

RISE Consortium

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Biometric Research Centre *China*

Center for Policy on Emerging Technologies *US*

Data Security Council of India *India*

European Biometric Forum *Ireland*

Global Security Intelligence *US*

Lancaster University – CESAGEN *United Kingdom*

NCCU – National ChengChi University *(Taiwan)*

University of Tartu *Estonia*

What is RISE?

Rising pan-European and International Awareness of Biometrics and Security Ethics (RISE) is an international initiative for promoting Awareness on Ethical Aspects of Biometrics and Security Technologies. RISE will deepen, enlarge, and ensure continuity to European and international dialogue already instigated by the international conferences on ethics and biometrics organised by the EC DG Research and the US DHS Privacy Office respectively in Brussels and Washington DC in 2005 and 2006.

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Vision

We believe that combating modern threats and establishing effective security policies, particularly in the field of biometric technology, requires working together and promoting global conversation between the main actors, notably the EU, the US and Asia. In order to create trust and mutual understanding, international conversation must involve the main stakeholders, represent different disciplines, and different philosophical, political, and religious perspectives. We believe that global reach, multilateralism, and pluralism are key to a successful approach to biometric policy setting in the international arena.

Background

An international dialogue on the subject of ethics and biometrics was organised by the EC DG Research (Conference held in 2005) and the US DHS Privacy Office (Conference held in 2006) within the context of BITE (Biometrics Identification Technology Ethics, www.biteproject.org) an FP6 project funded in the scope of the Science and Society Action Plan. In 2008 the European Commission funded a research project specifically devoted to ethics and policy of biometrics and personal detection technologies, the project HIDE (Homeland security, biometric identification & personal detection ethics, www.hideproject.eu). HIDE paved the way for RISE by focusing on the technology context.

Mission

The overall purpose of RISE is to ensure continuity, to deepen and enlarge the international and European dialogue on ethics and policy of biometrics and security technology launched in 2005. More specific objectives include the organisation of two main international conferences and a series of regional meetings.

Key Areas of Interest

As a part of this dialogue, leading up to the European multi-stakeholder conference, a series of three workshops will examine security issues across the following key areas of interest:

Personal Identify and Identification

Issues related to border control, immigration, national ID programmes, and entitlement programmes. Key stakeholders are expected to include immigration officials, law enforcement, and others in national and transnational roles.

Movement of People and Goods

Security issues related to travel, including physical security of transportation hubs, trusted traveller programmes, physical security of ports of entry for goods.

Cyber Security

Security issues related to data security/protection, including the potential impact on financial institutions, industry, governments, and individuals (through identity theft). In particular, this workshop will address issues related to security/protection of biometric databases, data mining, data storage, and data fusion.

Key Milestone Events

Three major events will take place, focusing upon the ethical, social, and privacy implications of biometrics and security technology:

- ❖ *3rd International Conference on Ethics and Policy of Biometrics and International Data Sharing*
An international conference in Asia will expand the dialogue from those that have previously been driven by actors in Europe and the US.
- ❖ *European multi-stakeholder conference*
A European-focused multi-stakeholder conference will engage regulators, responsible agencies, lawmaking bodies, industry, third party privacy solutions providers and consumer representatives in setting technology security policy in Europe.
- ❖ *4th International Conference on Ethics and Policy of Biometrics and International Data Sharing*
The culmination of the project will be an International conference in Europe, whose goal will be to launch an ongoing dialogue beyond the term of the RISE project, ensuring continuity and informing policy as technologies change and the needs of global citizens evolve.

Four regional meetings will take place, focusing on specific and relevant policy issues:

- ❖ *Meeting on Biometrics and Data Protection*
A meeting organised in Delhi will allow European actors to meet Indian players and discuss the main issues concerning data protection and biometrics
- ❖ *Pan-Asian Conference (Expanded Programme – Oct. 2010)*
A meeting will be held in Taipei, as a follow-up to the Hong Kong Conference, focused upon enlarging the conversation with participants from across the region, including the Republic of China, Philippines, Malaysia, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and other Asian major countries.
- ❖ *Meeting on Transatlantic Data Sharing*
A meeting organised in Washington DC will provide the opportunity to deepen the transatlantic conversation about data sharing for security and commercial purposes.
- ❖ *Beijing Workshop (Expanded Programme–Sept. 2011)*
Providing the opportunity to develop contacts with the Chinese policy-making community, a workshop in Beijing will be convened by NCCU.

