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Abstract

This deliverable provides details on the dedicated project micro-website hosted on the Politecnico di Torino website.

The Chair's website is one of the main tools used by this project to promote its activities and to achieve its objective of raising awareness on key issues in the debate on digital societies and law in the Mediterranean context.



I. Website overview

The project focuses on digital societies and law, with a particular emphasis on the EU regulatory framework, examining its impact and influence on different Mediterranean countries, including non-EU countries.

Given this geographical scope, the project website is in English to provide broad access to academic partners (Teaching Teams) and the wide audience that, in the Mediterranean context, may be interested in the various resources and content made available (blog posts, seminar and conference recordings, publications, etc.).

Based on the project's image, which focuses on the Mediterranean Sea, the website's graphic design mainly uses blue and white colours, which recall the sea, as well as images related to the sea or, in blog posts, to the specific Mediterranean environment.

In terms of target audience, it comprises four different groups (students, academia, civil society and business, and policymakers) who may use the same content differently. For example, blog posts can provide timely and specific information to students and civil society, while conference/seminar recordings can be of interest to policymakers to explore certain key topics, but also to scholars and students to better understand and learn more about different opinions and ongoing debates on discussed themes.

The content made available on the Chair's website can also easily be used for e-learning by colleagues teaching law & technology or other more sector-specific subjects, such as human rights and data protection.

The structure of the website will be adapted throughout the life cycle of the project to meet changing needs as the project progresses. However, the current version of the website includes all the features and sections necessary for effective communication and dissemination of project activities.

II. Structure and content

The Chair's website is divided into nine main sections (Home, Project, Team, Teaching, Events, Publications, News and Contacts), as described in detail in the following subsections. All pages include a reference to the project number, the EU logo, and the logo composed of the project name and the logo of the Politecnico di Torino, which will be replaced by a dedicated logo in the coming months. They also include links to the Chair's social media accounts.

This micro-site is hosted on the Politecnico di Torino website (<https://www.digimed.polito.it/>) and aims to be a gateway for the interaction between project partners and a showcase for those interested in the themes covered by the project.

The website structure consists of dissemination and interactive components. The dissemination components include information on the Chair's partners and the Advisory Board, contact information, event announcements (conferences, seminars, and workshops) and related videos, teaching activities, publications, and recent achievements. Interactive components include an active blog with posts by project staff and Advisory Board members on the project and project-related content.

II.1 Homepage

The homepage is divided into three main blocks to emphasise the Chair's name, its main mission, and recent activities. A button under the Chair's name provides a direct link to the project description.

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The Chair promotes Mediterranean studies in digital technologies and law through an interdisciplinary contamination. It aims to amplify the voice and participation of Mediterranean countries in the regulatory and policy debate in the EU and to create a bridge between the cultures of EU and non-EU Mediterranean states.

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II.2 Project description

The page on the project description provides more information on this project, outlining its main goal and briefly describing the needs it aims to address and the objectives to achieve. Different text styles are used to highlight key elements.

Project

Main goal

The Chair promotes Mediterranean studies in computer law through an interdisciplinary cross-fertilisation, contributing to reducing the existing gap in the field of computer law that affects Mediterranean countries, which are often under-represented in the global arena.

The Chair aims to amplify the voice and participation of Mediterranean countries in the EU regulatory and policy debate. This will enrich the discussion at EU level, benefiting from the significant scientific output in humanities and legal studies of Mediterranean countries with a positive interdisciplinary cross-fertilisation for the development of human-centric digital societies and AI.

The project brings together academic staff (Teaching Team) from several Mediterranean universities in Spain, Greece, Malta, Cyprus, and Turkey.

Needs and objectives

The apparent uniformity of the existing and proposed EU regulatory framework for the digital society needs to be investigated in the light of the socio-cultural component that, from a legal perspective, may impact on its application and contextualisation.

To examine this relationship between the EU legal framework and its application in specific cultural contexts, this project focuses on the Mediterranean area.

Considering EU data and technology regulations through the lens of the Mediterranean culture will contribute not only to their effective implementation, but also to properly address the specificity of Member States.

In addition, the Mediterranean perspective will also create a bridge in this field with non-EU cultures, which will be actively involved in the open events organised by the Chair.

Fostering this pan-Mediterranean dialogue about EU regulation and policies is crucial in several fields. The overall objective of the Chair is thus to open up a new field in legal interdisciplinary studies focused on digital Mediterranean studies, contributing to address several policy and cultural issues in the Mediterranean area, such as migration, maritime trade, cybersecurity, and inclusive AI-based smart city development.

