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Case Summary Seven

Chino

The Client	<p>Chino is a young and innovative start-up that provides services to application developers.</p> <p>The services offered by Chino can be integrated within developers' applications in order to store sensitive and confidential data in accordance with EU data protection laws. The aim of the company is to outsource security and compliance challenges, and increase the security of applications.</p> <p>Chino was established in December 2014 after winning the 1st prize at the EIT ICT Labs Idea Challenge competition. Currently it is incubated at the EIT ICT Labs node in Trento, Italy and its team is composed of four young highly qualified entrepreneurs. The EIT ICT Labs Business Community supports Chino.</p>
Legal challenges	<p>Today, the management of health data is a great challenge for developers who need to comply with the EU and Member States' Data Protection law and Regulations and how they operate and apply.</p> <p>Chino aims to provide a service that is compliant with EU Data Protection laws and to become the first service in EU of its kind, providing high security guarantees in order to host sensitive data (e.g. health data).</p> <p>The client asked for advice from two of the iLINC legal clinics - qLegal at Queen Mary Legal Advice Centre in London, and the Clinic Foundation at the University of Amsterdam – in order to obtain a good understanding of data protection compliance issues in both the United Kingdom and The Netherlands.</p> <p>Because of the nature of its business activities, Chino will be considered as a Data Processor. The main challenges faced by the client were the compliance of its services with the EU Data Protection legal framework. The client also requested advice on its terms and conditions, as well as on its privacy policy.</p>



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Advice	<p>The client is still in the process of collaborating with two teams from London and Amsterdam.</p> <p>“With both teams we had very interesting discussions and meetings that helped us in understanding better legal challenges and our service in relation with the legal framework. Our collaboration will continue, we will get feedback from both teams regarding our service. We believe they could provide us a better understanding of the relation of service offer with Data Protection laws in UK and Netherlands.”</p>
Feedback	<p>“The project idea and the offered service are just great! I believe many start-ups (especially in the EU, given the potential 28 different regulatory frameworks) could face legal challenges at some point in their business development. And start-ups does not have resources (time and money) to ask for consultancy advice.” I would suggest others to obtain such legal service offerings targeted to start-ups as it is definitely needed.</p> <p>We are still interacting with the clinics and will have more feedback in the next period once we approach more detailed discussions. We still do not know (from both teams we are collaborating with), what will be the outcome of the advice. However, the first interactions we had with both teams were really interesting and helpful to us.”</p>