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[e-PRODAT](#) presents in Washington DC its assessment report on e-Government and Data Protection in European Regions and Cities

## SUMMARY

The report was presented during the XXXIX<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Working Group on Data Protection and Telecommunications, also known as "Berlin Group", held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2006 in the US Capital City, chaired by the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Commissioner of Berlin, and hosted by the privacy advocacy group EPIC (Electronic Privacy Information Center, [www.epic.org](http://www.epic.org)).

## FULL TEXT

The venue of the meeting was the German Marshall Fund of the United States in Washington DC. One day before took place also a workshop called "Transparency and Accountability: The Use of Personal Information within the Government", organized by the Privacy Office of the Department of Homeland Security of the US Government.

The preparation of the e-PRODAT report on Data Protection and e-Government in European Regions and Cities has been carried on by the University King Juan Carlos of Madrid, and It has built indexes to measure e-government readiness and different parameters and indicators concerning data protection. The Report concludes with different recommendations: to invest in telecommunication infrastructure, to promote even more e-Government and e-participation services; to facilitate the effective exercise of the data subject's rights; to process anonymous data; to facilitate the provision of consent, making easier the formularies. The document shows considerable heterogeneity within Europe concerning telecom infrastructure, e-Gov services and e-participation, and relative homogeneity in education matters. Anyway, it considers that it is necessary to spread the data protection culture for public bodies and data subjects even more.

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exchange of knowledge and experiences between Data Protection Authorities and other public bodies concerning the protection of personal data used by Governments and Public Administrations for the provision of public services, and specially those related to e-Government or based on the Internet, helping in particular to create best practices recommendations in this area. Its leader is the Data Protection Agency of the Community of Madrid.

