

DigEUCit Conference

A Digital Europe for Citizens

14th April 2023

Call for Papers

The Jean Monnet Module “**A Digital Europe for Citizens. Constitutional and Policymaking Challenges**” (**DigEuCit**) and CIJ – Centre for Legal Research of the Faculty of Law of U.Porto hereby invite contributions to the 1st International Conference “*A Digital Europe for Citizens*”, to be held in Porto (Portugal) on 14 April 2023.

Keynote speaker: Professor Oreste Pollicino (Bocconi University)

The Conference

The ongoing Digital Revolution is significantly changing every sector and level of the economy and the society. As the European Commission puts it: digital technology is changing people’s lives. While this opens up new opportunities and possibilities, it also reveals itself as a challenge and a risk.

From data protection to fair markets, not to speak of fighting online disinformation or discrimination in the digital space, there are several concerns and problems that call for proper answers from the citizens of today and tomorrow.

The European Union has put the digital transformation among its priorities for 2019-2024, through the target of an “Europe fit for the digital age. Empowering people with a new generation of technologies”. This priority develops itself around a Digital Compass with four cardinal directions (Skills, Infrastructures, Business and Government).

It is important that the EU action is considered, analysed and properly understood in light, not only of the benefits and opportunities of the Digital Single Market and the data economy, but also with a focus on all challenges and risks associated with them.

In this conference we will focus on the EU action as regards data governance, digital markets and digital services, including a comparative approach with other legal systems.

Format

The conference will take place in person at the Faculty of Law of the University of Porto (FDUP) - Portugal.

It will be structured around **three panels** covering the abovementioned topics:

- 1. Data governance**
- 2. Digital markets**
- 3. Digital services**

Each panel session will consist of both invited speakers (foreign and national) and selected presentations on the basis of this call.

Working languages: Portuguese, English, Spanish and French.

Eligibility and submissions

Abstracts (**max. 500 words, 3-5 keywords, Font: Calibri, 12**) in any of the working languages should be submitted to digeucit@direito.up.pt no later than **24 February 2023**, and they should include the author's name and affiliation, a short bio, contact details, and the panel for which it should be considered: **1. Data governance; 2. Digital markets or 3. Digital services.**

Abstracts may be submitted in any of the conference's working languages.

Submitted abstracts will be evaluated and selected by the Organisation Committee on account on its originality, quality and relevance to the panels of the conference.

Successful candidates will be notified no later than **10 March 2023**.

No attending fees.

Final Draft-paper and Publication

Selected speakers should submit a draft of their final paper (**between 5.000 and 10.000 words, footnotes included**) prior to the conference, no later than **10 April 2023**.

After the conference, selected speakers will be invited to submit a **final paper**, that will be published as a deliverable, in the DigEUCit webpage (<https://direito.up.pt/digeucit/o-projeto/>) and CIJ (cij.up.pt) as part of an **eBook of Conference proceedings**.

Important deadlines to consider

- Submission of abstracts: **24 February 2023**
- Acceptance letters: no later than **10 March 2023**
- Submission of draft-full papers: **10 April 2023**

Contact

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