DATA PRIVACY DAY CONFERENCE

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On the 29th of January around 150 participants from research and private sector found their way to the half-day Data Privacy Day conference organised by the RESTENA Foundation and the University of Luxembourg hosted at the university premises. The aim of the yearly Data Privacy Day is to raise awareness about privacy and data protection practices at international level.

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To spread this word, the conference sessions focussed on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that takes effect on May 25 this year and about security threats in daily life.

In presence of the National Authority for Data Protection (CNPD-Luxembourg), participants were informed about this new regulation and its compliance control processes in general. Since research projects are concerned by GDPR too, a dedicated session was given about the changes in data protection for future research projects, providing advise and how to adapt to this new regulation.

Besides these GDPR sessions, another one focussed on the need for protecting data. For this, the audience was shown daily threats in information security for raising awareness next to the users to care for their data by illustrating the facility of acquiring data on most different ways. One major factor in the given examples was the human being. Social engineering attacks for stealing valuable information are observed on a daily basis in organization, ranging from phishing to dedicated attacks. Besides these attack, data can also be leaked involuntarily due to badly configured devices, may this be a wrongly configured printer communicating outside of its network or badly configured antennas, routers...

More information and the streamed sessions are available on the University of Luxembourg Twitter account: **https://twitter.com/i/moments/957956658134683648** .

This was the first conference organized by the University of Luxembourg and the RESTENA Foundation in the framework of the Data Privacy Day and another one will follow next year, so stay tuned!

More information about this year's Data Privacy Day conference: **http://dataprivacyday.lu**