

## **Accountability Project Phase IV**

The Centre for Information Policy Leadership at Hunton & Williams LLP is pleased to announce “Accountability Project Phase IV,” to be convened in Brussels in 2012.\* Over the past three years the principle of accountability has figured prominently in discussions about data privacy protection. Phase IV will continue the Project’s effort to resolve questions about how accountability can foster the protected, robust use of information in a way that reflects the realities of 21<sup>st</sup> century data collection and processing.

In 2012, the Project will consider the infrastructure necessary for accountability to work in practice. Issues to be examined include:

- Data protection authorities’ expectations of a comprehensive privacy program;
- Validation of assertions by organizations responding to official oversight; and
- The role, authority and requirements of accountability agents.

In keeping with the Accountability Project's collaborative process, Phase IV will engage a group of international experts drawn from government, privacy enforcement agencies, civil society, academia and business. The Office of the European Data Protection Supervisor will serve as facilitator of Phase IV of the Project.

Centre principals, including Martin Abrams, Richard Thomas, Paula J. Bruening, and Fred H. Cate, will serve as secretariat for the work.

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\* The Accountability Project documents “Data Protection Accountability: The Essential Elements,” “Demonstrating and Measuring Accountability,” and “Implementing Accountability in the Marketplace” were released in October 2009, October 2010 and November 2011 respectively. These documents can be found at [http://www.informationpolicycentre.com/accountability-based\\_privacy\\_governance](http://www.informationpolicycentre.com/accountability-based_privacy_governance).