouped the issues likely to be of concern to DPOs/privacy professionals, in accordance with specific criteria (such as HDPA experience, queries of controllers and DPOs, EDPB guidance, results of previous projects, results of the survey), into 20 themes and selected **10 topics of interest** to be used as the starting point of the platform's operation and preparation of the material that will be available through it:

Data security

2,20%
7,30%
90,50%

New technologies

4,04%
8,90%
87,06%

Accountability tools

1,63%
12,12%
86,25%

Level of interest:
- A lot – Very much
- Moderately
- Slightly – Not at all

Lawfulness of processing

2,16%
9,43%
88,41%

Employment relations

2,96%
15,09%
81,94%

Controllers and Processors

4,58%
13,48%
81,94%

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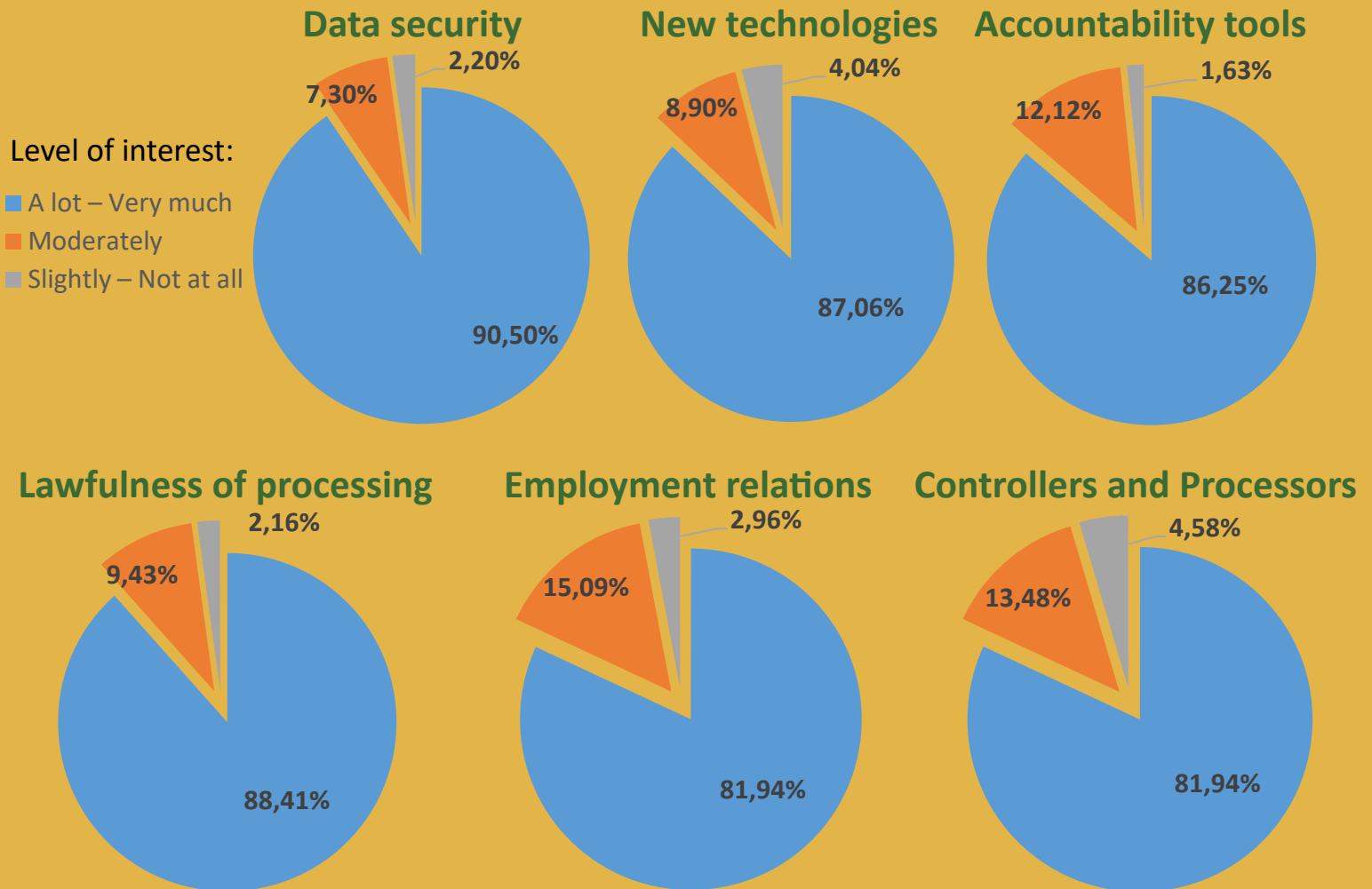
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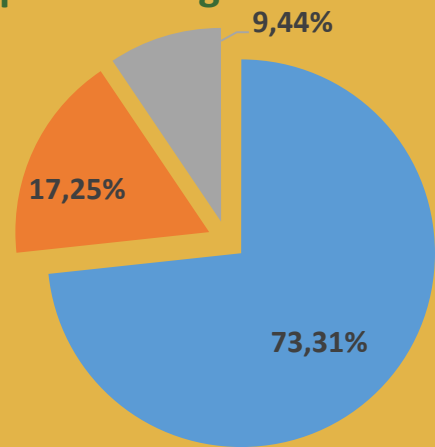
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Rights of data subjects

