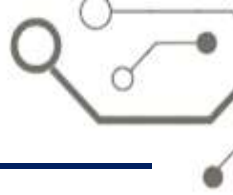




**Citizen Scientists Investigating
Cookies and App GDPR Compliance**



Newsletter #2 - May 2021



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Project Purpose

CSI-COP project at its core aims to engage citizen scientists across Europe, and the world, to explore their own digital journeys recording the number, and type, of third-party tracking cookies they find across the web and in apps on their mobile devices. Frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)) about [CSI-COP](#) have been translated into Greek, Hebrew and Hungarian and can be found here: <https://csi-cop.eu/faq/>

Project Update

CSI-COP's free, online informal education course is now available from the project website here: <https://csi-cop.eu/informal-education-mooc/>

In five easy-to-follow steps, the course on '**Your Right to Privacy Online**' can be completed in half-a-day. The course covers:

Step 1 - Privacy

Step 2 - Personal Data

Step 3 - Online Tracking

Step 4 - Rights to data protection and privacy

Step 5 - Tools to protect your data and privacy

You can download all steps in one document. You can assess what you have learnt after completing each step. Further reading is also provided to accessible online articles at the end of each step. This is to help learners gain a deeper understanding of the topics. On completion of the course, we welcome you to join the CSI-COP team as citizen scientists and join the campaign to make the Internet experience privacy-by-default.

You can [register](#) on CSI-COP website here: <https://csi-cop.eu/citizenscientistlogin/>

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Event Participation

CSI-COP is participating in the Citizen Science Association (CSA) [CitSciVirtual](#) event with a poster about the project. You can view the poster as an image below.





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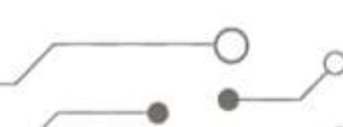
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Topic 1 – Data Protection & Privacy		Topic 2 – Citizen Science	
Privacy across the ages	Data Protection	General Public Volunteer	
<p>We have "zero privacy" and should "get over it". These are words uttered in 1999 by Sun Microsystems cofounder, Scott McNealy (quoted in Sprenger, 1999).</p> <p>"Given that the internet is plagued with trackers, whose sole purpose is to collect data to target people with ads, we wondered whether online depression tests are also sharing information about their visitors with others." Privacy International (n.d.)</p>	<p>The 2018 general data protection regulation (GDPR) is "designed to protect data in the era of mass Internet use" (ICO, n.d.). The GDPR sets a "high standard for consent".</p> <p>Its objectives include the "protection of fundamental rights and freedoms of individual persons with regard to processing of personal data" and the "right to be informed about the collection and use of personal data". (ICO n.d.)</p>	<p>General Public → Informed Citizen</p> <p>As members of the public, we are also citizen scientists. We can all become privacy champions and stop automatically accepting cookies on websites and in apps. We can stop purchasing from sites that violate our right to reject tracking cookies.</p> <p>The general public, as citizen scientists will be able to volunteer and team up with myself and the other researchers in the CSI-COP Project.</p> 	
Topic 3 – Informal Learning		Topic 4 – Co-innovation	
MOOC & Workshops	Taxonomy of Trackers	Repository	Privacy champions
<p>Face to Face Workshops</p> <p>With Privacy Matters CSI-COP are creating informal learning material for free-to-attend workshops which will inform and train citizen scientists about their digital rights, and to look beneath websites and apps to uncover hidden trackers and permissions. In response to COVID-19, these might be held online at specified times.</p> <p>Online MOOC</p> <p>CSI-COP is also developing a free-to-access at any time online course version of the workshops.</p> <p>CSI-COP participation</p> <p>Participants in the workshops can progress to becoming CSI-COP citizen scientists investigating online privacy.</p>	<p>Progressing from the workshops, or MOOC, CSI-COP Citizen scientists will co-create a classification system (taxonomy) of the different types of digital trackers found in websites and apps. The taxonomy of trackers will lead to the co-innovation of a searchable database of trackers.</p> 	<p>CSI-COP citizen scientists will co-create an open-access searchable database (repository) of online trackers. This repository will be publicly accessible through a web-based knowledge resource sharing profiling, marketing and other trackers embedded in website cookies and smart device apps.</p>	<p>CSI-COP will nurture pro-privacy champions to communicate their experience of investigating GDPR compliance.</p> <p>CSI-COP privacy champions will be the legacy of the project disseminating their knowledge of GDPR compliance in websites and in apps to a variety of stakeholders (e.g. parents; teachers). This activity is expected to promote privacy-by-default and better data protection by influencing policy makers, web and app developers, the Ad industry, educators, and more.</p> <p>See CSI-COP's first Newsletter; text versions in English, Czech, Greek, Hebrew and Hungarian on the website here</p>

Blog

CSI-COP partner NaTE posted a blog about the [2020 Girls' Day in Hungary](#). You can read the blog post here: <https://bit.ly/3biisj3>





Citizen Science and the EU's Green New Deal

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Citizen Science is gaining great acknowledgement in the field of research, innovation and policy making as well. Citizen empowerment and engagement is one of the two cross-cutting streams of the latest and last call of the Framework Programme Horizon2020, the **European Green Deal**.

The main purpose of the European Green Deal is a just and sustainable green transition to a climate-neutral Europe by 2050 with concurrent engagement of the civil society and empowerment of citizens.

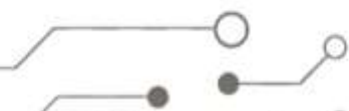
Quoting President Ursula **Von der Leyen**¹ from her speech at the presentation of the EUGDC: "We can all be involved in the transition and we can all benefit from the opportunities".

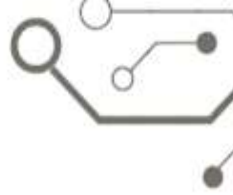
Adding to that Mariya **Gabriel**², Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth said: "As we do not want anyone left behind in this systemic transformation, we call for specific actions to engage with citizens in novel ways and improve societal relevance and impact".

More information on the EU's Green Deal can be found from the Questions/Answers page here: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/QANDA_19_6690

¹European Commission (2019). *The European Green Deal Sets Out How To Make Europe The First Climate-Neutral Continent By 2050, Boosting The Economy, Improving People's Health And Quality Of Life, Caring For Nature, And Leaving No One Behind*. [online] Available at: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/e%20n/ip_19_6691 [Accessed 18 January 2021].

²European Commission (2020). *European Green Deal Call: €1 Billion Investment To Boost The Green And Digital Transition*. [online] Available at: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_1669 [Accessed 18 January 2021].





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