

# CSI-COP

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



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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/>

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## Free Informal education

CSI-COP's free informal education course (MOOC) '**Your Right to Privacy Online**', which you can complete in your own time, is now available to download as a document in nine languages (**English, Catalan, Czech, French, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Romanian and Spanish**) 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

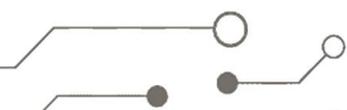
Step 3 - Online Tracking

Step 4 - Rights to data protection and privacy

Step 5 - Tools to protect your data and privacy

This MOOC is also available in English from the [EU-Citizen.Science](#) platform, from here:

<https://moodle.eu-citizen.science/>

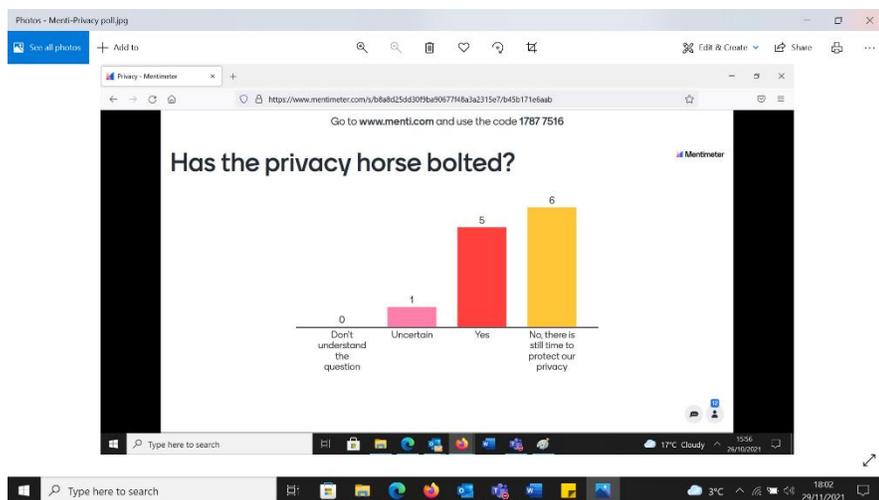




## Project update: workshops

At the time of this Newsletter, in addition to the availability of the MOOC, CSI-COP have hosted two free ½ day informal education workshops '**Your Right to Privacy Online**': one online (26 October 2021) and one face-to-face: Athens, Greece (21 November 2021).

### 26 October 2021 online workshop



Interactions in Coventry University's first workshop delivering the MOOC content involved attendees taking part in online polls. On the question of whether the **privacy horse had bolted**, half the attendees who engaged with this poll question using [Mentimeter](https://www.mentimeter.com) felt there was still time to protect our privacy (see image left).

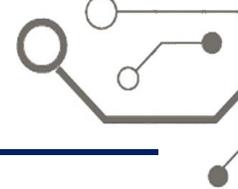
### 21 November 2021 face-to-face, Athens, Greece



The Applied Electronics Laboratory team of the University of Patras (UPAT), CSI-COP partner and leader of project work package 3 (recruitment and training of citizen scientists), held its first face-to-face workshop 'Your right on privacy online' in the city of Athens on Sunday 21-11-2021 (see photo left). The participants who responded to UPAT communication campaign were mostly educated women above their forties. The twenty-three

attendees (twenty-one in person and two virtually) were very keen on learning about the extent of online tracking and awareness was definitely raised about the human right of privacy online. Attendees were also fascinated by the concept of citizen science and some of them promptly expressed their interest to become citizen scientists and contribute to the CSI-COP project.





CSI-COP partners are planning further workshops based on the MOOC content. Subject to COVID-19 further restrictions due to new variants, UPAT's team is now preparing its second face-to-face workshop "Your right on privacy online", which will take place in the premises of the University of Patras on:

Date: Wednesday 15/12/2021

Time: 7:00 and ending 20:45

Venue: Patras, Greece

Invitations to the workshop have already been distributed to organizations and personal contacts that follow UPAT.

