



*Open the deadline for submitting applications till September 19th 2005.*

**The Data Protection Agency of the Community of Madrid announces the Second Prize to the Best Practices of European Public Administrations as regards Data Protection.**

With this prize the Data Protection Agency of the Community of Madrid wants to promote the growth of a "data protection culture" after the success obtained with the first prize launched in year 2004 and awarded to the Council of Vitoria-Gasteiz.

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The Official Gazette of the Madrid Regional Government publishes the 17 March 2005, the [Resolution](#) dated 2 March 2005 issued by the Director of the Data Protection Agency of the Madrid Regional Government announcing the Second Prize to the Best Practices of European Public Administrations as regards Data Protection.

This initiative aims to spread the awareness of best practices in data protection proposed or implemented for data processing by any body or institution of the public administrations of any of the countries which signed the Convention of 28 January 1981 of the Council of Europe for the protection of individuals as regards automated processing of personal data.

The best practices may deal with different aspects such as the improvement of the quality of the personal data, the design of efficient systems for the information to the citizens regarding the collection of personal data, the management of the data subject's consent for the processing of personal data, data security, duty of secrecy, etc...

The applications may be submitted in Spanish or in English before September 19<sup>th</sup> drawn up according to the [sample form](#) included as Annex to the Resolution announcing the award. They shall be submitted by post or in person at the Registry of the Data Protection Agency of the Community of Madrid calle Cardenal Marcelo Spínola, número 14, tercera planta, 28016 Madrid or at any Registry of the Madrid Regional Government. The applications must be accompanied by a full dossier explaining the project and for projects which have been implemented, a detailed report for the implementation and current situation.

The first prize was announced in 2004 and was awarded to the project "Integral project for the improvement in the processing of personal data" of the Council of Vitoria-Gasteiz. Special mentions of the prize were awarded to the projects



delivered by the University of Valencia and the Management of Area 10 of Primary Care of the Health Institute of Madrid.

The best experiences identified will be divulged within the field of activity of **the European project “[e-PRODAT: Data Protection Best Practices in Regional e-Government Services](#)”**, in which the Data Protection Agency of the Community of Madrid participates as leader and which has obtained FEDER financing from the European Union within the INTERREG IIIC community initiative, with the participation of the Data Protection Inspectorate of Estonia, the municipality of Bologna and the Abruzzos Region –Italy–, the Association of local authorities of the Prefecture of Kavala – Greece-, the University Rey Juan Carlos – Spain- and the University of Patras – Greece-.

The e-PRODAT project was launched on 1 February 2005 with an estimated duration of 24 months, and one of its key objectives is to create a European observatory of best practices in data protection and e-government that will disseminate and reproduce the most significant experiences in this area.