

Law Enforcement Data Access Series: "Encrypted data: Challenges and Opportunities"

6 June 2018 12.00 – 14.15 U-Residence, VUB , Pleinlaan 2, 1050, Brussels

Encryption can be one of the means employed to foster the fundamental rights of data protection and privacy and to create a safe and secure internet for all parties involved. Encryption is available to anyone; however, this also means that there is a danger that encryption technologies are abused, including for criminal purposes. The past has shown that organised crime uses encrypted messages for the execution of their agendas. Encryption techniques can also be used to hide financial data from tax authorities or for assisting money laundering. Law enforcement authorities are increasingly interested in accessing encrypted data for public security reasons, which is leading to a conflict between data protection and privacy interests and security. The debate surrounding this conflict has been furthered recently by a French judgement on decryption orders.

The aim of this event is to assess both the challenges and the opportunities encrypted data bring with it, especially considering the law enforcement and industry perspective. The event is a collaboration with the CANVAS project.

12.00-12.30	Arrival and Lunch
12.30-13.10	 Debate on "Encryption and back doors" Chair: Catherine Van De Heyning, FRC, VUB Panel: Graham Willmott, Head of Unit DG Home, European Commission Owen Bennett, Mozilla
13.10-13.50	 Debate on "Encryption and self-incrimination" Chair: Catherine Van De Heyning, FRC, VUB Panel: Joachim Meese, University of Antwerpen Jan Kerkhofs, Belgian Federal Prosecutor's office, Counter Terrorism Unit & Cybercrime Unit
13.50-14.15	Discussion of all panelists with audience