

Brussels Privacy Hub Privacy and Data Protection Doctoral Seminars.
The science of access request; empowering citizens in practice?
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The right of access is a central aspect of the GDPR in a system of transparency which ought to empower the citizen to protect her privacy. During this seminar René will discuss his research plans and questions, revolving around the question: How and to what extent does the exercise of the right of access meet its objectives in practice?

He will introduce “*DatainSight*”, a citizen science platform that fuels the empirical research by allowing citizens to create access requests and share the results with researchers. The platform will allow building a crowd sourced dataset which will function as a ground truth for assessing the right of access in practice.

On a theoretical level the research will focus on questions like: What are the theoretical underpinnings, the *raison d’être* for the right of access? And: How do these underpinnings relate to processes of collectivization?

A first paper *Collectively Exercising the Right of Access: Individual Effort, Societal Effect* gives an example of the type of work to be done in this research project.