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Introduction

European Digital Rights is a not for profit European organisation founded in 2002. Consisting of 29 non-governmental organisations in 18 European countries, **EDRI's primary objective is to promote the development of a European society based on respect for fundamental rights in the digital environment. In particular, the organisation campaigns for freedom of expression, freedom of communication, data protection and privacy.** This report is a summary of the initiatives, activities and accomplishments that EDRI has executed in 2009 and 2010.

Along with the successful implementation of two European projects, one International project with the OECD and other projects with private donors, EDRI has also led a number of campaigns against measures which restrict fundamental rights, such as IP enforcement, surveillance, data retention or ISP policing liability.

EDRI has actively engaged in communications with Commission and Parliament officials in order to increase transparency and dialogue. Such dialogue was furthered through effective communication of news and analysis internally via a detailed weekly report prepared by EDRI's Brussels office and to the wider public through EDRI's fortnightly e-mail newsletter on national and European digital civil rights news.

EDRI has also been functioning as a forum for discussions between its 29 members and 17 observers, in order to exchange best practices and knowledge on digital rights issues. Furthermore, EDRI has strengthened its support base through capacity building initiatives by reaching out to other organisations, industry, policy makers and civil society through its "early warning" of the fundamental rights issues in upcoming dossiers, which help drive and open public debate on such issues in Europe.

EDRI will continue its efforts to promote digital rights and strengthen the voice of civil society through its activism, publications, capacity building and awareness raising in the coming years.

The members of European Digital Rights are (in alphabetic order):

- [Association for Technology and Internet \(APTI\) - Romania](#)
- [ALCEI - Italy](#)
- [Associação Nacional para o Software Livre \(ANSOL\) - Portugal](#)
- [Bits of Freedom - Netherlands](#)
- [Chaos Computer Club \(CCC e.V.\) - Germany](#)
- [Comunicació per a la Cooperació \(Pangea\) - Spain](#)
- [Digital Rights - Denmark](#)
- [Digital Rights - Ireland](#)
- [Electronic Frontier Finland \(EFFI\) - Finland](#)
- [Electronic Frontier Foundation \(EFF\) - USA, with European Office in Belgium](#)
- [Electronic Frontier Norway \(EFN\) - Norway](#)
- [Foebud - Germany](#)
- [Förderverein Informationstechnik und Gesellschaft \(FITUG e.V.\) - Germany](#)
- [Forum InformatikerInnen für Frieden und gesellschaftliche Verantwortung \(FifF e.V.\) - Germany](#)
- [Foundation for Information Policy Research \(FIPR\) - United Kingdom](#)
- [GreenNet - United Kingdom](#)
- [Internet Society Bulgaria](#)
- [The IT-Political Association of Denmark \(IT-Pol\) - Denmark](#)
- [Iuridicum Remedium - Czech Republic](#)
- [Imaginons un Réseau Internet Solidaire \(IRIS\) - France](#)
- [Liga voor Mensenrechten - Belgium](#)
- [Metamorphosis - Macedonia](#)
- [Netzwerk Neue Medien \(NNM e.V.\) - Germany](#)
- [Nodo50.org - Spain](#)

- [Open Rights Group - UK](#)
- [Panoptikon Foundation - Poland](#)
- [quintessenz - Austria](#)
- [VIBE!AT - Austria](#)
- [Vrijschrift - The Netherlands](#)

EDRi is managed by a board of directors. Following the elections in Barcelona – November 2010 the board is composed by Andreas Krisch, President ([Verein für Internet-Benutzer Österreichs \(VIBE!AT\) – Austria](#)), Bogdan Manolea, Treasurer ([Association for Technology and Internet \(APTI\) – Romania](#)) and Walter van Holst, Vice-President ([Vrijschrift – Netherlands](#)).

From 1.09.2009 EDRi has employed Joe McNamee as its Advocacy Director, based in Brussels, Belgium. Also EDRi has hosted two interns in 2010: Christiana Mauro and Raegan MacDonald.

European Digital Rights is an international non-profit association (AISBL) under Belgium law granted by decree Nr7/CDLF/14.853/S of 12 February 2003 and registered in Brussels. EDRi's statutes are available on its website in [English](#) and [French](#).