5,40%

14,80%

79,80%

Level of interest:
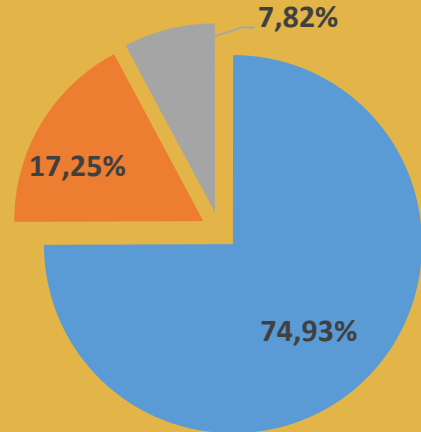- A lot – Very much
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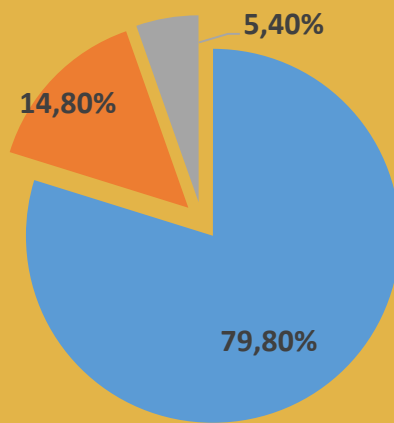
Special categories of data

9,44%

17,25%

73,31%

Video surveillance systems

8,62%

17,25%

74,12%
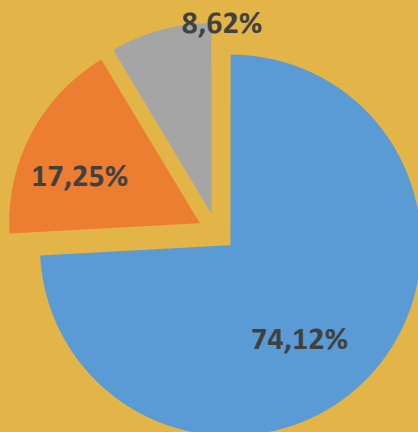
Basic principles of processing

7,82%

17,25%

74,93%

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Seminars

Following the findings of the survey, two seminars were held; the first seminar took place on **May 29 at the University of Piraeus** and the second one (with the same content) was held **on-line on June 1st**. During the seminars the participants became acquainted with the e-platform. They also had the opportunity to raise questions on the platform operation and make constructive comments in relation to its use.

Launch of the e-platform expected in September '23!

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Teachers' Training

Another key goal of byDefault project is to prepare school teachers –by means of an online training course– to better understand the importance of personal data protection and be able to pass on this knowledge to their students.

The design of this online course on personal data and privacy awareness among the critical social group of children for in-service teachers aims to provide a comprehensive and engaging learning experience. By incorporating key principles of adult learning theory, interactive content, and practical examples, a learning environment will be created that will foster active participation and deep understanding.

Throughout the course, participants will be equipped with essential knowledge, strategies, and resources to safeguard personal data and promote digital privacy in their classrooms.

Principles

The online teachers' training course on personal data protection and privacy will be:

- **Student-Centered**: The course shall focus on protecting students' personal data and empowering teachers to help students protect their own data.
- **Practical and Relevant**: The course shall provide practical guidance that teachers can apply in their own classrooms and relevant to the specific context of their teaching.
- **Interactive and Engaging**: The course shall use a variety of interactive and engaging activities to help teachers stay motivated.
- **Ongoing Support**: The course shall provide ongoing support to teachers, including resources, online communities, and coaching.
- **Collaborative**: The course shall encourage collaboration and networking among

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teachers to share best practices.

- **Customizable**: The course shall allow for customization to meet the specific needs and goals of individual teachers.

General objectives

The general objectives of the course are achieved through 7 modules (each one further divided in sub-modules):

- **Module 1**: Introduction to personal data protection – Competent bodies – Definitions and Terms
- **Module 2**: Data protection principles – Lawful processing
- **Module 3**: Transparency – Data subjects' rights
- **Module 4**: Cyber-threats against personal data – data security
- **Module 5**: Profiling – Tracking technologies
- **Module 6**: Privacy settings – Personal data management
- **Module 7**: Dark patterns in social networks

Training Material

The training material comprises a variety of elements in an attempt to provide a comprehensive and engaging learning experience to in-service teachers with the aim to cultivate and strengthen the data protection awareness culture and philosophy.

The modules of the training course will include basic and complementary material, such as: presentation files, videos, scientific articles, case law of the Data Protection Authority, guidelines of the European Data Protection Board, provisions and legal texts, press releases, links and images.

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The material also includes interactive evaluation and practice activities with suitable feedback such as complete closed-type activities (multiple choice, true/false), answer in writing open-ended questions, participate in discussions in the forum, encrypt data files using an open tool, produce a report using an automated cookie control tool.

Learning objectives

The project aims to enable participating teachers to:

• **Define** personal data protection and privacy and explain why it is important in the context of education.

• **Identify** common types of personal data that are collected and stored online in educational settings.

• **Understand** legal and ethical obligations for protecting personal data in the school environment.

• **Evaluate** the risks associated with personal data breaches and develop strategies to mitigate those risks.

• **Implement** best practices for protecting personal data.

• **Explain** the importance of educating students on personal data and safe online behaviour.

• **Conduct** an audit of their own personal data practices and make changes to ensure compliance with legal and ethical obligations for personal data protection and privacy.

Teachers training
starts in
October '23!

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