

Maria Moloney PhD



Position: Data Protection Advisor

Maria primarily directs FinAI's data protection strategy and implementation efforts so that the Action is compliant with all requirements under the GDPR.

She act as the Action's point of contact for all issues relating, not only to GDPR compliance, but also to anything linked to issues of data privacy, data governance and FAIR information practices, such as discussions regarding the appropriate handling of data across research projects and across storage/physical locations.

Short Bio

Maria straddles work in academia and industry. She led the GDPR committee for transitioning University College Dublin (UCD) to full legal and technical compliance in 2018. She is a Fulbright scholar and studied with Professor David Maimon at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. She continues to be a partnered faculty member in the Evidence-Based Cybersecurity Research Group at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies there. She is also an adjunct research fellow in the Performance Engineering Lab (PEL) in the School of Computer Science in UCD.

In her previous roles, she worked as a Research Centre Strategy Manager for the School of Computer Science in UCD, which involved developing strong research links to the Centre for Cyber Security and Cyber Crime Investigations (CCI).

She was Head of Research at Escher Group Holdings Plc., the leading software provider to postal operators worldwide. She advised the Chief Executive Officer, Liam Church, and oversaw the coordination of the company's research efforts (mainly in informational privacy and security) across all international offices.

She presented the company's research to the Office of the Inspector General for the US Postal Service in Washington DC and collaborated with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

She was instrumental in forming the Irish consortium for the European Large-Scale Project (LSP) entitled the Electronic Simple European Networked Services (eSENS), under the leadership of the Irish Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER). She oversaw the coordination efforts for the Irish consortium, which formed part of the larger European consortium, consisting of multiple government bodies, along with several European Universities across 21 European countries.

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