

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This publication is the third edition of what has been, until the second edition, a joint publication I curated together with Prof. Christopher Kuner of the Brussels Privacy Hub, an academic research centre of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB; Free University of Brussels) in Brussels, Belgium.

Therefore, first and foremost I would like to thank Christopher for his key role and contribution as co-convener of the Data Protection in Humanitarian Action working series and as co-editor of the resulting first and second editions. His guidance, knowledge, expertise and mentorship over the years constitute strong foundations for the Handbook and continue to guide the spirit of this publication.

This third edition includes two new chapters which meet an important need for guidance that has clearly emerged since the second edition was published. In the first of these new chapters, Carmela Troncoso and Wouter Lueks provide guidance on how to approach data protection by design, and how to design programmes and systems in ways that integrate data protection from the outset. This chapter is a pivotal contribution that is relevant for all the technology areas discussed in Part II. In the second new chapter, Andrea Raab-Gray looks more closely at the challenges faced by humanitarian organizations using cloud-based tools vis-à-vis their capacity to keep the data they collect under their exclusive control and ensure their use for exclusively humanitarian purposes. More specifically, it provides guidance on how to analyse possible sources of “lawful” access to humanitarian data by governments through Third Party processors such as cloud service providers.

For all other pre-existing chapters, authors who primarily or significantly contributed to those chapters curated their update to ensure they are up to date with the latest trends, developments and analyses. The text of this edition is up to date as at the date of submission of the manuscript, 10 December 2022.

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Like the previous editions, this one has benefited greatly from the insights provided through consultations, workshops, interviews, panels and conferences – including the DigitHarium working series that took place throughout 2021<sup>1</sup> – that brought

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1 ICRC, “DigitHarium”, ICRC, 2021, [www.icrc.org/en/digitharium](http://www.icrc.org/en/digitharium).

together a wide multi-stakeholder group of experts from academia, data protection authorities and privacy commissioners, humanitarian practitioners, donors, civil society and the private sector. And as with the previous editions, the work in progress was peer-reviewed by the Advisory Group for this edition, with plenty of lively debates along the way. The Advisory Group for this edition comprised:

- Christopher Kuner, formerly VUB
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