1. European Projects

1.1 PrivacyOS – European Privacy Open Space

Date of Award: 01.06.2008

Project Length: 24 months

EU Programme: ICT Policy Support Programme (“ICT for PSP”)

DG: Information Society and Media

Partners: ULD, the Data Protection Authority of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany (project coordinator) Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, BEUC, Goethe Universität, The Oxford Internet Institute, Metamorphosis, quintessenz, NEC Europe Ltd., GEIE ERCIM, Friendly Technologies, HP, etc. Full list available at <https://www.privacyos.eu/categories/9-Consortium>

Description:

The Privacy Open Space Project was a series of conferences which brought together experts from industry, SMEs, government, academia and civil society with the purpose of building a thematic network of privacy protection infrastructure. Starting in June 2008, PrivacyOS met in Strasbourg (September 2008), Berlin (April 2009), Vienna (October 2009), and Oxford (April 2010). The website project is available at <https://www.privacyos.eu/>

Below is a list of EDRi speakers at each event:

First meeting, 18-20.12.2008 in Strasbourg:

- Ralf Bendrath (NNM), “Privacy Activism - How to build a social movement and where to go from there”
- Meryem Marzouki (IRIS), “ICTs and Security Policies - Trends and Needs for Specific Guarantees”

Second meeting, 01-03.04.2009 in Berlin:

- Andreas Krisch (VIBE!AT), “Data Retention Austria - Second Attempt”
- Filip Pospíšil (IURE), “Presentation of the EU project on data protection and youth”
- Ralf Bendrath (Netzwerk Neue Medien), “Presentation on Deep Packet Inspection, Modular Privacy Policies”
- Leena Romppainen (EFFI), “Presentation on Data Protection in Finland, especially LexNokia”

- Marek Tichy (luRE), “Rapid Response Network (RRN) - An initiative from the Association for Progressive Communications (APC) that is aimed at ensuring that rights of expression, communication, association and protest on the Internet are protected”

Third meeting, 26-27.10.2009 in Vienna:

- Bogdan Manolea (APTI), “Romania & privacy”
- Joe McNamee (EDRi, Brussels), “Overview of the issues surrounding blocking of illegal websites and associate privacy risks”
- Filip Pospisil (Iure, EDRi), “Health registers, registers of electronic prescription and registers of students a pupils - risks of centralisation of data collected for unclear purposes”
- Andreas Lehner (CCC), “An introduction to the TOR anonymization network and/or Experiences from operating TOR nodes”
- Eddan Katz (EFF, EDRi), “EU INDECT project (the "EU Echelon")”
- Cedric Laurant (EDRi observer), “The conflict between online users and consumers' right to privacy and anonymity and the right of authors to enforce their copyright on the Internet.”

Fourth Meeting 12-13.04.2010, in Oxford:

- Bogdan Manolea (EDRi board member) - Presentation and Dissemination of the Comic Book, “Under Surveillance”
- Cédric Laurant (EDRi observer), “Behavioural advertising and privacy”
- Päivikki Karhula (EFFi, EDRi Member), “Ubiquitous society -- at what cost? Privacy concerns in an ubiquitous world”
- Petr Kučera (IuRe, EDRi member), “Study on ISPs data retention practices in the Czech republic”

Results:

This project provided a platform from which EDRi was able to express its core goals and make itself known in Europe and internationally. EDRi was well represented in each conference location, where members presented information and analysis regarding issues such as Internet blocking, Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) and security, data protection and data retention. EDRi members also provided informative seminars on privacy activism and how to further this increasingly important social movement.

1.2 Sensitization and information of young European citizens on the protection of their personal data – “Under surveillance”

Persons responsible from EDRi: Bogdan Manolea and Meryem Marzouki

Date of Award: 01.01.2009

Project Length: 18 months

EU Programme: Fundamental Rights and Citizenship 2007-2013

DG: Freedom, Security and Justice

Partners: Ligue des droits de l'Homme (LDH - France), European Association for the Defence of Human Rights (AEDH), Pangea (Spain), Iuridicum Remedium (IuRe – Czech Republic)

Description:

In collaboration with other European NGO's under the EU-funded programme, "Sensitization and information of young European citizens on the protection of their personal data", EDRi contributed to the research on data protection issues (EDRi team formed by Meryem Marzouki and Bogdan Manolea was in charge of the national reports from Germany, UK and Romania and collaborated with AEDH for the overall report on Europe.), but also to the creation, publication and distribution of the [comic book, “Under Surveillance”](#), designed to raise awareness and educate the youth on the effects of Information and Communication

Technologies on individual rights.

The book is meant to inform young adults how these concepts work in practice, illustrating how pervasive technologies lead to excessive data sharing which facilitates surveillance. The book also includes a list of useful addresses and references for further reading and a list of key terms and definitions.

