

Spotlight on the Data Economy

A thriving data-driven economy is essential for innovation, growth, jobs and European competitiveness, as well as for a functional digital single market. This month the European Commission has published a [Communication on Building a European data economy](#) in which it sets out the policy context and a first analysis of the problem drivers in this area. At the same time it has also published [two legislative proposals and a communication](#) concerning personal data protection. As background information, the Publications Office presents a selection of recent publications and products related to this subject.



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EU Open Data Portal

Open data from EU institutions, agencies and bodies

The EU Open Data Portal provides a single point of access to a growing range of data held by the EU institutions, agencies and bodies. By providing free and easy access to data, the portal aims to unleash its economic potential, to help foster the transparency and the accountability of the institutions and other bodies of the EU and to promote social engagement.

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Study on Big Data in Public Health, Telemedicine and Healthcare

Final report

The aim of this study is to identify applicable examples of the use of big data in health and develop recommendations for their implementation in the EU. The recommendations aim to benefit European citizens and patients in terms of strengthening their health and improving the performance of health systems in the Member States.

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Guidelines for SMEs on the Security of Personal



Data Processing

Improving information security

As part of its continuous support for EU policy implementation, the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security undertook a study to support SMEs in adopting security measures for the protection of personal data. In particular, the objectives of the study were to help SMEs understand the context of personal data processing operations and subsequently assess the associated security risks. Based on this study, this publication proposes guidance for SMEs concerning possible organizational and technical security measures for the protection of personal data.

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Realising the European Open Science Cloud

First report and recommendations of the Commission High Level Expert Group on the European Open Science Cloud

The European Open Science Cloud aims to accelerate and support the current transition to more effective open science and open innovation in the digital single market. This report presents it as a federated environment for scientific data sharing and re-use, based on existing and emerging elements in the Member States.

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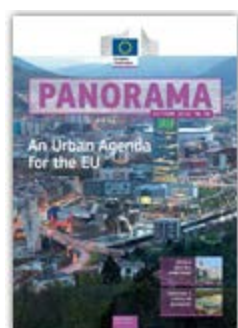


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