

PANELFIT

PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO A NEW ETHICAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ICT

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MOVING FORWARD IN DATA PROTECTION

The massive adoption of technology by users today, is leaving vulnerable citizens unprotected in terms of digital privacy. The work developing in PANELFIT is oriented to provide a series of tools to help in this issues that are increasingly relevant in today's world.

Indeed, PANELFIT's partners, are making a great effort to develop practices that can lead to a better observation in Data Protection in relation to ICT. The analyses already included in the [deliverables](#) that are being carried out, as well as the initiatives that are going to be implemented in a short period of time, are going to promote both, policy makers and citizens finding available a series of resources to better personal data protection.

That is the case of the three-preliminary analysis on issues and gaps that are the basis for the Critical Analysis on the ICT Data Protection Regulatory Framework, produced on to Informed consent, Data commercialization, and Security-cybersecurity ELI in the context of the ICT research and innovation. These, are relevant analyses on crucial aspects related with data protection and ethics in [ICT] research. The analysis and conclusions from the report on informed consent can be applied beyond ICT research and other disciplines can benefit from this work, as it addresses hot topics on personal data protection and research, such as the fine line between anonymisation and pseudonymisation, or the broad consent. The reports include an action plan through the implementation of mitigation measures.

To keep up to date with all the advances and news of the project, I recommend checking our [website](#) as well as PANELFIT's [social media accounts](#).

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NEWS

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MOOC PANLEFIT: “Ethical and Legal Issues Regarding ICT Data Protection”. Upcoming editions

The third edition of the free online course: Ethical and Legal Issues Regarding ICT Data Protection, offered within the framework of PANLEFIT by the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), with the help of the consortium Partners and especially the [European Citizen Science Association \(ECSA\)](#), is underway.

The aim of the course is to raise awareness of ethical and legal issues in accordance with the new European Data Protection Regulation among citizens, and thus provide basic training in these matters. The call for the fourth edition, which will start in January, is open. Those interested can [register](#) through the project's website.

Four more editions of the Panelfit MOOC are planned. Please [stay tuned](#) and do not miss a thing. The fourth edition enrollment is open until 11 January 2021.

Life, knowledge and democracy during COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world. Which ones of these changes are here to stay, and what a post-COVID-19 world should look like, is the subject of much debate? Is the pandemic a threat to democracy, as more people long for a “strong leader” in times of crisis? And what does it say about the state of our democracies pre-COVID-19 that the most vulnerable are hit the hardest? Moreover, is the pandemic strengthening solidarity bonds, or does it lead to a greater fragmentation and polarization within and across countries? What role do digital practices play in these processes? Those are some questions for debate in the **4th NKL Annual Conference** “Life, knowledge and democracy during COVID-19”. This event is organized in the framework of the Navigating Knowledge Landscape research network in coordination with the H2020 project PANLEFIT next December 7, 2020.

Here the link to the Conference: <https://eu.bbcollab.com/guest/c58791107f744cc9acf1d7f2003377d5>

Short survey to inform the Citizens’ Information Pack deliverable

One of the outputs of PANLEFIT project will be a citizens’ information pack to provide the help people to adapt to a new EU data protection regulation. OBCT, ICM-CSIC and ECSA have put together a short survey aims to establish which information citizens want to know about, and how they want to be provided with this information. The survey is available in five languages (English, French, German, Spanish and Italian) at Panelfit homepage.

[Link to survey](#)

The 2nd NKL PhD training event

The 2th NKL PhD training event, also organized in the framework of the Navigating Knowledge Landscape research network in coordination with the H2020 project PANELFIT, will take place on December 9th, from 9:00 to 13:30 h.

To provide support with specific research projects, a PhD-training event is organized by a multidisciplinary group of NKL members. The activity is focusing on an empirical, analytical or theoretical challenge that concerns digitalization, digitization, or the digital sociology.

Participating, PhD students, will be expected to do a 10 minutes presentation on the basis of their submitted abstract.

Mutual Learning Encounters

Panelfit is preparing the Mutual Learning Encounters, a series of meetings in which experts are invited to share ideas, good practices and experiences, in order to obtain feedback regarding the working materials developed by the consortium and improve them. These meetings, which are scheduled to start in January, will involve different stakeholders to enrich the process and will be guided by the partners responsible for the main lines of the project. The two first meetings will deal with ethical and legal aspects related to personal data, data protection in IA and IoT respectively.

Monthly Chat “Data Commercialisation in ICT&Research”

The last monthly chat of November had [“Data commercialisation in ICT Research”](#) as its main topic, with Frederic Tronnier, Research and Teaching Assistant at Goethe University of Frankfurt as speaker. These sessions, with the participation of experts in an open format, now take place twice a month.

Discover the previous episodes of Panelfit's Monthly Cat, chosen by Feedspot as [one of the 25 best Data Security Podcasts](#) of 2020 to follow.

New Panelfit Webinar

A dissemination event of the PANELFIT Project will be celebrated in February 2021 under the theme “The European Data Protection Regulation: a preliminary analysis”.

The event is designed to explain basic issues of personal data protection in the EU. The legal bases, the principles of the processing, the rights of natural persons in relation to their personal data, data protection by design and by default and the transfer of data to third countries are the main aspects that will be dealt with.

The online event will be mainly addressed to non-European citizens, but all interested parties are invited to join. Participants will be recruited with the help of two experts from the PANELFIT Advisory Board. In the USA, through Rosario Isasi and in Asia through the NLK network

coordinated by Ana Lydia Svalastog. The PANELFIT consortium appreciates that the readers of our newsletter extend the information about this event among their contact networks. The more we are, the more interesting the event will be. We are waiting for you all! The date and connection details of the event will be duly communicated

Online ads and Data Protection: the analysis

Online programmatic advertising involves massive trades of users' personal data and raises market concentration issues. That is why European institutions are discussing how to better regulate it, with some MEPs to support a complete ban on targeted ads. Many cases are under scrutiny by various national data protection authorities, with more than 20 organisations asking institutions to take action. [In this article written by Federico Caruso on the EJDN website](#), you can get an overview of the issue, from a technical and legal point of view. The article is published under Creative Commons CC BY 4.0 license, so anyone can freely republish or reuse it. In case you're interested, please be in touch with the author at caruso@balcanicaucaso.org.

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.

Upcoming PANELFIT's webinar: "The European Data Protection Regulation: a preliminary analysis"

(February 2021)

Next Consortium Meeting of Panelfit

(14 December 2020)

The 4th NKL Annual Conference

(7 December 2020)

The 2nd NKL PhD training event

(9 December 2020)

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