Below is a list of EDRi members who devised individual dissemination plans and distributed the books on a pro-bono basis in European Countries:

- Germany – NNM, Foebud and Patrick Breyer, EDRi observer
- Netherlands – Bits of Freedom and Vrijdschft
- Finland – Electronic Frontier Finland
- Austria – Austrian Association for Internet-Users VIBE!AT
- Ireland – Digital Rights Ireland and Teresa Hackett , individual EDRi observer
- Romania – Asociatia pentru Tehnologie si Internet - APTI
- Denmark – IT Political Association
- Macedonia – Metamorphosis Foundation

1.3 European Commission RFID Expert Group

Persons responsible from EDRi: Andreas Krisch

Date of Award: 29.05.2007

Project Length: 22 months until 03.2009

DG: Information Society and Media

Description:

On invitation by the European Commission EDRi participated in this Expert Group on Privacy and Security aspects of Radio Frequency Identification Technologies (RFID). In the course of 22 months the multi-stakeholder group worked on the societal and fundamental rights challenges of these technologies and possible solutions to these problems. Its work provided input to the European Commission, which published a [Recommendation on RFID Privacy and Data Protection](#) and a [Communication on the Internet of Things](#). EDRi's work on this project was carried out on a pro-bono basis, travel costs for the participation in the 16 meetings of the group were covered by the European Commission.

1.4 Informal Working Group on the Implementation of the RFID Recommendation

Persons responsible from EDRi: Andreas Krisch

Date of Award: 08.07.2009

Project Length: 10 months until 04.2010

hosted by DG: Information Society and Media

Description:

Following the work of the formal RFID Expert Group, EDRi participated in an informal working group on the implementation of the European Commission's RFID recommendation. The work of this group mainly focussed on providing input for the the creation of an RFID Privacy Impact Assessment Framework by Industry Representatives. This informal working group was set up for one year and had its last meeting in April 2010. At the time of writing, the creation of an RFID PIA Framework is still work in progress.

EDRI's work on this project was carried out on a pro-bono basis, travel costs for the participation in the meetings of the group were covered by EDRI's own funds.

1.5 European Commission High Level Expert Group on the Internet of Things

Persons responsible from EDRI: Andreas Krisch

Date of Award: 22.09.2010

Project Length: 27 months until 12.2012

DG: Information Society and Media

Description:

On Invitation by the European Commission, EDRI participates in this High Level Expert Group on various aspects of a potential future Internet of Things. The work of this multi-stakeholder group is expected to address the issues highlighted in the European Commission's Communication on the Internet of Things (see above), amongst others Governance, Privacy and Data Protection and Standardisation.

EDRI's work on this project is carried out on a pro-bono basis, travel costs for the participation in the meetings of the group are covered by the European Commission.

2. Projects funded by international sources

2.1 CSISAC

Person responsible: Meryem Marzouki, EDRI's representative to the Steering Committee

Start Date: 01.11.2009

Project Length: Ongoing

Funding Source: Open Society Institute (OSI)

Programme: OECD, CSISAC: Civil Society Information Society Advisory Committee

Description:

CSISAC is the global civil society voice at OECD. The coalition has been accredited by OECD after the Seoul Ministerial Conference of June 2008 for all information society related activities. This allows civil society to take part in OECD meetings and comments on its documents before their publications, on the same level as BIAC and TUAC, respectively Business and Trade Union Advisory Committees. This project is administered by EDRI on behalf of CSISAC. It allows to fund civil society participation in various conferences and meetings hosted by the OECD relating to the Information Society. In particular, this project intends to strengthen the voice of civil society in the work of the OECD Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP) as well as to promote the exchange of knowledge between the OECD and civil society.

Results:

Strengthening the voice of civil society in the information society is a primary goal of European Digital Rights, and it is for this reason the organisation has continued to engage through its participation to CSISAC Steering Committee and to provide administrative support for representatives from EDRI and other CSISAC members organisations in this initiative. As EDRI's goals are to engage in open dialogue between civil society, government and industry, the organisation intends to continue participation in the OECD Committees. See section 5 for a list of OECD meetings and conferences where EDRI participated in 2009-2010.

2.2 Brussels Advocacy Project

Person responsible: Joe McNamee, EDRI Advocacy Director

Start Date: 01.09.2009

Project Length: Ongoing

Funding Source: Open Society Institute (OSI)

Description:

In the past few years, the EU has been proposing a range of initiatives which are of major significance to digital rights in Europe as well as outside its borders (covering intellectual property, ISP liability, self-regulation, cybercrime and data protection). As a result, European Digital Rights has acquired funding to increase its advocacy activities, in particular by the establishment of a Brussels presence and the recruitment of EU Advocacy Coordinator, Joe McNamee. The primary tasks of the advocacy coordinator are: (1) the development of a digital rights campaigning agenda, (2) the formulation of a communications strategy and (3) the launch of a capacity building exercise for NGOs active in this policy area.

