

# PANELFIT

PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES TO A NEW ETHICAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR ICT

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**We are on the PANELFIT home straight, will you join us?**

**PANELFIT** is facing now its last phase, with 4 months ahead to finalise our commitments with the REA, agreed and signed back in 2018. We will mainly focus on the completion of the **Online version** of the **Guidelines** along with the production of short videos to accompany them, organising four **Final Dissemination Events** (Madrid, Vienna, Cologne and Brussels) and five remaining **face-to-face training courses** aimed at researchers and journalists, as well as three more **Mutual Learning Encounters**, based mainly on the Citizens' Info Pack and the other two on refining the aforementioned Online Version of the Guidelines.

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## Mutual Learning Encounters

### Online version of the Guidelines

Our two latest **MLEs** took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December, both dedicated to the Online Version of the **Guidelines**. In order to improve its usability and format, **PANELFIT** organised two **Mutual Learning Encounters** which were held **virtually** on the **9th** and **16th December 2021** at **10h-11h CET**.

The last two MLEs on the **Online Version of the Guidelines** will take place on the **10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 10h-11h CET**.

We are interested in receiving **feedback** from **researchers and innovators within ICT**, and we are **rewarding participation** in one of the Mutual Learning Encounter (1 hour) and completion of a survey form afterwards, by offering **60 euros** (gross). **Participation should be confirmed** to Elsa Alves at [ea@tekno.dk](mailto:ea@tekno.dk). More information at <https://www.panelfit.eu/mutual-learning-encounters/>

### Citizens' Info Pack

Last November an internal meeting took place together with **PANELFIT** members and 4 different experts on data privacy and vulnerable groups to discuss the CIP and how to improve it. A report of this meeting is currently being prepared by our partner **ECSA** (European Citizen Science Association) and will be shared with the consortium in January. As a follow up to this meeting a **MLE on Vulnerable groups, data privacy and citizen science** will take place on **February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 15h CET** where data experts, **citizen science practitioners and NGOs for vulnerable groups** will be invited to fuel a discussion focused on the CIP and the many challenges faced by vulnerable groups regarding their data rights. Finally, we will also engage citizen science experts in showcasing how they safeguard these data rights and what tools and mechanisms they lack in order to make this an easy and transparent process.

## PANELFIT Dissemination events

These events are aimed at Disseminating **PANELFIT** main outcomes, with more focus on one or another depending on the location and the partners involved in their production, as well as generating discussions on some relevant topics related to the themes dealt by **PANELFIT**. Dates and locations will be as follows:

### 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (16.00 - 19.00 CET), Madrid

This event (In Spanish) will take place at the [Salón de Actos de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología](#), UNED, Madrid (C/ Obispo Trejo, nº 2). **PANELFIT Guidelines** will be presented, as well an interesting debate on "Discriminating biases in Artificial Intelligence", moderated by Guillermo Lazcoz (Law researcher within the IMPACT-Genómica Project, Madrid) and María José Rementería (Social Link Analytics Team Leader, Barcelona Supercomputing Center, Barcelona), with the active participation of:

- **Luis Piñar**, Former president of the Spanish Data Protection Agency and currently cátedra Google on Privacy, Society and Innovation Universidad CEU-San Pablo, Madrid.
- **Elena Gil**, Lawyer in ICT Technologies and Data Protection, as well as Adjunct Professor at the IE Law School, Madrid.
- **Richard Benjamins**, Chief AI & Data Strategist in Telefónica, as well as Co-founder of the Observatory for Social and Ethical Impact of AI, Madrid.
- **Jorge Juan Ramos**, Developer and Architect in solutions for mobility, Madrid.

Those willing to be part as audience at this event, either in person or online (link provided upon registration) must register by contacting Mónica Loyo at [monica.loyo@ehu.eus](mailto:monica.loyo@ehu.eus). Programme and updates can be found at <https://www.panelfit.eu/4-final-dissemination-events/>

### **28<sup>th</sup> March (13:30 to 17:00 CET), Vienna**

The title of this event is "From GDPR to AI law - problems solved?" It is planned for as a hybrid event, which can also be attended in person if the pandemic situation permits. The event will begin with a brief introduction of the PANELFIT project and a summary of critical analyses on security and cybersecurity.

Two keynote speeches by **Christiane Wendehorst** (on the draft AI Act) and **Charles Raab** (on law enforcement and security issues) form the core of the afternoon. The event will conclude with a panel discussion featuring the two keynote speakers, a representative of the FRA (Fundamental Rights Agency, David Reichel tbc), the Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs, and a civil society organisation (tbc). The link to register will be published in January.

### **30<sup>th</sup> March (15.45 - 17.45 CET), Cologne**

This is foreseen as an online event in English whose focus will be mainly **PANELFIT Report on Governance**, along with some debate on Artificial Intelligence. Keynote speakers confirmed are **Gemma Galdon Clavell** from PhDEticas Research & Consulting and **Matthias Spielkamp** from Algorithm Watch. Further details will be announced shortly.

### **30<sup>th</sup> March (9.30 to 11.30 CET) at the EU Parliament and 31<sup>st</sup> March (morning & afternoon) at VUB, Brussels**

The closing event of the PANELFIT project will be a two-days event that will take place in Brussels. The first day will be dedicated to the dialogue with the European Institutions, with PANELFIT researchers illustrating the main outcomes of the project to Members of the European Parliament. The second day will take the form of a conference, the topic of which will be "anticipatory compliance and is being co-organised with EDPS. **Wojciech Wiewiórowski**, from EDPS has confirmed his attendance. More information on this event will be published soon.

