



Event Summary:

In an interactive format over two days, May 7th and 8th, 2011 in Krems, Austria, the “**Securely Exchanging Information through Technology**”^{*} workshop will provide an explanation of, and solutions for, threats that are most often faced when using information and communication technologies for advocacy work.

Training Background:

Advocates and NGO leaders are increasingly concerned about their digital security. While computers and the Internet can be extremely powerful tools for advocacy, they also present new risks. As more groups have begun to rely on digital technology to achieve their outreach, data-collection, information design, communication and mobilization objectives, these risks have become more severe. The use of mobile devices also creates new security risks which NGOs and advocates must recognize in order to protect themselves, their organizations and the people they work with.

This training workshop aims to minimize these risks by enabling participants to improve aspects of operational security, including the ability to effectively secure and exchange content using enhanced communication methods, thereby minimizing interference from external threats.

What can participants expect to learn?

Attendees will learn how to apply communications security and secure communications practices in their work, ultimately minimizing the threats and risks associated with using communications technology. Specifically, at the end of the training, attendees will:

1. Understand what security threats exist when using the Internet and mobile technologies
2. Be able to set-up a secure communications platform to ensure data security and mitigate risks
3. Understand how to use off-the-shelf technologies to help mitigate threats
4. Know how to bypass security threats to ensure effectiveness of advocacy work
5. Know how to avoid the most typical security risks nonprofits face when managing their communications networks
6. Know where to turn for advice and assistance

Who should attend:

- Advocacy groups who use mobile phones and social media
- Independent journalists
 - Conventional
 - Alternative media journalists
 - Bloggers
- Human Rights groups
- Non-profit managers of local organizations with approximately 0-20 employees
- Members of non-technical advocacy groups

^{*} The enCourageXChange initiative and its associated workshop, “**Securely Exchanging Information through Technology**,” are sponsored by the **Development Research Center**.



SUMMARY AGENDA:

Day 1

8:00AM	Instructor and Delegate introductions
8:30AM	Workshop introduction and objectives
8:40AM	How the Internet works
10:00AM	Break
10:30AM	Security risk analysis
12:00PM	Lunch
1:30PM	Cyber security topics
3:00PM	Break
3:30PM	Cyber security topics (continued)
5:00PM	End of Day 1

Day 2

9:00AM	Cyber security topics (continued)
10:00AM	Break
10:30AM	End-to-End security
12:00PM	Lunch
1:30PM	End-to-End security (continued)
2:45PM	Break
3:30PM	Censorship, surveillance, and circumvention
4:45PM	Conclusions and wrap-up
5:00PM	End



GENERAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL DATES: Although actual workshop dates are May 7th and 8th, please plan on arriving on May 6th and departing on the 9th.

VENUE:

Donau-Universität Krems
Dr.-Karl-Dorrek-Straße 30
A-3500 Krems, Austria

VISA: Please consult with your closest Austrian embassy / consulate regarding visa requirements immediately as this process can take several weeks.

INVITATION LETTER: If the embassy or consulate requires you to have an official letter of invitation from us in order to issue a visa, please let us know immediately by sending an e-mail to info@devresearch.org with the subject title "INVITE LETTER".

EXPENSES: Accommodation, Visa and Transportation costs will **not** be covered. Unfortunately there are NO travel stipends available.

MEALS: Breakfast, lunch, and tea/coffee will be provided during the two days of the workshop.

HOTEL LIST: UPCOMING

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: UPCOMING