The following are the key clusters of dossiers that the organisation has been tracking and campaigning since the re-establishment of the Brussels office which has formulated the organisations' digital rights campaigning agenda (task 1):

Self-Regulation:

There are a number of upcoming issues related to self regulation, and EDRI is particularly interested in the "notice and takedown" of allegedly illegal content online via a project organised by DG HOME of the European Commission. This project was expected to conclude in the second half of 2010 but is just one of a growing number self-regulatory initiatives which EDRI has been tracking and campaigning on.

ISP Liability:

Recently, the E-Commerce Directive and the IPR Enforcement Directive have come under revision and there will also be a new proposal for Criminal Sanctions for IPR Enforcement. The Advocacy Project has been tracking the developments of the status of the review of the IPR Enforcement Directive (2004/48/EC) (DG MARKT) as well as the planned Directive on criminal sanctions for enforcement of intellectual property rights (DG MARKT). European Digital Rights has consistently advocated for internet neutrality, as any measure to threaten this (such as interferences with communications as a result of weak legal protections for internet intermediaries) will result in loss of fundamental freedoms such as freedom of speech and privacy.

Data Protection:

The European Commission will launch its proposal at the summer of 2011 and the legislative process is likely to take two to three years. EDRI has been able to take a leading role in this debate and was one of only three civil society organisations invited to Commissioner Reding's "high level" meeting on the Directive in September 2010.

Internet Blocking:

EDRI was central to raising the profile of this issue, having received notice of its inclusion in the Directive on Child Exploitation. We have met with several parliamentarians from across the political spectrum in the European Parliament, the Cabinets of Commissioners Malmström and Reding and raised the profile of the proposal in the press.

Internal communication

The Advocacy Coordinator publishes a weekly internal report, keeping EDRI members and observers fully updated on all events, activities and developments related to digital rights on a national and international level. This activity has given campaigners a better knowledge of (and therefore better capacity to react to) the activities of European parliamentarians from their country through the monitoring of parliamentary

questions, the tabling of amendments and votes. It has also provided insight into the actions of national governments in public debates in the Council as well as - through contact with Council working group members - trends and developments in Council discussions that are normally impenetrable to the general public.

Results:

The impact of the re-establishment of the Brussels office in 2009 has been the growth of the organisation as the voice for digital rights in Brussels. The Brussels office has had an exponential effect on the activities of national digital rights organisations. For example, when the Commission proposed web blocking in March 2008, the move provoked little reaction - simply due to there being nobody in a position to monitor the Commission's output effectively. In 2009, when the initiative was re-launched by the Commission, EDRI's activities lead to strong opposition from certain quarters within the Commission and an energetic (and ongoing) campaign at national and European levels covering both the fundamental rights aspects of web blocking in general and the technologies that could ultimately be deployed.

The "on the ground" activity in Brussels has provided a focal point for dispersed national campaigns. In essence, the establishment of the EDRI office in Brussels has had an exponential effect on the level, scope and quality of digital rights advocacy in Europe.

2.3 EDRI-Gram

Start Date: 01.10.2009

Project Length: Ongoing

Funding: Open Society Institute (OSI)

Person responsible: Bogdan Manolea

Description:

The [EDRI-gram](#) is a bi-weekly newsletter about digital rights in Europe. Bogdan Manolea has successfully edited and delivered the report to its members, observers and friends of EDRI. It is published by email and on the EDRI website under the license Creative Commons BY 3.0. The EDRI-Gram is translated regularly in German (translation by Andreas Krisch – VIBEIAT and some articles in Macedonian by the Metamorphosis Foundation.) Titles are translated into Finnish by EFFi.

The EDRI-gram has been partially funded by OSI from 1.10.2009 until 31.09.2011, comprising also other activities for building advocacy for digital civil rights groups (see point 4.1).

This newsletter covers a wide range of digital rights issues, including privacy, copyright, freedom of speech, security and global & EU governance. Each edition usually address three to four of these topics. New issues such as Network Neutrality, ACTA or 3 strikes have become more prevalent in the past two years, as the newsletter keeps pace with current and upcoming digital rights issues. Contributions are welcome from all, however the articles are mainly composed by EDRI members.