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II.3 Team presentation

The Team page is divided into three main blocks dedicated to the Chair holder, the Advisory Board, and the Teaching Core Team respectively. It includes a short biography of the Chair holder and the affiliations and profiles of all the members of the Advisory Board and the Teaching Team, available via a rotating card (see, for example, the profile of prof. Joe Cannataci below).

Team

Chair Holder

Alessandro Mantelero

Associate Professor of Private Law and Law & Technology at Polytechnic University of Turin.

Alessandro Mantelero has served as a scientific advisor on AI, data protection and human rights for the Council of Europe for several years (Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence – CAHAI, Convention 108 – Consultative Committee, 2016-2022). As an expert on data regulation and human rights he advises national and international organizations, including the United Nations, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, and the European Commission. He has held visiting appointments in several universities, including Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, Nanjing – NUIST, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Universidad de Murcia, and joined the University of Oxford as a visiting research fellow at the Oxford Internet Institute in 2013 and 2014, working on data protection and Big Data.

He is Associate Editor of [Computer Law & Security Review](#) and member of the Editorial Board of [European Data Protection Law Review](#).

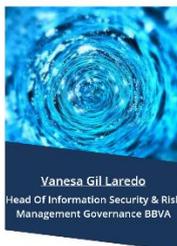
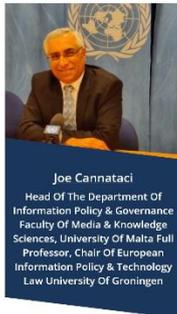
His main research interests and projects focus on Law and Technology with publications on data protection, AI, data ethics and human rights. His latest book is [Beyond Data. Human Rights, Ethical and Social Impact Assessment in AI](#) (T.M.C. Asser Press – Springer 2022).



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Where, for privacy reasons, individual photos are not available, an image relating to the Mediterranean environment is used.

Advisory Board



Teaching Core Team



Joe Cannataci

**HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION POLICY & GOVERNANCE FACULTY OF MEDIA & KNOWLEDGE SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
FULL PROFESSOR, CHAIR OF EUROPEAN INFORMATION POLICY & TECHNOLOGY LAW
UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN**

Prof. Cannataci is head of the Department of Information Policy & Governance at the Faculty of Media & Knowledge Sciences of the University of Malta. He also co-founded and continues as Co-director (on a part-time basis) of STeP (Security, Technology & e-Privacy Research Group) at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, where he is Full Professor, holding the Chair of European Information Policy & Technology Law. In April 2022 Professor Joe Cannataci was appointed by the Council of Europe as its lead expert to guide work on the interpretation of Convention 108, the world's largest and only international treaty regulating privacy and data protection. This new responsibility for Cannataci follows that of the UN's first-ever Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy from which role he stepped down in August 2021 after having served the maximum of two successive three year-terms in the post. A Fellow of the British Computer Society (FBCS) and UK Chartered Information Technology



II.4 Teaching activities

A dedicated page focuses on teaching activities, providing a brief description of the courses and their main goals, with links to their official pages. The links are updated by pointing to the latest course syllabus available on the Politecnico di Torino website.

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Teaching

Law and Technology (MSc course)

The course sets the theoretical and cultural framework to understand and deal with the current major challenges in the field of society, law, and technology. The focus of the course is on the role of data-driven digital innovation, data protection and AI. It covers various topics related to the interplay between society, EU law, and technology, from a legal perspective.

Five different thematic modules will be addressed and discussed, focusing on Mediterranean societies: 1. Law, technology and society; 2. Data protection; 3. The GDPR; 4. Digital society and data governance; 5. AI.

[COURSE DETAILS](#)

Digital Societies & Law (PhD course)

This is a new course, designed to benefit from the activities of the Chair and strengthen its teaching and scientific outcomes. It will innovate in the delivery of the PhD curriculum by enabling students to place EU regulation and harmonization studies in the traditional technology-oriented context of PhD courses in the faculties of engineering.

The course is divided in three main parts: 1. main features of digital societies; 2. thematic section; 3. values of Mediterranean societies and contextual application of EU law in digital society.