### January 2022

In January, Coventry University will host two half-day face-to-face informal education workshops in Coventry City main library, Smithford Way, Coventry CV1 1FY, on 12 January and 15 January 2022 subject to any COVID-19 restrictions at the time. General information on [Coventry University's workshops](https://bit.ly/32KDzJl) can be found here: <https://bit.ly/32KDzJl>

Similarly, in other CSI-COP partner countries, and subject to COVID-19, more face-to-face workshops are planned across the ten-partner consortium.



Online workshops will continue in 2022. Please do contact your local partner for information - contact details in the translated MOOC documents are available here:

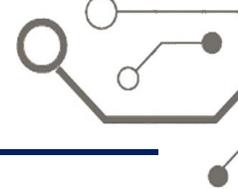
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## **Year2-end meeting**

In December 2021, the consortium partners will meet to discuss progress in Year 2 (January - December 2021) and to strategise towards meeting milestones in period 2/Year 3. Consortium partner University of Patras will host the meeting for the blended meeting for online and in person attendance.



City of Patras photo 1: city of Patras overview (looking from South to North)

The city of Patras is the capital of the prefecture of Achaia and it is located in the mid-western part of Greece overlooking at the Gulf of Patras and the Ionian Sea. It is the third city in population in Greece. It combines exceptional natural beauty, a long history and unique sights, never boring the visitors. Achaia is blessed with a mild climate, fertile land and monuments of great cultural value. Patras attracts a great number of Greek and foreign visitors every year.

The city has approximately 220.000 inhabitants nowadays. Its port is considered to be the western gateway of Greece to Europe, while it attracted many conquerors in the past. Gauls, Romans, Franks, Venetians and Turks have conquered the area one after another leaving their marks on impressive monuments that decorate the city adding to its particular style and charm. The privilege of Patras to have easy access to the three greatest archaeological sites in Greece, Ancient Olympia, Delphi and Epidavros make the city the passing site of thousands of visitors every year. The lucky ones, who taste the warm hospitality of the city, are unwilling to leave. Patras offers visitors many opportunities for entertainment, short trips and rest for those appreciating a more relaxed pace of life.

Patras has large convention centres, theatres, museums, sites for organising commercial exhibitions, sport facilities that attract European and World athletic meetings, a rich cultural life, the annual international festival and the famous carnival of Patras. Patra's carnival is renowned for its fun and liveliness and attracts visitors from all over Greece. The carnival events start every year just after St.