Results:

The EDRI-gram has significantly increased awareness and support for European Digital Rights on a national and international level. The organisation is pleased with its success, as it has an international readership of approximately 5,800 individuals, including government, industry and civil society.

3. Campaigns

3.1 Campaigning Material & Analytical Documents

EDRI frequently publishes a wide range of academic and informative material in order to raise awareness and inform civil society, politicians and industry leaders, in order to garner support for and increase the profile of digital rights. These materials are easily accessible on the organisation's website, www.edri.org

These publications are the result of the Brussels Advocacy Project (Section 2.2) and part of the Advocacy Coordinator's task (2) of building a communication strategy.

Below is a list of publications by EDRi since 01.01.2009:

- "Voting Recommendation Re: Stockholm Programme", 11 November 2009.
- "Current Internet-Related Threats to European Fundamental Rights" Journal, FIFF Kommunikation, Vol 27, 2/2010 – June 2010: 25-27.
- "FAQ on the Terrorist Finance Tracking Program / "SWIFT" Agreement," 7 July 2010 (available in German, Italian, French and Finnish) - downloaded over 4,000 times
- "EDRi Internet Blocking Booklet," 27 September 2010 (available in English, German, Czech and Romanian)
- "EDRi Open Letter to the European Parliament on Amendment 138 in the Telecoms Package," 19 October, 2010 (also available in French).
- "Voting Recommendation Re: Kammerevert Opinion on Child Exploitation," 26 October 2010.
- "Out of Sight, Out of Mind", Journal, Index on Censorship, Vol 39, 2010:108-117
- "Current Internet-Related Threats to European Fundamental Rights," FiFF Kommunikation 2/2010

3.2 Outreach to EU Institutions and other Organisations

Since 01.01.2009 the EDRi Advocacy Project in Brussels has made contacts with the political secretariats of most political groups in the European Parliament, as well as non-political networking, such as the Civil Liberties Committee.

A list of more notable networking in EU Institutions is as follows:

- Meetings with officials from the the European Commissions' IPR Enforcement Unit, Copyright Unit, Information Society Policy Development Unit, Internet, Network and Information Security Unit, Cybercrime and Trafficking in Human Beings Unit and Data Protection Unit and the Cabinets of Commission Vice-Presidents Kroes and Reding and Commissioner Malmström and Commissioner Kroes.
- Meetings with parliamentarians from the International Trade, Civil Liberties, Gender Equality, Culture and Education, Industry, Research and Energy Committees
- Meetings with officials from the United Kingdom, German, Dutch and Czech Representations to the European Union.
- Officials from the European Data Protection Supervisor's Office.

3.3 Attending Parliamentary Meetings

The following is a list of the notable Parliamentary Meetings attended or addressed by EDRi since 01.01.2009:

- Green Group Hearing, Telecoms Package
- EDPS/ENISA/Parliament hearing on data breach notification
- Green Group meeting on Stockholm Programme
- Green Group strategic meeting on ACTA
- Green Group hearing on data sharing
- Three meetings of informal Parliament group on Data Protection
- ALDE (Liberal Group) hearing on Self-Censorship
- ALDE hearing on ACTA

EDRi has also been invited to attend closed meetings in parliament such as the meeting organised by Marietje Schaake MEP with Andrew Rasiej (Personal Democracy Forum) in June 2010.

3.4 Council of Europe

EDRI is accredited with an observer status to the Council of Europe Committee of experts on new media (MC-NM) since October 2009, for the duration of this Committee mandate. This Committee is a follow-up to the previous Group of specialists on Human Rights in the Information Society (MC-S-IS), which 5 years mandate expired end 2008, and to which EDRI was also an observer. EDRI is also an observer to two additional Ad Hoc Advisory Groups, namely the Cross-border Internet (MC-S-CI), and the Protection of Neighbouring Rights of Broadcasting Organisations (MC-S-NR) groups. EDRI representative responsible for these activities is Meryem Marzouki.

MC-NM group is exploring the challenges to human rights, especially to the right to freedom of expression and to privacy, with social network services (SNS) and search engines, and working on CoE Recommendations to member States in order to protect and promote these rights. Guidelines to other stakeholders, especially the providers of these services, will complement the Recommendations. MC-NM is at the same time addressing the new notion of media, in order to examine whether the understanding of media and mass communication services remains valid in the new information and communications environment: the challenges here relate to issues such as defining online journalism, ensuring freedom of expression, freedom of the press, democracy and pluralism, etc.

