

# PANELFIT

PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO A NEW ETHICAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ICT

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## COVID-19 & DATA PROTECTION

The COVID-19 outbreak has shaken up our structures and puts us in a situation of uncertainty. In this period of isolation, the use of online systems and applications has increased, which has made the importance of personal data even more evident.

For this reason, as many as 62 experts in different fields of technology, including professors from Spanish and European universities, legal experts and privacy lawyers, scientists from the CSIC, AI researchers specialising and data ethics professionals, have sent a letter to the Spanish government asking it to act to ensure "legal, ethical and transparent management of personal data" collected through the apps designed to act on the coronavirus crisis.

Members of the PANELFIT Consortium have participated in this initiative that can be consulted through this [news in Spanish digital media](#).

More resources linked in the [PANELFIT website](#).

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## NEWS

### PANELFIT “20 stakeholders and end users” Workshop in Madrid

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PANELFIT’s Consortium members and European experts met to participate in the development of Panelfit guidelines that will provide recommendations for action on Data Protection and Cybersecurity issues in the use of main technologies.

To complement the process of developing these Guidelines, a **workshop** took place at the **everis** headquarters in the **Novus building** in Madrid, with the participation about twenty **international experts** to enrich these documents.

During 3 days, dynamic and participatory working sessions were held to address each of the specific sections that had been developed. The workshop also served to channel this enriching **feedback** in order to structure a set of guidelines that would serve the purpose of being a highlighted document regarding **ethical** and **legal issues** in the application of new technologies.



### Workshop at the everis Living Lab in Barcelona is postponed

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Due to the current situation caused by the Coronavirus in Europe and beyond, everis as main organiser of the event in object, has decided to postpone the **“Debate on Data Management” hosted at the LivingLab in Barcelona** foreseen for the 6<sup>th</sup> of March.

After consultation with the coordinator of Panelfit UPV/EHU, it has been decided that everything will be deferred to when the situation due to the virus is solved.

In the “Debate on Data Management – Insights from data users” of the 6<sup>th</sup> May, representatives from organizations and bodies of the local ecosystem, mainly industry and public administration, were expected to exchange first-hand experiences on GDPR application and hear how their peers had handled common issues in this field.

The work does not stop here and everis will carry on with the efforts needed in order to deliver a very engaging interactive co-creation session at the **“Debate on Data Management”**, when the circumstances allow it.

Hopefully no inconveniences have been caused by this decision, but we believe that, in this moment, is the best one.

Thank you for your understanding and be safe!

## Workshop “Creating a citizens’ information pack on ethical and legal issues around ICTs: what should be included?”

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As part of its communication and outreach activities, PANELFIT will create a **citizens’ information pack** explaining the ethical and legal issues relates to data protection and security.

During the working group meeting celebrated on 9-10 March in Berlin, the end users received several questions, and the findings **will guide the final content** and style of the citizens’ information pack.

More information about the content of the Workshop on the [Citizen Science Cost Action website](#).

## Check this article in which Panelfit is featured: How far has your company come with GDPR?

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In this article, the author wonders if companies are still taking the appropriate measures to **implement GDPR**, if there are already complying with the requirements imposed by the GDPR, or if they are already contributing to making its application a success at European level. [Check it out in this link](#).

## EVENTS/FURTHER STEPS

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, agenda and next events are pending date and confirmation. We will complete the section with reliable data in future newsletters.

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