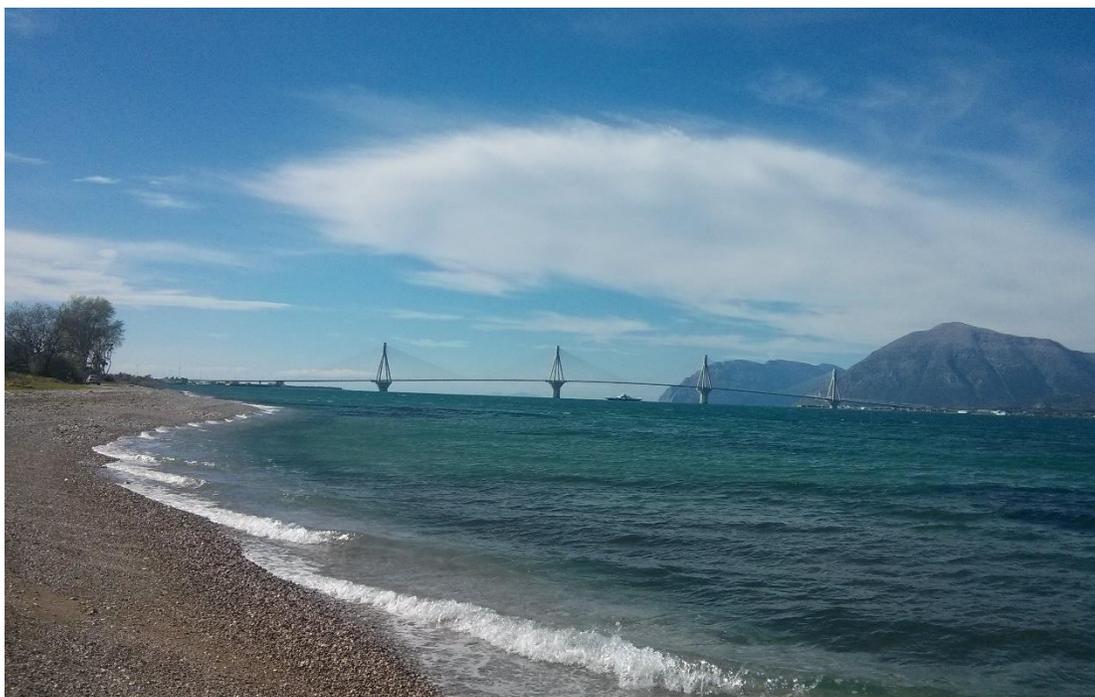




Antony's day (16 January) and they end with a big costume parade throughout the city, forty days before the Greek Orthodox Easter. It is a wonderful fiesta for people of all ages. Patra is a city of unique beauty and history. Tourists are fascinated by the narrow streets of the old city and the buildings of neo-classic architectural style, revealing the old grandeur of it.

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Patras thrived thanks to the export of local products such as raisins and wine, which ended along with the century. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, many great enterprises operated in Patras allowing the reemergence of the bourgeoisie, giving the city a cosmopolitan essence. Unfortunately, in the 1980's the city became affected by deindustrialization accompanied by large numbers of unemployed people.

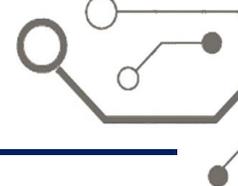
The University of Patras was founded in 1964, today hosts more than 35 departments and around 20.000 students making Patras a bustling student city. One of its departments is that of Electrical and Computer Engineering which will host CSI-COP's Year2-end meeting in December 2021.



City of Patras photo 2: Rio Bridge (looking from East to West)

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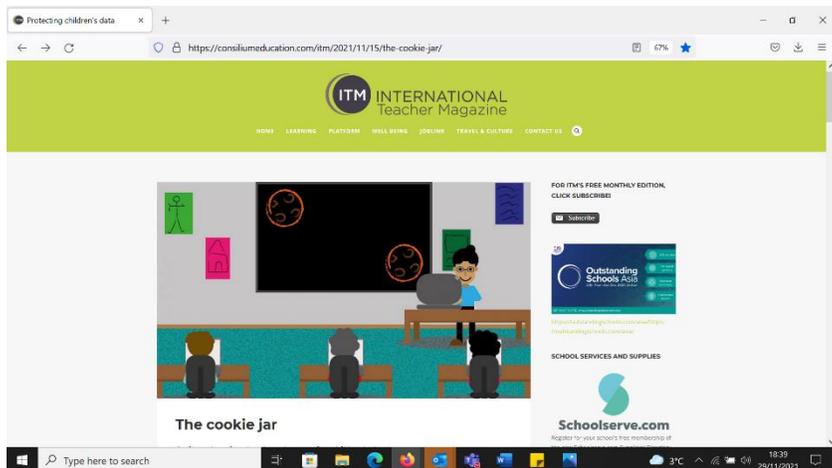




## International Teacher Magazine

To reach teachers, CSI-COP have submitted an article which will appear in the January-February 2022 issue of the [International Teacher Magazine](https://www.itmjournal.com/). The article, **'The Cookie Jar'** can be read online now at the link here:

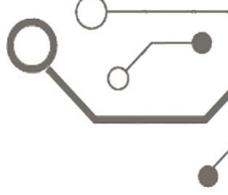
<https://bit.ly/3D2MeTN/>



## Trivia: Link between CSI-COP and Isaac Asimov.

Readers may have noted that this citizen science project's acronym, CSI-COP, is very similar to the acronym for *Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal* ([CSICOP](https://www.csicop.org/)), which produces the international journal, the [Skeptical Inquirer](https://www.skepticalinquirer.com/). A late fellow of CSICOP was a professor in biochemistry, [Isaac Asimov](https://www.isaacasimov.com/), the famous science fiction author whose celebrated imagination produced the fictional [Laws of Robotics](https://www.asimov.com/) and the story on which the recently concluded Apple TV series1 [Foundation](https://www.foundation.com/) was based.





## CSI-COP Partners

