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Title: The Ethification of Privacy and Data Protection - At the interface of ethics, law and ICT innovation governance

Abstract: This research will explore the still increasing role of ethics in European privacy and data protection, which is part of a larger phenomenon that we can call the 'ethification' of policies and regulation. This project wishes to dig into the amplitude, effects and significations of this growing and transformative phenomenon, with a focus upon its expressions in the GDPR, the recent interventions and initiatives of the European Data Protection supervisor and data protection and privacy law in general. The aim is to understand which advantages and disadvantages, benefits and drawbacks, shifts and disruptions such massive but novel ethification might provoke in data protection and privacy law, and how it affects the complex articulations of the respective roles of politics, law, organization, technology and ethics in democratic constitutional states and the way they devise policies, legislate and regulate. This work could have different components: 1) mapping and analyzing different European ethical initiatives on ICT research and innovation, 2) studying the relations between law and ethics of the key identified privacy and data protection sites, 3) identifying substantive and procedural consequences of the ethification phenomenon within the current 'ecology of practices', and spelling out lessons to be learnt.

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