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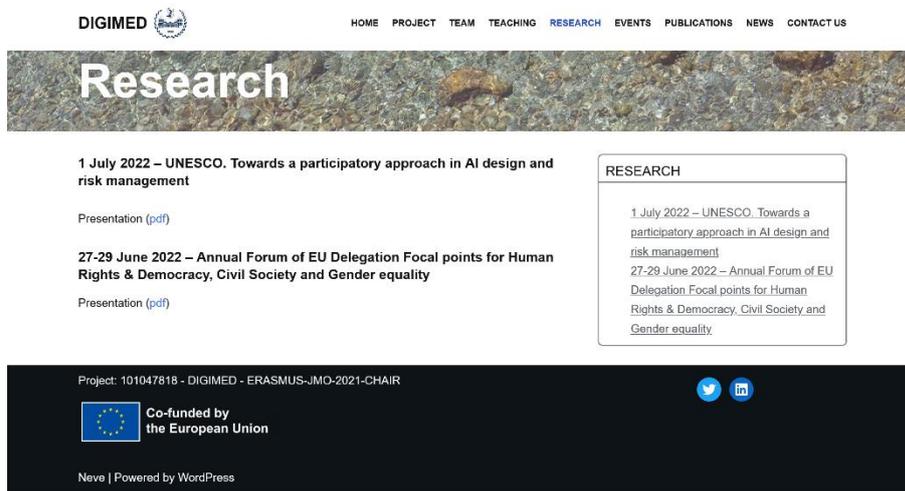
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II.5 Research

This page of the website hosts information on the scientific activities of the Chair, such as conference presentations given by the Chair holder and members of the Teaching Team.



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Research

1 July 2022 – UNESCO. Towards a participatory approach in AI design and risk management
Presentation ([pdf](#))

27-29 June 2022 – Annual Forum of EU Delegation Focal points for Human Rights & Democracy, Civil Society and Gender equality
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II.6 Events

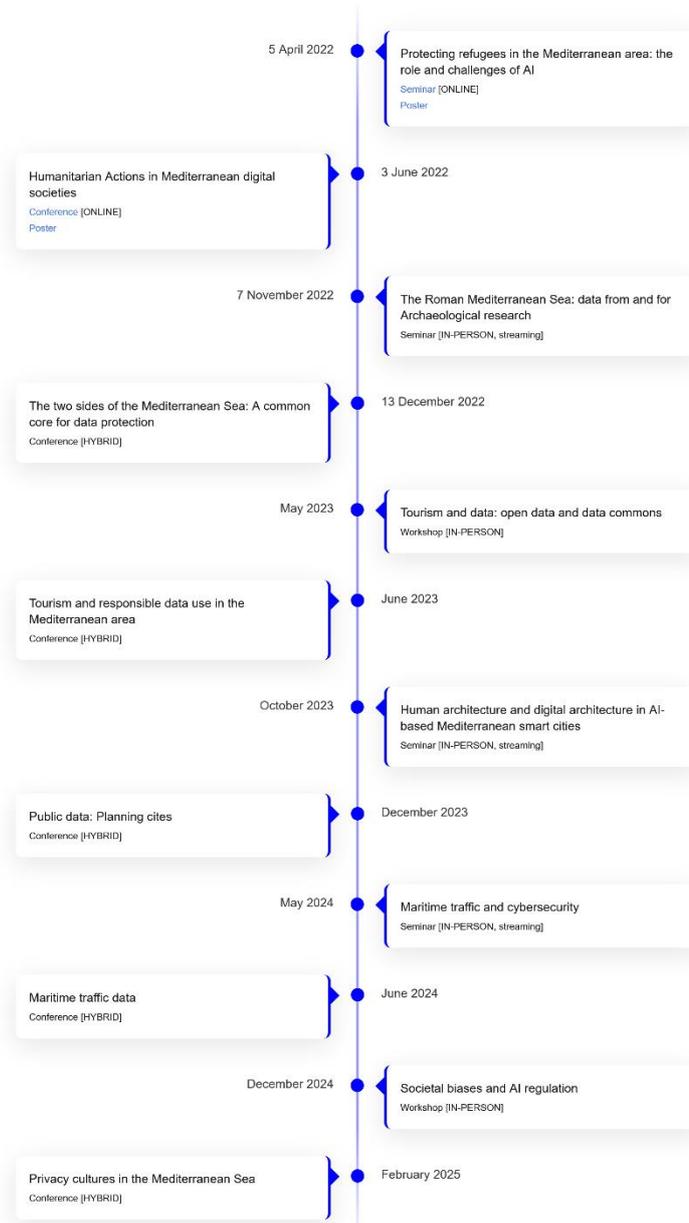
The most articulate part of the website is the Events section as it plays a crucial role in communicating, raising awareness, and strengthening the relationship with all the experts and scholars that participate in the project and the various potential target groups.

To visually show the progress of the project, an interactive timeline is embedded and updated with scientific events. This timeline facilitates the communication of the project activities so all the target groups can be informed in advance about the topics of the events and plan their participation in seminars/conferences, as well as scholars can decide to submit their proposals through the Chair's call for papers.

This timeline also provides a general overview of the project's outcomes and includes links to all the programmes and video recordings of previous events, which are available on the same page.