EDRI's role in this group meetings is to contribute to the discussions and outcome documents, ensuring that they are in line with the digital rights vision promoted by the organisation. EDRI contributed so far to the drafting of the following documents:

- Declaration on network neutrality (adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 29.09.2010)
- Recommendation and guidelines on measures to protect and promote respect for human rights with regards to search engines (still in drafting process)
- Recommendation and guidelines on measures to protect and promote respect for human rights with regards to social networking services (still in drafting process)
- Recommendation on a new notion of media (still in drafting process)

Moreover, the EU advocacy coordinator took part in two consultations:

- Draft Recommendation on Profiling (November 2009)
- Proposed Convention on Neighbouring Rights for Broadcasters. EDRI participated in a two-day consultation meeting on the proposed Convention.

EDRI produced two responses to the Council of Europe draft Recommendation on profiling and also took part in a meeting in Strasbourg in order to discuss this submission. The organisation persuaded the Council to re-open the Recommendation after the dossier had been effectively closed for a final round of consultation. Through the work of EDRI with Privacy International, an intervention in the dossier was made by the CoE Human Rights Commissioner.

3.5 European Commission Consultations

Since January 2009, EDRI has been very active in presenting the views of civil society on consultations launched by the European Commission. All answers submitted as a separate document are available on www.edri.org

- Post i-2010 (October 2009)
- [Europeana](#) (November 2009)
- [Processing of personal data](#) (December 2009)
- [Creative Content Online](#) (January 2010)
- EU/US data exchange (March 2010)
- [Consultation on "unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries"](#) (July 2010)
- [Consultation on Net Neutrality](#) (September 2010)
- [Consultation on the E-Commerce Directive](#) (November 2010)
- EDRI also sent an [open letter](#) to Commissioners Kroes (Digital Agenda), Malmström (Home

Affairs) and Reding (Justice and Fundamental Rights) on Internet blocking.

In addition, EDRI took part in hearings organised by:

- DG Information Society on the i2010 initiative
- DG Internal Market on an interim report on “legal and economic aspects of the single market for information society”
- DG Justice, Liberty and Security on privacy-enhancing technologies
- European Commission hearing on the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement in March 2009.

3.6 Activities at WIPO

EDRI has been an accredited observer at WIPO since 2005. In the past 2 years EDRI members have participated in several SCCR (Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights) meetings with comments and suggestions for the visually impaired treaty proposal or the work on limitations and exceptions. More information can be found in reports published in EDRI-gram in 2009 and 2010 ([May 2009](#), [June 2009](#), [December 2010](#))

3.7. European Civil Society Data Protection Award 2010

EDRI organized in 2010 together with AEDH (European Association for the Defence of Human Rights) the first positive prize European Civil Society Data Protection Award (ECSDPA) with the support of LSTS/VUB (the Law Science Technology & Society Research Group of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and deBuren (The Flemish- Dutch House for Culture and Debat). More info about the event can be found at <http://www.edri.org/ecsdpa>

The prize aimed at rewarding positive initiatives contributing to the visibility and effectiveness of right to privacy and to the protection of personal data in Europe. The 2010 ECSDPA prize was awarded on 28 January 2010, as a European Civil Society contribution to the Data Protection Day, to "PER.SONN.ES (in French) / FAKEFRIENDS.ME (in English).

4. Capacity Building

4.1 EDRI Capacity Building Meeting in Parliament

On the 4th and 5th of February 2010, EDRI organised a two-day meeting in the European Parliament, with the aim of networking between EDRI members and related organisations and to inform participants on the functioning and current activities of the EU. The meeting was successful in making EDRI's presence in Brussels and around Europe known, and comprised the following attendees:

- 50 participants from 17 countries
- 31 privacy and civil rights organisations
- 4 Members of the European Parliament
- 2 officials from European Parliament Committee secretariats (Civil Liberties and Industry)
- 4 officials from the European Parliament

4.2 NGO Alliance and Networking

As a result of the event on 4/5 February and the increased level of EDRI activity since the start of the Advocacy project, there have been several new members and observers that wish to take part in EDRI's work. Contact has been made with every relevant organisation and individual and work was carried out to incorporate as many of them as possible into EDRI's work, either as observers or members. The result has been a widening of EDRI's support base among organisations that are working on similar issues to ours but, due to their lack of legal structure, are ineligible to be members. In particular, EDRI has had positive cooperation with groups such as the Swedish “Julia Group” on issues related to data retention and net neutrality, the Italian organisation “Scambio Etico” and the German association MOGiS on Internet blocking.

