



PERSONA 1st Workshop

Towards a comprehensive method for impact assessment of no-gate crossing technologies at European borders

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The purpose of this workshop is to present and gather feedback on the preliminary results of the EU funded research project PERSONA. PERSONA's main goal is to design and establish a unified and tailored impact assessment method to appropriately evaluate the societal consequences of state-of-the-art border-controlling technologies and to ensure that these solutions meet the requirements and expectations of both, governments, including law enforcement authorities, and individuals crossing (external) European borders. The project's consortium periodically seeks feedback by, *inter alia*, organizing three workshops.

During the first workshop, the participants will attend two keynote speeches by experts in the area of ethics and technology. Two roundtables will follow, presenting the first results of the project with a view to seek feedback. The first roundtable will be on a set of defined use cases and field pilots which will be assessed within the PERSONA project. To simplify, a use case is the detailed description (in a form of a storyline) of a specific no-gate crossing action that takes place in a given scenario (e.g. airport or open border); field pilots instead are small scale actual deployment of such use cases to test them (e.g. simulating an airport border crossing points with volunteers). The second roundtable will be on the draft method of assessment to be used for these purposes. A discussion with the audience will follow.

This workshop provides an opportunity to meet with different stakeholders (e.g. law enforcement authorities, academics, technical experts) to get insights into the latest border-less crossing technologies and the methods to assess their impacts. Furthermore, it allows to be directly involved in the development of the project, by e.g. sharing key contributions.

Agenda

17:00 – 17:10: **Welcome, chairperson's opening remarks, short presentation of the project**

Chairman: Simone Casiraghi, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

17:10 – 17:20: **Keynote speech:** The ethical border gate?

Prof. J. Peter Burgess, Ecole Normale Supérieure & Vrije Universiteit Brussel

17:20 – 17:30: Q&A with the keynote speaker

17:30 – 18:00: **Roundtable I: PERSONA Findings on use cases and pilots**

Moderator: Susanne Binder, Queen Mary University of London

Panel:

- Dr. Dimitrios N. Gkritzapis, Hellenic Police Headquarters
- Dr. Sebastian Weydner-Volkman, University of Freiburg
- Dr. Jörgen Ahlberg, Termisk Systemteknik AB

18:00 – 18:10: Discussion

18:10 – 18:40: **Roundtable II: a draft of generic method for assessing impacts of initiatives on societal concerns**

Moderator: Dariusz Kloza, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Panel:

- Melanie Labour, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- Prof. Dr. Ina Schiering, Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences
- Katerina Demetzou, Radboud University, Nijmegen
- Dr. Ledion Krisafi, Albanian Institute for International Studies

18:40 – 18:50: Discussion

18:50 – 19:00: **Keynote speech:** Analysis of non-intrusive intelligent border management systems and on-the-fly biometric machine intelligence

Dr. Krishna Chandramouli, Venaka Media Limited

19:00 – 19:10: Q&A with the keynote speaker

19:10 – 19:15: **Chairman's closing remarks**

19:15 – 19:45: *Reception drinks*

The language of the event will be English.

Participation is free of charge, yet – due to limited number of places, registration is required. Please register by sending an e-mail to Ioulia.Konstantinou@vub.be prior to 14 June 2019.

A draft working paper will be distributed among registered participants shortly before the event.

The workshop is co-organised by VUB, CEL and QMUL, and held in conjunction with the 4th Summer School of the Brussels Privacy Hub.



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