



Liberties in Lockdown

Is your data going viral?

Zoom Online Event

08 April 2020, 09h30 – 10h30 (CEST)

ABOUT THE SERIES

Even if we are in lockdown, our liberties should not be. As the world is fighting the coronavirus pandemic with whatever mechanisms it has at its disposal, it appears that certain governments, companies, and individuals see this as an opportunity to lock our liberties in small, dark dungeons and then throw away the keys.

Whilst it is true that extreme problems require extreme solutions, how different will our world look (economically, socially, education and health-wise, politically, etc.) after the lockdowns have ended and the travel restrictions are lifted? Will we recognise our countries and cities; our neighbourhoods and friends? Will we recognise ourselves?

Join us for a new online series focused on our *Liberties in Lockdown*, brought to a digital screen near you by the European Liberal Forum

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As more and more tools are being developed to fight the spread of the coronavirus, we turn our attention to those that collect, handle and store our personal data. While these tools can prove helpful and, in some cases, even lifesaving, there are already a lot of questions being asked all over Europe about the implications on our digital privacy.

An example of these surveillance instruments are the newly developed mobile apps that track you via GPS or Bluetooth, and ask you for selfies within a limited timeframe after receiving a message from the government (see the case of Poland). There are apps that are voluntary and others that are mandatory; there are apps created by third parties and others that are open sourced (PEPP-PT), but who is the true master of this new digital gold?

Who should be trusted with these seemingly endless data and metadata – private companies, governments, the European Commission? How do we know for certain that our data will not be used for something else once the coronavirus is defeated? Should we put our privacy aside during this crisis for the greater good of humanity?

These questions, and many more, will be tackled by our distinguished speakers during the first online event of ELF's new series – *Liberties in Lockdown*.



EVENT SCHEDULE

- 09h25** Participants connect to the Zoom event
- 09h30** Introduction of the new Series – Liberties in Lockdown
Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, ELF
- 09h35** Introduction of the Topic by the Moderator
Eline Chivot, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Data Innovation
- 09h40** First intervention
Karen Melchior, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group
- 09h45** Second intervention
Diego Naranjo, Head of Policy, European Digital Rights (EDRi)
- 09h50** Third intervention
European Commission Representative (TBC)
- 09h55** Moderated debate
- 10h25** Closing remarks
Eline Chivot, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Data Innovation
- 10h30** End of event

Further reading / More information

1. ELF Publication – [Citizen-Centred Digitalisation](#)
2. ELF Publication – [European Atlas of Democratic Deficit](#)
3. EDRi – [Call for fundamental rights-based responses to COVID-19](#)
4. <https://www.politico.eu/article/european-commission-mobile-phone-data-thierry-breton-coronavirus-covid-19/#as-oil-cpc-third-parties>
5. <https://www.politico.eu/article/europe-cracks-code-for-coronavirus-warning-app/>
6. <https://www.pepp-pt.org>

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Speakers' Bios



Karen Melchior, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

Karen Melchior used to be a foreign policy professional with an academic background in law. She worked more than 10 years in the Danish Foreign Ministry, and has also worked with data protection law and IT security at Styrelsen for Arbejdsmarkeds og Rekruttering.

Since 2014, Karen has been the first alternate for Radikale Venstre to the European Parliament and you could have found her as the number two on the ballot paper on the 26th of May 2019. Since 2nd of July, she is a member of the European Parliament for Denmark as a part of the Renew Europe group.

Diego Naranjo, Head of Policy, EDRi

Diego joined EDRi in October 2014 where he works as Head of Policy. He leads the policy team work for the protection of citizens' fundamental rights and freedoms online in the fields of data protection, surveillance and copyright and other dossiers.

In the past, Diego gained experience in the International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) and the Free Software Foundation Europe. Previously to all that he worked as a lawyer in Spain. He was part of the expert group on digital rights of the Spanish Ministry of Energy, Tourism and Digital Agenda between 2017 and 2018. Among other publications, Diego is co-author of the Council of Europe's Study DGI(2014)31 "Human Rights Violations Online", prepared by EDRi for the Council of Europe on 4 December 2014.



Eline Chivot, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Data Innovation (Moderator)

Eline Chivot is a senior policy analyst at the Center for Data Innovation. Based in Brussels, Eline focuses on European technology policy issues and on how policymakers can promote digital innovation in the EU. Prior to joining the Center for Data Innovation, Eline Chivot worked for several years as a policy analyst at The Hague Center for Strategic Studies (HCSS), a leading Dutch think tank, where her work included research projects on defense, security and economic policy issues.

More recently, Eline worked at DigitalEurope, one of Brussels' largest trade associations, where she managed its relations with representatives of the digital tech industry. Eline earned her Master's degrees in political science and economics from Sciences Po Lille, and in strategic management and business administration from the University of Lille.