

PANELFIT

PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO A NEW ETHICAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ICT

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MOVING FORWARD IN DATA PROTECTION

Collaboration is a fundamental process to achieve the proposed goals. Even more so when it comes to issues closely linked to citizens' rights. This is where the spectrum must be broadened, so that the parties involved have a representation that is the basis for a work focused on co-creation.

In PANELFIT we have put all these principles into practice since the beginning of the project, and in the current state of the project, they become even more relevant as we are approaching the definition of some of the PANELFIT key materials.

Information on some of these ongoing and upcoming initiatives is available in this new newsletter. We encourage you to get to know, to participate and to disseminate them.

Collaboration will continue to guide us towards a more secure digital future.

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PANELFIT online webinar

On February 25th the webinar “**The European Data Protection Regulation: A look outside the EU**” will take place. This is an online dissemination event of the **PANELFIT** project with the collaboration of two of its **EAB** members, **Anna Lydia Syalastog** and **Rosario Isasi**, dedicated to raise awareness of **PANELFIT** beyond the EU level.

More information about the event, including the Agenda and the link to join, at [the PANELFIT official website](#).

PANELFIT to host 14 Mutual Learning Encounters in 2021



Mutual Learning Encounters

Data Protection Regulation in ICT Research

14-meeting programme
March-October 2021, **online**

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As part of the commitment to co-creation and dissemination, **PANELFIT** will organise a series of workshops, 14 in total, from March through October 2021, targeting **data experts** from both academia and industry, **policy makers**, and a range of **stakeholders** within the **information privacy** and **(cyber)security** fields.

Following a **Mutual Learning** approach, the workshops will aim at gathering feedback from the project’s main **outputs** – the Guidelines, the Code of Conduct on Data Protection for RRI, the Governance Report of Ethical and Legal Issues in ICT Research and the Critical Analysis – as well as to exchange knowledge and experience on topics such as data **commercialisation**, **informed consent**, and **security**.

The first encounters will happen already in March and April and will be dedicated to discussing the **Code of Conduct** on Data Protection for RRI and the **Guidelines** by way of case-studies on **AI**, **IoT** and **Biometrics** technologies. For further information go to our website:

[PANELFIT Mutual Learning Encounters](#)

Voxeurop Live Event

We are partnering with the European multilingual news media **VoxEurop** to co-host an online event titled "**Big tech, privacy and coronavirus: Are we trading freedom and data for safety?**", featuring journalists **Andreas Vou** and **Alexander Fanta**. 18 February, 6,30 pm CET. You can register for free by [clicking here](#).

Consortium Meeting PANELFIT

At the Consortium Meeting held on December 2020, the status of the different work packages was checked in order to update the progress of the project.

Some of the topics discussed were the next revision of the **Guidelines** and the implementation of the **Mutual Learning Platform**, as well as the celebration of the next activities and events. The PANELFIT project continues to make good progress in achieving its objectives.

OBCT has published a new article on Edjnet on behavioural advertising and the issues for data protection

[Google and Facebook dominate behavioural advertising, even with the cookie crumbling.](#)

Action is being taken to **increase transparency** on the processing of users' personal data on the internet, but the main digital advertisers still rely on **intrusive practices** that try to influence people's behaviours. European regulation on data protection could mitigate the issue, but its enforcement is limited.



Webinar on data protection in journalism

We are about to hold the first webinar on data protection in journalism, held by OBCT in cooperation with UPV/EHU. It has not been published yet, but it is already possible to register.

Data protection in journalism: practical tools

The European legal framework on personal data protection is constantly evolving and the issue of citizens' privacy is increasingly central to the public debate. It is crucial for journalists to move confidently in this area, to ensure that people's fundamental rights are respected while fully fulfilling their reporting role.

During this webinar, the **Practical Handbook for Journalists on Data Protection** will be presented. This tool will be enriched over the coming months with the input and suggestions of journalists themselves, and will soon be available online. In a spirit of participatory development, the webinar will include an open space for questions, from which we will take inspiration to expand the Handbook.

The event will be led by **Iñigo De Miguel Beriain**, senior researcher at the University of the Basque Country, and moderated by **Federico Caruso**, a collaborator of OBC Transeuropa.

The one-hour webinar is free of charge and will take place on Zoom. To take part, [register here](#).

For questions or information, please write to caruso@balcanicaucaso.org. The event will be recorded.

- We have launched the first of a series of quizzes on data protection in journalism. We have translated it into several languages. [The English version is here](#).

Future-Proofing Disruptive Technologies: Policy Options for the Ethical Governance of AI and Emerging Digital Technologies

Joint event of the EU Projects SIENNA, SHERPA and PANELFIT in collaboration with STOA

Date: 23.03.2021

Time: 1-6pm CET

Venue: European Parliament /online

This event takes its point of departure from the current **discussion and legislative agenda of AI** and asks the question which issues and challenges of AI are in need of particular attention, how can they be addressed and how can we build on what was learned during the AI discourse to prepare for the next wave of scientific and technological advances to ensure these are beneficial and their risks are addressed early.

Background

The three EU projects [SIENNA](#), [SHERPA](#) and [PANELFIT](#) represent a € 10m investment in research from the European Commission to develop **governance structures** that are sensitive to **ethical and human rights** concerns of **emerging technologies**, notably including artificial intelligence (AI) and big data. The three projects are working with European Parliament's Science and Technology Options Assessment panel (STOA) to host the event.

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.

PANELFIT online webinar “The European Data Protection Regulation: A look outside the EU”

February 25, 2021

MLE Code of Conduct RRI

(March 2021)

MLE Case Studies

(March 2021)

STOA final event

(March23, 2021)

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