Events

Seminars and Conferences



The second block of this page hosts the recordings of all events organised by the Chair, providing an important contribution to the dissemination and awareness-raising objectives of this project. This also makes it possible to link content published on the Chair's social media accounts to these videos, creating a single point of reference for those interested in learning more about digital Mediterranean societies and law.

In addition, the decision to host all recorded content only on the Chair's website, rather than on other platforms (e.g., YouTube), provides a more data protection-oriented

environment. This was highly appreciated by several speakers given the privacy-sensitive community involved in the project.

Protecting Refugees in the Mediterranean Area – The Role and Challenges of AI

5 April 2022



Eleftherios Cheloudakis, Homo Digitalis (Greece); **Massimo Marrelli**, Head of the Data Protection Office, International Committee of the Red Cross; **Clementina Barbaro**, Head, Youth Policy Division – Secretary to the Joint Council on Youth and the European Steering Committee for Youth, Council of Europe; **Aaron Martin**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow of the Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology and Society and Assistant Professor in Maastricht University's Humanitarian Action Programme; **Theodora Gazi**, University of Athens, Lawyer; **Bayram Selvi**, The Turkish Red Crescent, Director of Migration Services; **Chloé Berthélemy**, European Digital Rights.

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Morning Session

Jeanne Mifsud Bonnici, University of Groningen and University of Malta; **Lina Jasmontalle**, Wifo Universität Brussel; **Pauline Veron**, European Centre for Development Policy Management; **Ayca Atabey**, Information Technology Law Institute at Istanbul Bilgi University and Edinburgh University; **Giuseppe Vacigiò**, I.T42, Politecnico di Torino; **Alberto Pelliccione**, RweGta.



Afternoon Session

Joe Cannataci, University of Groningen and University of Malta; **Michelle Pace**, Professor in Global Studies, Roskilde University; **Paolo Benanti**, Pontifical Gregorian University; **Maria Gabrielsen Jumbert**, Research Director & Senior Researcher at Peace Research Institute Oslo, Co-Director of the Norwegian Centre for Humanitarian Studies; **Massimo Marrelli**, International Committee of the Red Cross; **Bolkis Wille**, Senior Crisis & Conflict Researcher, Human Rights Watch; **Catherine Lenman**, Global Privacy Assembly; **Alexandrine Pilot de Corbion**, Privacy International; **Christina Zarogianni**, University of Cyprus.



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II.7 Publications

This page will progressively host publications related to the Chair's topics authored by the Chair holder and other team members, including the publications planned as the main outcome of this project.

For the publications that are not an output of this project, a link to the open access version will be provided, where available.

Publications

Mantelero, A. and Fanucci, F. 2022. Great ambitions. The international debate on AI regulation and the human rights in the prism of the Council of Europe's CAHAI. In Philip Czech et al. (eds). *European Yearbook on Human Rights 2022* (Intersentia, forthcoming). Available on SSRN

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11.8 News

The page on project news is one of the most important sections of the website as it can easily reach a wide audience because of its accessible and context-specific content.

Comments and descriptions on the main activities of the Chair and the scientific event organised are published here,¹ thus facilitating the dissemination through the newsletter, social media, and other channels. The news also includes other activities related to the main topics of the project, carried out by the Chair holder or members of the project team.²

As these posts include several links to various related sources. They also contribute to increasing knowledge and awareness of the topics covered, by referring to research centres, publications, and other sources useful for students and a wide audience to deepen their understanding of the Chair's main topics.

This section will also be used to gather contributions from experts in various non-legal fields, such as history, sociology, and economics, to better grasp the complexity of Mediterranean digital culture.

¹ See, e.g., <https://www.digimed.polito.it/2022/06/23/humanitarian-actions-in-mediterranean-digital-societies/> and <https://www.digimed.polito.it/2022/06/01/protecting-refuges-in-the-mediterranean-area-the-role-and-challenges-of-ai/>.

² See, e.g., <https://www.digimed.polito.it/2022/06/23/hearing-of-professor-mantelero-at-the-brazilian-senate-on-the-future-regulatory-framework-for-ai/>.

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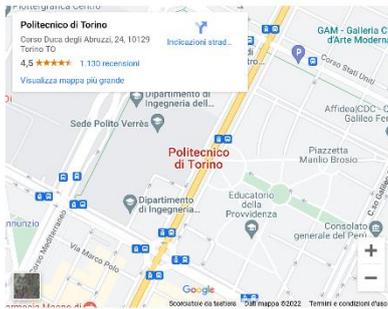


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II.9 Contacts

The last page of the micro-websites provides the Chair's contacts with standard features enabling direct contact with the Chair via an online form and a dedicated e-mail. It also includes information on the location of the host institution and how to reach it, to facilitate the participation in the events organised by the Chair.

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