



# EU-Wide Legal Text Mining Using Big Data Infrastructures

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## What is ManyLaws?

ManyLaws is a web platform that **facilitates intelligent access to and use of legal information** and **improves the effectiveness of decision-making** in legislative practices.

It delivers a suite of innovative services for **the public, businesses and governments**, capitalising on text mining, semantic extraction and advanced search and visualisation of EU, Austrian and Greek laws.





# INEA CEF Telecom ManyLaws Project - Consortium

The ManyLaws project started in Sep. 2018 and ends March 2021, co-funded by INEA CEF Telecom under the Public Open Data topic.



**Coordination**  
**Big Data Management, Data Sources Integration**  
**Information Processing, Legal Text Mining**



**Greek Case**  
**Greek legal data sources**  
**Services Evaluation**  
**Dissemination**



**Technical Coordination**  
**Service Infrastructure Implementation, Interactive**  
**Visualizations, Frontend Development**  
**Integration with European Data portal**  
**Communication, Sustainability**



**Conceptual Framework, Requirements and Services**  
**Definition**  
**Pilot and stakeholders' engagement coordination**  
**Training**



**Austrian Case**  
**Austrian legal data sources**  
**Services Evaluation**  
**Dissemination**



# ManyLaws Portal: The Processing Flow



Parliamentary Database

EUR-Lex

National Legal DB

Open Legal Data

**Data Acquisition**



Big, Linked Data

Mining Translation  
Semantic Annotation

ARIS HPC.GRNET

**Processing**



Modular, Extensible  
Service Oriented  
Architecture  
Interoperability with  
DSIs (eTranslation,  
eDelivery)  
Responsive Design

Service  
Infrastructure

**Service Provision**



Contextualized  
Services Per  
Stakeholder Type

Advanced Queries  
and Results  
Visualization

Cases

**Application**



ManyLaws Open  
Legal Data Portal

Data Catalogue

European Data  
Portal

**Publishing**

**Legal  
Information**

**Big,  
Linked Data**

**(Machine)  
Retrievable Big  
Linked Data**

**Contextualised  
Data**

**Big Open Linked  
Data (BOLD)**

## Target Users



*Citizens*



*Lawyers*



*Businesses*



*Public Sector*



*Scientific Community*

## Current Legal Frameworks



*Greece (Greek)*



*Austria (Austrian/German)*



*Europe (English)*



## ManyLaws Key Services

- **Retrieve current legal information** from multiple legal frameworks across the EU
- Understand and **easily identify the correlations** among laws, improving the drafting process
- Access a **visual timeline** for all relevant legal texts
- **Compare and visualise connections** between equivalent or related laws from one or more Member States
- **Analyse** references to EU legislation within national laws
- Easily move from country to country / language to language via **automated translation**
- **Manually Annotate** The legal elements (for registered users)
- Law-related **Sentiment Analysis** of citizen comments (in social media or other sources)



## The ManyLaws Portal

A next generation legal informatics and search engine portal: <https://portal.manylaws.eu/>

Multilingual (English, Austrian, Greek)

Open to anyone to register and use

Containing all machine processable laws from Austria, Greece and all European Directives

Expanding day by day

**Let's have a look !**



# The 7 novelties of Manylaws

1. The first Legal Analysis and Interrelation system that **works fully automatically** (without any human intervention in processing or analysing data)
2. Manylaws utilizes **High Performance Computing** infrastructures and can process vast amounts of information (3.5 years in 20 days, on ARIS HPC centre)
3. Manylaws uses all current **XML schemas** for legal information and open data (DCAT, AcomaNtoso, ELI) and is interoperable with systems such as the EU dataportal, EURLEX, National Parliaments and Law publication offices.
4. ManyLaws support seamless navigation between Austrian, Greek and European legal texts, containing **more than 550.000 documents**, at this stage
5. Manylaws utilizes the new **European eTranslation service (DSI)** and provides automatic translation of all Greek and Austrian legal elements to English.
6. It is the only legal information system that supports **automated decomposition, categorization, interrelation, visualization, translation and comparison** of legal elements in multiple countries and languages
7. It is an **open, extendible platform** that can support other applications both in law analysis and in other areas that require massively parallel text mining tools.



# ManyLaws exploitation directions

## Axis 1 : Law processing

- Offer ManyLaws as a service, in Greece or in the EU
- Include case law in the processing
- Include other countries, inside or outside the European Union
- Extend system functions (e.g. automatically codify legislation / case law on a topic)
- Increasing the possibilities of understanding and interpreting the law using Artificial Intelligence techniques (towards an "automated" justice)
- Interconnection with other law enforcement tools (eg LEOS / EU legislation drafting tool).

For all the above possibilities, we are looking for ideas, relevant programs and partners

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## Axis 2 : Application in a specific area of the legal system

- Manylaws can be used to thoroughly analyze a set of legislation (eg Green Deal legislation, Digital Governance legislation), creating a dedicated system or a specific result / deliverable.
- The above application may include the analysis of information that is not purely legal texts (eg studies, research, etc.)
- The application can be done in many countries / languages and can take the form of a specific project / service.

Proposals are already being formulated with other research projects for the integration of the ManyLaws "service".

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## Axis 3 : Application in another big textual data

The ManyLaws engine (which supports massive parallelisation and incorporates various artificial intelligence tools) can be used to analyze large volumes of data / text such as:

- Processing news and texts from social networks
- Processing literature (eg research publications, history)
- Processing public sector textual information and data

We are looking for applications in big textual data analytics.

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