New EDRi Members for 2010:

EDRi has also welcomed two new members, the Flemish League for Human Rights and the Polish association Panoptikon, both of which are new countries EDRi did not previously hold membership in.

Observers:

EDRi has attracted in 2009-2010 new observers such as Ben Hayes of Statewatch, UK, Simona Levi, Exgae (Spain), Jeremy Malcolm of Consumers International, Patrick Breyer of AK Vorrat (Germany), Edward Hasbrouck of Papers Please (USA), and Jeremie Zimmermann (La Quadrature du Net)

Communication and Cooperation with Industry:

EDRi has been developing its communication and cooperation with industry associations (ETNO, EuroISPA, CENTR), individual companies (Google, Microsoft, eBay, Limewire, Nokia, Betfair and others), European consumer protection organisations (TACD, BEUC and ANEC) and NGOs (CDT, the TOR Project, Wikipedia, Creative Commons and FSF Europe, in addition to already established relationships with other NGOs at the European and international levels). The organisation has also taken an active part in a variety of events, such as the Microsoft "Privacy by Design" event in June and the Google event on net neutrality in March. EDRi has also taken part in industry conferences such as the IIC Telecommunications and Media Forum on "Facilitating a Dynamic Single Market for Creative Content on 28 April.

5. Conferences

5.1 European Institutions

The following is a list of conferences or formal meetings in European Institutions in Brussels where EDRi members were invited to participate since 01.01.2009:

- European Civil Liberties Day in the European Parliament – ALDE, 15 April 2009, Ian Brown
- European Commission Conference "Personal data– more use, more protection?", 19-20 May.2009, Andreas Krisch, Expert Speaker
- Council of Europe – Hearing on Policy Framework for New Medias, 29 September 2009, Meryem Marzouki, Expert Speaker.
- EDPS + ENISA seminar, " Data breach Notification", October 2009, Andreas Krisch
- European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research, and Energy (ITRE), "Hearing on Internet of Things", 17 March, 2010. Andreas Krisch, Expert Speaker.
- European Parliament, "Privacy Platform Meeting", 24 March, 2010. Joe McNamee
- Council of Europe, European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), 29.-30.04.2010, Andreas Krisch, Meryem Marzouki, Expert Speakers
- European Parliament Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, "Combating sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of children and child pornography", 28-29 September, 2010. Joe McNamee
- European Commission DG Home Affairs, "Taking on the Data Retention Directive", 3 December, 2010. Axel Arbak.

5.2 External Conferences

- "Barcelona Privacy meeting on 11. and 12.01.2009 – working group on Joint Proposal for setting International Standards on Privacy and Personal Data Protection", Andreas Krisch
- OECD Experts Conference, "Using Sensor-Based Networks to address Global Issues: Policy Opportunities and Challenges", 8-9 June 2009, Lisbon. Andreas Krisch, Expert Speaker.
- "Free Culture Forum 2009," Barcelona, Bogdan Manolea, Eddan Katz
- "Global privacy standards for a Global world: civil society event at the 31st Data Protection

Authority Conference”, 3 November 2009, Meryem Marzouki, Ralf Bendrath, Andreas Krisch, Eddan Katz

- 31st Data Protection Authority Conference, November 2009, Madrid. Eddan Katz
- IIC Telecommunications and Media Forum, “Facilitating a Dynamic Single European Market for Creative Content”, 28 April 2010. Joe McNamee, Expert Speaker
- INEX Conference “Follow-up on the main legal challenges related to the upcoming Stockholm programme”, May 2010. Brussels. Joe McNamee.
- Forum mondial des droits de l'Homme – Nantes – 30 June 2010, Session Information and communication technology, private life and freedom in Europe and the world , Bogdan Manolea
- “Swedish Govt – Expert on Human Rights and Internet,” 16-17 June 2010, Joe McNamee
- INEX Mid-Term Conference, “Exploring the Internal/External Security Continuum”, 29 October, 2010. Brussels. Joe McNamee, Expert Speaker.
- Roundtable on the Economics of Personal Data and Privacy: 30 Years after the OECD Privacy Guidelines, 01. December 2010. Paris. Andreas Krisch, Expert Speaker.
- Andalusian Association for Human Rights (APDHA) - 7th International Conference on Human Rights – Session on “Internet: Opportunities and Risks for Human Rights”, 3-5 December 2010, Cadix. Meryem Marzouki, Expert Speaker.