Further information and updates can be followed at <https://www.panelfit.eu/4-final-dissemination-events/>

## **Face-to-face training events**

These training courses, 2 hours long, will be dedicated to **researchers in the ICT field, as well as journalists**. They will cover mainly:

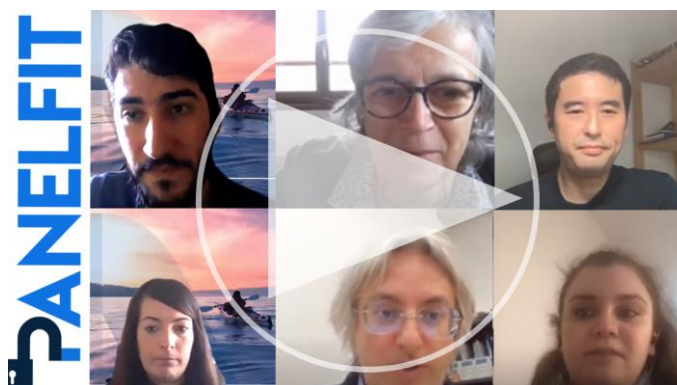
1. Sharing PANELFIT experiences: the **PANELFIT Guidelines on Data Protection Ethical and Legal Issues in Research and Innovation**. How to use them.
2. **Introduction to the GDPR**. The principles of data protection according to the GDPR. Special reference to the legal bases for the processing of personal data. Data subject's rights. How to be compliant
3. **PANELFIT Handbook for journalists**: The legal framework regarding freedom of expression and data protection in the EU arena.

Those wishing to attend either in-person or virtually (Certificates of Attendance will be provided) should register at [monica.loyo@ehu.es](mailto:monica.loyo@ehu.es) . Further details at <https://www.panelfit.eu/face-to-face-training/>

## PANELFIT brought together successful H2020 projects on ICT Development & Privacy

On November, 16, the **NTT DATA Living Lab** hosted an online forum to share real experiences from European projects dealing with **privacy** and the use of **AI, IoT, Biometrics, Geolocation** and **Robotics**, provided their different views on the **ethical and legal issues** associated with the development of their main technologies, which are also specifically addressed in the PANELFIT Guidelines.

You can check the video on **PANELFIT's official YouTube** channel:



## New articles

New articles have been published as part of the journalistic campaign by the **European Data Journalism Network**.

## The analysis on the enforcement of the GDPR in EU

The Spanish media outlet **El Orden Mundial** has put together figures about fines issued in application of the **GDPR** since its enforcement. It turns out EU member states have imposed 880 sanctions since the law was introduced in May 2018, but the “war” against the tech giants has just begun. If the EU wants to win it, it will need to commit to it with greater investment and cooperation from all its members.

The story is available in English and Spanish on [EDJNet's website](#), and in Italian thanks to the republication by [Euractiv Italia](#).

Read the original source here: [The EU faces off with Big Tech: GDPR's enforcement enters its final phase](#)

### GDPR enforcement is finally gaining momentum



## Brussel's plan to protect the EU from cyberattacks

The Covid-19 crisis has turned us into a digital society. Large parts of our day-to-day lives now take place in the digital sphere and this has made Member States much more vulnerable to cyberattacks. To neutralise them, the European Commission launched its new Cybersecurity Strategy in December 2020.

[Read the story in English and Spanish on EDJNet's website](#)



## ENISA: The cornerstone of the EU's cybersecurity strategy

The Cybersecurity Agency has been tasked with building a common defence, without any faults, against cyberattacks in the EU. While it seemed like an uphill struggle at first, restructure after restructure has built it into an organisation at the forefront of fighting Brussels' war on cybercriminals.

[Read the story in English and Spanish on EDJNet's website](#)

## Focus on contact tracing apps

With some €100m spent and less than 5% of cases tracked, the implementation of contact tracing apps in Europe it was a total fiasco. This is mainly due to the lack of trust of citizens, despite EU institutions' efforts to protect their privacy and personal data while using those apps.

Read the stories on EDJNet's website:

- [EU Track and Trace: the €100m failure](#) (EN, ES, IT)
- [Citizens' distrust and lack of consensus: what led to the fiasco of contact tracing apps](#) (EN, ES)

## Can we protect our data in the artificial intelligence era?

Europe wants to be a leader in tech revolutions like AI. This ambition, however, contrasts sharply with Brussels' desire to protect the right to privacy and AI needs data to develop. A new European ruling promises to make both objectives compatible, though it does not resolve the problem.

[Read the story in English and Spanish on EDJNet's website](#)

## MULTIMEDIA

### Data Dilemmas Conference

In October 2021 we held Data Dilemmas, a three-day conference where we talked with the best journalists, researchers and activists about data protection, cybersecurity, and digital rights, focusing on how to investigate these topics and outlining the current situation in Europe. The recordings of the sessions are now online [in this YouTube playlist](#).



### Monthly Chat: Philip Di Salvo

We talked with researcher **Philip Di Salvo** about **journalism** and **surveillance**. If you missed it, you can now check the recording on YouTube and podcast:



## EVENTS/FURTHER STEPS

### Mutual Learning Encounters:

10<sup>th</sup> Feb – Online version of the Guidelines

17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Online Version of the Guidelines

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Citizens' Info Pack

For more information on our Mutual Learning Programme go to our website:

[PANELFIT/MUTUAL LEARNING ENCOUNTERS](https://www.panelfit.eu/PANELFIT/MUTUAL_LEARNING_ENCOUNTERS)

### Dissemination events

8 February 2022, Madrid

28 March 2022, Vienna

30 March 2022, Cologne

30-31 March 2022, Brussels

### Face-to-face training courses

8 February 2022, Madrid

30 March 2022 (morning), Cologne (online)

30 March 2022 (afternoon), Brussels

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