

byRisk

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NEWSLETTER

Helping SMEs Identify and Analyze Data Protection and Privacy Risks

Raising Awareness of Data Protection and Privacy Risks Among SMEs and the General Public

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The Partners

The byRisk Consortium is made up of three partners, each representing a different sector: regulatory, academic, and software industry. The project is coordinated by the Hellenic Data Protection Authority, with the other two partners being the University of Piraeus Research Center and ICT Abovo PC.

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The project in brief

On December 1st, 2024, the Hellenic Data Protection Authority launched the project titled "**Driven by risk: Fostering data protection risk assessment for SMEs and raising risk awareness among the general public ('byRisk')**", following a successful proposal to the European Commission.

Visit the website of the project at
https://byrisk-project.eu/

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The project is scheduled for completion in November 2026.

From Development to Impact: The Results of byRisk

As the byRisk project approaches its **completion at the end of November 2026**, this fourth and final newsletter highlights the project's main achievements, the availability of its tools, and its efforts to promote awareness of data protection and privacy risks. Building on the work presented in previous editions, the project has moved from the development of a risk assessment framework and dedicated tools to their practical application and dissemination among key target groups.

With its **tools now fully functional and available in Greek and English**, byRisk provides practical resources to help organisations and individuals better understand data protection risks and their potential impact on people's rights and freedoms.

The byRisk Tools Are Ready to Use

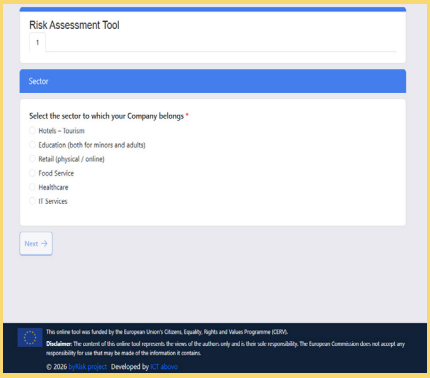
An important milestone has been reached: both the SME Risk Assessment Tool and the byRisk Awareness Tool are fully functional and available in Greek and English.

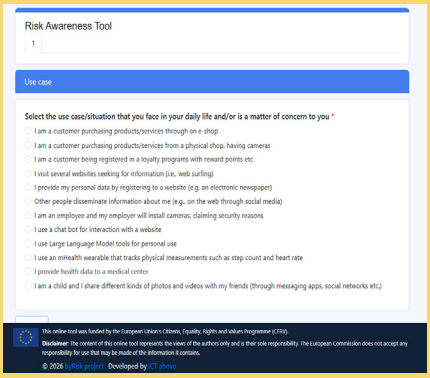
The two tools address different needs and audiences. **The SME Risk Assessment Tool supports small and medium-sized enterprises** in identifying and assessing data protection risks associated with their activities. **The byRisk Awareness Tool helps citizens and other interested users** better understand privacy and data protection risks and how organisational practices may affect individuals.

By making these tools available to the public, the project aims to encourage **a more proactive approach to data protection**, helping users recognise potential risks and better understand their implications for individuals' rights and freedoms.

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☝ **Explore the byRisk tools at** https://byrisk.dpa.gr/





Raising Awareness Through Training

Throughout 2026, the byRisk project delivered **10 awareness-raising seminars** for four key target groups: **SMEs, citizens and consumers, university students, and ICT professionals**. The seminars recorded **526 attendances in total**, providing opportunities to explore data protection and privacy risks and promote a human-centric, rights-based approach to their assessment and mitigation.

The training activities addressed the specific needs of each audience, highlighting the importance of identifying potential risks, understanding their consequences for individuals, and considering appropriate mitigation measures. They also

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encouraged participants to reflect on how data protection principles can be applied in professional practice and everyday digital activities.
The completion of the seminars marks an important step in the project's efforts to strengthen data protection awareness and encourage the practical use of the knowledge and resources developed through byRisk.

☝ **Explore the training material at** https://www.dpa.gr/el/byRisk_toolkit

Help Us Improve the byRisk Tools

Following the completion of the seminars, participants were invited to explore the byRisk tools independently, try them out and **share their feedback through a dedicated evaluation questionnaire** accessible via a link displayed once users have completed their interaction with each tool.

User feedback is an important part of assessing the tools' usability and usefulness and identifying opportunities for further improvement. By sharing their experience, users can help inform the tools' future development and make them more useful and accessible to their intended audiences.

➢ **We encourage everyone interested in data protection and privacy to explore the tools and share their feedback!**

☝ **Visit** https://byrisk.dpa.gr/ **to access the tools and their evaluation links.**

Presenting byRisk at the HDPA Research Day

On 22 October 2026, **the byRisk project was presented at the** "2nd Research Community Dialogue Day" of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority. The presentation provided an opportunity to share the project's objectives, developments and practical outcomes, highlighting the work undertaken to support the assessment of data protection risks and raise awareness among different target groups.

The presentation also contributed to the dissemination of the project's results within the Authority's research community.

Join the byRisk International Workshop

On **4 November 2026**, the Hellenic Data Protection Authority, in collaboration with the University of Piraeus Research Center and ICT Abovo, will organise the online **International Workshop "The byRisk Project: Key Results and Outcomes"**.

The workshop will present the project's main achievements and demonstrate the two byRisk tools. It will also provide a forum for exchanging knowledge and experience with representatives of data protection authorities and other European

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organisations, featuring related projects and initiatives addressing data protection and privacy challenges.

The programme will include opportunities for discussion and questions, encouraging participants to share perspectives on the practical application of risk assessment aproaches and the promotion of data protection awareness.

The workshop will be held in English.

☝ **Find out more about the programme** here.

Looking Ahead:

The Legacy of byRisk

As the project reaches its conclusion, the tools and resources developed through byRisk provide a basis for continued awareness-raising and engagement with data protection risks.

By making practical tools available to SMEs, citizens and other interested audiences, the project contributes to a better understanding of how personal data processing can affect individuals' rights and freedoms. It also highlights the importance of identifying risks early and considering appropriate measures to address them.

The byRisk tools will remain available beyond the project's completion and may be further developed in response to user feedback and emerging needs. Both tools have been designed to support future updates and improvements, helping to ensure their continued relevance and usefulness.

The project's results can continue to support learning, reflection and practical engagement with data protection beyond the project's implementation period, contributing to a more privacy-aware digital environment.





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