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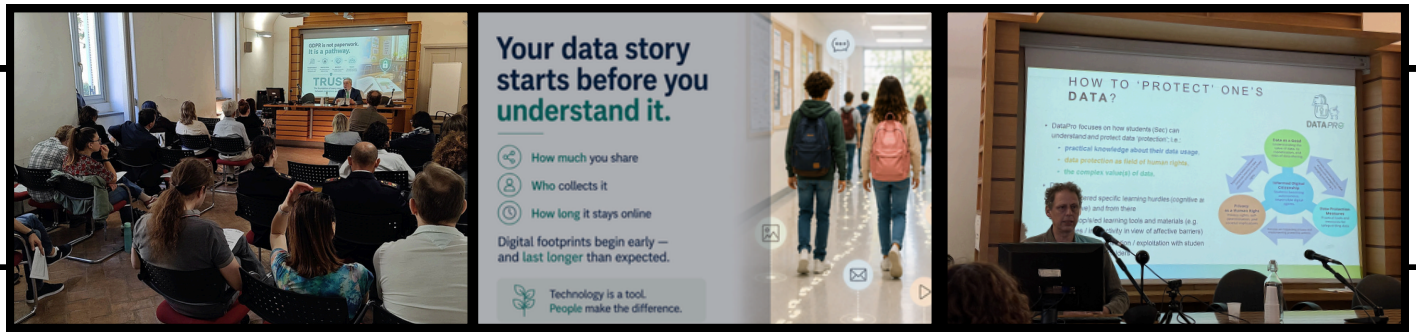
FIRST DATAPRO INTERNATIONAL HYBRID CONFERENCE IN ROME

On 20 May 2026, the first international Hybrid Conference of the Erasmus+ project DataPro – Data Protection for Young People took place in Rome at the Casa Internazionale delle Donne, organised by the Italian partner Archivio della Memoria. The event marked the beginning of the international conference series developed within the DataPro project and brought together educators, researchers, institutions, experts, and stakeholders from Italy and abroad to discuss data protection, digital awareness, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and responsible technology use.
Held in a hybrid format, the conference welcomed participants both in person and online, encouraging international dialogue and collaboration on the future of digital education.



SPEAKERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The programme included contributions from:

- **Bernd Rammele** (PH Freiburg), coordinator of the DataPro project;
- **Deborah Krzyzowski** (PH Freiburg), presenting the educational webgames Smart Home Challenge and Nothing to Hide;
- **Agostino Ghiglia**, member of the Italian Data Protection Authority;
- **Pier Paolo Maria Menchetti**, President of CSAIA - Center for Advanced Studies in Artificial Intelligence;
- **Martina La Via**, Deputy Inspector representing the Italian Postal and Cybersecurity Police;
- **Paola Limatola**, Data Protection Officer at the About Privacy Association.

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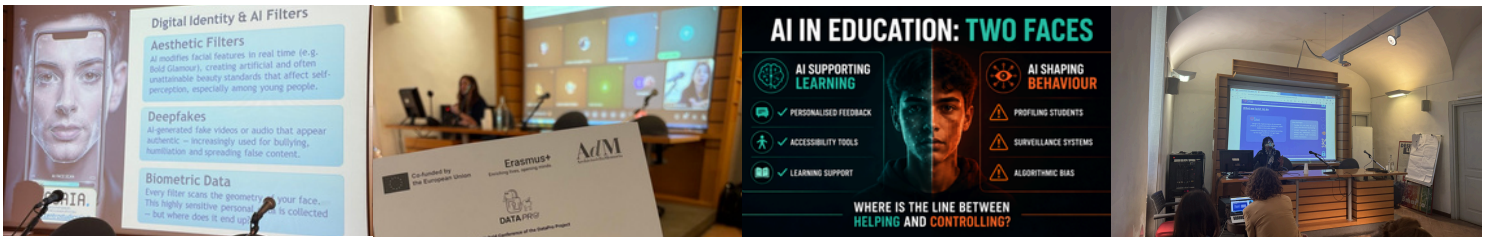
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

One of the key ideas explored during the conference was that **privacy is not only a legal issue, but also a matter of dignity, trust, and awareness**. Participants reflected on how schools continuously generate “invisible data” and how young people often begin building their digital identity long before fully understanding its consequences.

The discussions also focused on the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence in everyday digital life. From personalised algorithms and deepfakes to AI-driven profiling and online manipulation, the conference highlighted both the **risks and opportunities connected to emerging technologies**, underlining the importance of critical thinking and responsible innovation.

Cybersecurity experts addressed some of the main online risks affecting young people today, including oversharing, cyberbullying, grooming, sextortion, and dangerous online challenges. Particular attention was given to **prevention strategies, digital awareness, and the importance of cooperation between schools, families, and institutions.**

Another important theme was the need for a participatory educational approach, where students actively learn how to understand and defend their digital rights through workshops, gamification, and interactive materials, thus discovering **innovative ways to make data protection education more engaging and accessible for younger generations.**



NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The DataPro conference series will continue with the next international Hybrid Conferences:

- Ubrique (Spain) – 25 June 2026
- Berlin (Germany) – 1 July 2026

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