

Privacy aspects of addresses

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Introduction

- ▶ Overview
 - What is an address?
 - Personal data
 - Addresses as personal data
 - Conclusion
- ▶ CRAB



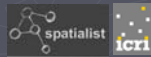
Address

- ▶ An address is
 - an indirect localisation system
 - a combination of different address components
 - referring to a geographical object
- ▶ CRAB address components
 - a street name
 - a house number
 - a subaddress
 - the name of a city



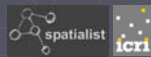
Addresses as personal data (1)

- ▶ Personal Data
 - Any information
 - Relating to
 - Identified or identifiable
 - Natural person
- ▶ Consequences
 - Fair and lawful processing
 - Finality
 - Proportionality
 - Accuracy



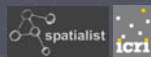
Addresses as personal data (2)

- ▶ Privacy as an issue
 - "privacy is a concept in disarray"
 - The information society
- ▶ The solution?
 - Information control



Addresses as personal data (3)

- ▶ Information control of an address?
 - Public knowledge?
 - Control through legislation?
- ▶ Processing of addresses as a privacy issue?
 - Address as such
 - Linking
 - Challenge: distinction



Conclusion

- ▶ Addresses are a privacy issue
- ▶ Privacy legislation
 - Should apply on addresses as such when feasible
 - Should fully apply to "linking"



Questions?

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