

PANELFIT

PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO A NEW ETHICAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ICT

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Recent workshops

Workshop on Data Protection Ethical Issues I&II: PANELFIT identified several data protection ethical issues that have not been adequately addressed by the current regulatory framework at the EU level. We asked experts to rank them according to their relevance and 12 "winner" themes were selected in order to be discussed within this workshop, which was split in two different parts:

- **Workshop on Ethical Issues I - Informed Consent (VUB). Monday 21 June** (11.30 – 14.30 CET). Programme and recording available [at this link](#).
- **Workshop on Ethical Issues II – Security / Cybersecurity (OEAW) and Data Commercialisation (GUF). Monday 28 June** (9:45-14:30 CET). Programme and its recording [at this link](#).

[Workshop on Proximity and Local Data \(UPV/EHU\), Thursday 8 July 2021](#) (9.30-12.00 CET). The use of proximity and location data seemed very promising to adequately respond to the challenges posed by a pandemic. However, its actual usefulness has varied widely from country to country. Factors such as whether the use of tracking apps is mandatory or not, or their combination with other tools, for example access control to enclosed spaces, seem important in maximizing their usefulness. China and Qatar have opted for these tactics to curb COVID. Nonetheless, we must keep in mind that technologies cannot make us forget the need to protect citizens' privacy. At this workshop we tried to understand the main factors that can serve to use this kind of data successfully and draw promising strategies within the limits of our rights systems.

Should you have any queries related to the workshops above, I will be happy to assist you at Monica.loyo@ehu.eus

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Our Mutual Learning Platform is open

We invite you to join the PANELFIT [Mutual Learning Platform](#) on Data Protection and Ethics in ICT Research and Innovation.

This platform is an excellent repository of information (Data protection legal framework, EU Data Protection law in progress, AI, Biometrics, IoT, Location and Proximity data, Social Networks), in addition to allowing the exchange of ideas and comments regarding data protection issues in the field of ICT.

You must complete the following steps in order to join in:

1. Create an **ECAS EU login** - <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>
2. Register (with ECAS created) in the **JOINUP Platform** - <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/>
3. Send an email containing your **USER'S NAME** (created and registered in steps 1 and 2 above) to sobotovicova.simona@gmail.com, so that she can send you an invitation from the actual platform to become a member.

This platform will enable you, by logging-in at <https://joinup.ec.europa.eu/>, to have access to all the information submitted by PANELFIT, to participate in the discussions, as well to collaborate in its content by sending any information you may consider relevant to update the repository monthly.



Webinar for journalists: Data protection and health: what's next?

On 29 September the sixth webinar in a series dedicated to topics and angles particularly relevant to journalists took place.

The Covid pandemic is entering a new stage. The majority of the population in Western countries has been vaccinated. Some countries are lifting restrictions. How should we build our future? Should we just get back to normal?

Iñigo de Miguel explained the main issues ahead and talked about the data protection issues that may be of particular interest to journalists covering public health topics.

The full recording [is available here](#).

Next Monthly Chats

13 October at 11.00 CET

With researcher **Philip Di Salvo** we'll talk about **information security**, journalism and the counter-measures that newsrooms are adopting to defend themselves from surveillance and **cyber attacks**.

10 November at 11.00 CET

Researcher **Gry Hasselbalch** from **DataEthics.eu** will talk with us about her organisation's new initiative **Data Pollution & Power**.

More information on our [website](#) and [Twitter account](#). As usual we'll meet on [Jitsi](#).

Data dilemmas: Challenges for journalists in digital Europe

19-21 October, 10.00-13:00 CET

PANELFIT, together with the **European Data Journalism Network** and **Arena for Journalism in Europe**, organises 3 days of knowledge-sharing on the **overlaps** between **data protection** and the **journalistic profession**.

On each day, we will have journalistic examples on how the problem has been covered, followed by a discussion of rules and legislation in the area. We also look ahead and ask what should be done to improve the situation.

[Click here for full programme and registration](#).

New! 2 MOOCs for researchers

In this month of September, **UPV** presents **2 MOOCs for researchers**. The call for the first edition has already been made [at this link](#). The specific objective of this course is to train researchers on ethical and legal issues related to the protection of personal data in ICT's framework, in accordance with the new European Data Protection Regulation and complementary regulations. PANELFIT's partner [CSIC](#) as well as the members of our [Expert Advisory Board](#) have helped in the recruitment process of attendees.

Announcing PANELFIT face-to-face courses

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, these [face-to-face](#) encounters had to be postponed until late in the project (only three of them were held virtually so far). As measures are starting to be more relaxed, these events, aimed at researchers and journalists, are starting to be re-organised internally. The idea is to hold four of them along with PANELFIT [Final Dissemination Events](#) (Madrid, Vienna, Cologne and Brussels in March and April 2022) and an 8th one possibly in Bayonne or Bilbao (March 2022).

Final Dissemination Events in Madrid, Vienna, Cologne and Brussels

PANELFIT is starting to organise its forthcoming [Final Dissemination Events](#), which will take place in Madrid, Vienna, Cologne and Brussels between March and April 2022. As the pandemic restrictions are becoming much more relaxed, we are expecting to be able to hold some of them physically, as well as live-streamed them. We are looking forward to presenting to the public some of the main outcomes by PANELFIT, as well as inviting relevant keynote speakers. The event in Brussels is aiming at involving both EU Parliament Members and Commission Officers. Final dates, speakers and topics for each event will be announced on [PANELFIT website](#).

ICT Development&Privacy: Challenges and lessons learned in H2020 projects

If you want to know the experiences of **H2020 project leaders** who successfully dealt with ethical and and/or legal issues in the development or use of ICT technologies, **save the date of the 16th of November**: PANELFIT will hold an online event that will showcase these **success stories** that have worked with any of the technologies we are dealing with in the Guidelines (AI, IoT, Biometrics, Geolocation and Social Networks).



NEWS

Don't miss out the last Mutual Learning Encounters to be held in October-December 2021

Our [Mutual Learning Programme](#) will continue between October and December 2021. Some of the encounters will aim at refining one of the main outcomes produced by the project: ***The Guidelines on Data Protection Ethical and Legal Issues in ICT Research and Innovation***, an interactive tool aimed at helping researchers and innovators working in the ICT field in data protection issues. If you are a **researcher** or **developer** in ICT, **PANELFIT is offering you 60 euros** (gross) to attend at least one encounter and share your experience with us. Places are limited, so sign up now. For further information and registration, please write to Elsa Alves (ea@tekno.dk).

Further details on topics and dates will be announced on [PANELFIT website!](#)

EVENTS/FURTHER STEPS

Mutual Learning Encounters:

For more information on our Mutual Learning Programme go to our website: [PANELFIT/MUTUAL LEARNING ENCOUNTERS](#)

ICT development&privacy: challenges and lessons learned in H2020 projects

16 November 2021

Monthly chats

13 October and 10 November 2021

Journalism conferences

19-21 October 2021

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