6. Promotional activities and awareness-raising

6.1 EDRi's Website

The organisation's website is a source of a wealth of publications, articles and information about upcoming, past and current events in the area of digital rights. The website has helped build support and raise awareness about digital rights in Europe and internationally. All material published by EDRi is available free for download at www.edri.org. In the past year, EDRi's website had an average of 66 000 unique visitors/month with an average of 172 000 page views/month.

6.2 EDRi-gram newsletter

The bi-weekly newsletter produced by EDRi is focused on news regarding digital civil rights in Europe. The EDRi-gram has 24 issues/year and has been published continuously for the past 8 years, every 2 weeks on Wednesday evening. (except during Summer and Christmas recess).

The topics cover EU matters and national subjects from European countries. EDRi members that participated in European institutions discussions presented in the EDRi-gram the main issues discussed (Meeting at the European Parliament or European Commission- reports by Joe McNamee, Council of Europe Group of Specialists on New Media -Meryem Marzouki, European Commission's RFID Expert Groups -Andreas Krisch, OECD Information Society Working group, WIPO, etc).

Most national issues in the specific countries came from UK, Germany, France and Italy. Mostly with the help of local contributors the EDRi-gram has also published articles on digital rights news from Austria, Azerbaijan, Macedonia, Belarus, Czech Republic, Romania, Russia, Spain, Ireland, Switzerland, Finland, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Turkey, Serbia, Denmark, Hungary.

Its entire [archive is available on the EDRi.org website](#). All content is published under Creative Commons BY 3.0 licence . The newsletter has over 5 800 subscribers. [The subscription to the newsletter is free.](#)

6.2 Twitter

EDRi's Twitter account, [edri_org](https://twitter.com/edri_org), is updated frequently, keeping its over 1000 followers up to date on the organisation's current activities, publications and agenda. The Twitter page has helped expand the readership of EDRi-gram articles.

6.3 EDRi's Blog

The EDRi Blog, <http://edri.blogactiv.eu/>, directly linked from EurActiv, has helped widen the EDRi support base particularly in the policy making sector. The Brussels Blogger Study acknowledged the EDRi blog as one of the most influential of 2010.

6.4 Media Presence

An essential part of EDRi's successful campaigning for digital rights was to effectively communicate our message via the media. Since 01.01.2009, EDRi representatives have appeared in a number of media outlets, making itself known in Europe and internationally.

The following is a list of appearances and articles where EDRi has been represented since 01.01.2009:

- Der Standard (Austria), 20 October 2009
- Suddeutsche Zeitung (Germany), "Brüssel auf Sperrkurs?", 5 November, 2009
- Stuttgarter Zeitung (Germany), "Durch die Hintertür," 7 November, 2009
- Washington Internet Daily (USA), 15 January 2010; 14 January 2010; 30 November 2009; 6 November 2009
- Bureau of National Affairs (USA), various publications including "Daily Report for Executives", 21 December, 2009
- People.com.cn (China), 24 February, 2010
- Estadio Internacional (Brazil), "União Europeia permite que investigadores dos EUA acessem dados de bancos", 8 July, 2010
- Mladina Dnevnik (Slovenia), "Tajni bančni podatki dostopni ZDA", 11 July, 2010
- Deutsche Welle (Germany), "Squaring the circle of commercial file-sharing", 16 October 2010
- BBC TV Interview with Joe McNamee, "EU aims to boost web privacy safeguards", 4 November, 2010
- Various references in the Trade Press – PC World and IT World, 2009-2010

7. Basic Financial figures

EDRi's financial statements for the fiscal years 2008 and 2009 were certified by a Belgian accountancy company, as part of our process to submit an application for EU funding. Because this report has been published before the end of December 2010, the budget is based only on the expenses and incomes received by that date, therefore the figures for the year 2010 may not be completely accurate.

Total Budget 2009+2010 (rounded figures):

Incomes 2009+2010: € 173 300 from the following sources:

1. Membership fees: € 5 700
2. Grants: € 158 300
3. Donations: € 3 800
4. Other: (bank interests, reimbursements) € 4 500

Expenses 2009+2010: € 188 000

1. Privacy OS – 5 000 Euros
2. "Under surveillance" - 26 000 Euros
3. European Commission RFID Expert Group – 1 500 Euros
4. Informal Working Group on the Implementation of the RFID Recommendation – 2 000 Euros
5. CSISAC 18 500 Euros
6. Brussels Advocacy Project 111 000 Euros
7. EDRi-gram 20 000 Euros
8. Others (participation to CoE meetings, EDPS meeting reimbursement, accountant etc.) 4 000 Euros