From Privacy to Freedom of Expression: the Continuum in 2015 – 2020.

MAPPING Annual General Assembly, Hannover, September 22-23, 2015. The annual event of the MAPPING project, www.mappingtheinternet.eu, has become a recognised European platform for the exchange of views of a multi-stakeholder community. The very wide-ranging discussions this year focused on inter-related issues such as privacy, security and freedom of expression, as well as intellectual property rights.

The Hannover 2015 General Assembly also hosted a panel presentation by the new **UN Special Rapporteur on Privacy**, Professor Joe Cannataci; his first public speech before a live audience since he took up this new UN mandate on August 1st, 2015.

One of the fundamental outputs of this dialogue was the presentation of the MAPPING draft Road Map, a contribution to new and emerging EU policy on the digital transition. MAPPING has started to chart the Road Map through its different clusters of dialogue, with a focus on the three substantive areas of concern for the project: internet governance, privacy, and intellectual property rights.

The next annual conference will take place in Prague in October 2016, yet another milestone in the on-going MAPPING process, addressing open questions about the relationship between the Internet and society.

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