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Law and Policy Working Group proudly presents:

## **Balancing Citizen Science Data Collection Needs and Privacy Protections in the United States and European Union**

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Privacy discussions tend to revolve around the implications of passive collection of individuals' data. What is often overlooked, however, is the different phenomenon of the active sharing of data within the framework of Citizen Science projects. Starting from this premise, this webinar will explore – from the perspectives of academic researchers, practitioners, and project leaders – what are the challenges of meeting data collection needs while protecting participant privacy. What policies and best practices are needed? From theory and practice, we will reflect on how to ensure that Citizen Science stays 'privacy fit' while expanding its outreach, impact and potential.

### **Presenters:**

- **Dr. Lea Shanley**, Senior Fellow, Nelson Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Advisor, SciStarter; and Steering Committee, CSA Law and Policy Working Group (Moderator)
- **Bob Gellman**, JD, Independent Scholar and Privacy and Information Policy Consultant
- **Anna Berti Suman**, JD, PhD researcher at the Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology, and Society; visiting researcher at the European Commission JRC; Member of the CSA Law and Policy Working Group.
- **Daniel Susser**, PhD, Assistant professor in the College of Information Sciences & Technology and Research Associate in the Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State University
- **Kyle Copas**, Communications manager, GBIF Secretariat | Global Biodiversity Information Facility; current chair, ECSA open science working group

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