



The technical focus group that took place in December 2020 included a live demonstration of the ManyLaws platform's first release features. The backend and frontend services were discussed in terms of ontological approaches and user experience, and participants provided key input for fixes and optimisations to be addressed in the final version.

01 TECHNICAL FOCUS GROUP IN DECEMBER 2020

02 MANYLAWS HARVESTED BY THE EUROPEAN DATA PORTAL

Making legal information broadly available and easily accessible are key priorities for the ManyLaws project. These efforts will be reinforced by the European Data Portal's harvesting of ManyLaws data. [Read more](#)



From 18 December 2020 to 15 January 2021, ManyLaws engaged in the first of two piloting phases to test the platform before its final launch in Spring this year. Feedback from stakeholders provided the development team with key input for the optimisation and fine-tuning of the prototype over the coming months.

03 INSIGHTS FROM MANYLAWS' FIRST PILOTING PHASE

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04 3.5 YEARS IN 20 DAYS

In 2020, Greek supercomputer ARIS supported ManyLaws with generating more than 11 million datasets now available on the portal. The output achieved in 20 days with ARIS would have taken 1200 days, almost 3.5 years, with a regular computer.

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The platform's second piloting phase will run from 22 February to 8 March and will aim to involve at least 30 volunteers drawn from the Hellenic and Austrian parliaments. Pilot participants will be provided with an updated list of services and platform functionalities, be asked to test the system within the given timeframe and provide feedback through a questionnaire. These responses will then be compared with those received during the first piloting phase.

05 SECOND PILOTING PHASE KICKED OFF

06 SAVE THE DATE: MANYLAWS AT IRIS 2021

The 24th [IRIS Conference](#) will take place online from 25 to 27 February 2021, under the leading topic of Cybergovernance. ManyLaws consortium members will present the project in two sessions.

On Thursday 25 February, Dr. Charalampos Alexopoulos (University of the Aegean), Dr. Guenther Schebeck (Austrian parliament), Dr. Sofia Tsekeridou (INTRASOFT International) and Dr. Shefali Virkar (Danube University of Krems) will present the ManyLaws project and demonstrate the final version of the portal. Participants will be able to provide their feedback through an online questionnaire.

On Saturday 27 February, Günther Schebeck of the Austrian Parliamentary Administration, and Shefali Virkar, Bernhard Riedl and Lőrinc Thurnay of Danube University Krems, will highlight and critically explore the opportunities afforded and challenges posed by diverse approaches of cyber governance to the field of legal informatics, and the role of ManyLaws in this context.

In March, ManyLaws project partners will organise open workshops with legal experts and other actors to engage members of key stakeholder groups - legal professionals, the scholarly community, businesspeople - not otherwise directly involved with the piloting of the system. The University of the Aegean, the Hellenic Parliament and Intrasoft International will co-organise workshops focusing on the Greek context; while the Danube University Krems, the Austrian Parliament and Intrasoft International will address the Austrian context.

More details coming soon.

07 IN THE PIPELINE: OPEN WORKSHOPS FOR KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS


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