Technical training for cities’ experts
The General Data Protection Regulation demystified

From May 2018, the new EU data protection regulation ("GDPR") will take effect. As a direct result, all EU cities are asked to appoint a Data Protection Officer ("DPO"), and to implement a series of new rules and practices.

On Monday 22 January 2018 in Brussels, GuiDanCe organised a technical training on implementing one of the measures including in the GDPR.

This exercise was designed to help EUROCITIES members and GDC signatories to understand the concepts and processes necessary for a city administration and its data management chain to deal with citizen privacy while delivering smart services. Participants had the possibility to learn how to conduct a privacy impact assessment (PIA) based on specific and concrete use-cases (dataset, application, service) brought by the participants. 17 experts with various profiles (data officers, smart city project coordinators, IT managers) coming from 13 European cities joined the workshop to exchange, discuss and learn from each other.

Four volunteering cities brought local concrete examples to be used as a basis for collective brainstorming on how to realise a privacy impact assessment.

- Smart energy sensors in social housing (Royal borough of Greenwich, London)
- Using non-motorised traffic metrics for optimising traffic flow (city of Eindhoven)
- Open data management (city of Espoo)
- Building a roadmap for GDPR compliance (city of Barcelona)

The workshop was delivered by Antonio Kung (Trialog, chair of the EIP-SCC initiative ‘citizen approach to data: privacy-by-design’) and Antony Page (UrbanDNA, GDPR lead for the H2020 Sharing Cities lighthouse programme).

First results of the training were presented during an conference call on Monday 5 February. Mr Kung presented
the first version of his report and collected inputs from cities. It has been decided to keep the report non-public for the moment. The opportunity to organise future calls focusing on privacy issues and data protection was discussed.