

ManyLaws launches piloting phase in Greece and Austria following successful first release of its innovative open legal data platform

Athens, November 24, 2020 – The ManyLaws project has reached a significant milestone with the launch of the first of two piloting phases. This is a major step in achieving the overall objective to enable easy access to open legal information across the European Union.

Yannis Charalabidis, Professor of Digital Governance at the **University of the Aegean**, and ManyLaws **Project Coordinator** said: “The ManyLaws prototype platform, powered by artificial intelligence, big data and information visualization to analyze, structure and interpret law, enters a new phase. After several months of development, capitalizing also on the computation power of the Greek Supercomputing Centre, ARIS, ManyLaws will be operationally tested by the Parliaments of Austria and Greece”.

Lasting until the end of 2020, the initial piloting phase will be run by both the Greek and Austrian Parliaments and will evaluate the first release of the ManyLaws platform, which was launched at the end of October 2020, containing legal annotated open public data from published laws from Austria, Greece and EUR-Lex (the official and most comprehensive access to EU legal documents).

The second piloting phase is scheduled to run throughout February 2021. It will be based on the second release of the platform, ready at the end of January 2021, that will further include services and tools for handling parliamentary data, further from published laws.

ManyLaws’s **Technical Coordinator, Dr. Sofia Tsekeridou** of **INTRASOFT International S.A.**, one of the project’s five consortium partners, commented: “We are very proud to have reached this significant milestone in the project. All project partners have worked hard these past months to make it a reality. We will now start the process of collecting feedback from users, to evaluate how they experience the platform’s first release features and assess the extent of meeting their needs.”

About ManyLaws

The ManyLaws platform is a fully-fledged open legal information retrieval and advanced search portal providing services for structural and semantic queries as well as intuitive, interactive visualisations of results. It aims to facilitate access to legal information for citizens and businesses alike, as well as improve the effectiveness of decision-making in legislative practices. The platform capitalises on the integration of open legal data sources (Austrian, Greek, European laws), legal text mining, HPC and structural and semantic metadata extraction. Automated translation, using the eTranslation DSI as well as the IATE API, along with diverse spatio-temporal visualisations of retrieved data, makes the platform appealing and easy to use for a broad audience.

The ManyLaws consortium consists of five partners from three European countries: the University of the Aegean (Greece), the Hellenic Parliament (Greece), the Austrian Parliamentary Administration (Austria), the Danube University Krems (Austria) and INTRASOFT International S.A. (Luxembourg).

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