



Digital Do It Yourself (DiDIY)

A Legal Advisory Board (LAB) collaborates with the project team working on legal issues, rights and responsibilities

DiDIY Project announces that a DiDIY Legal Advisory Board (LAB) has been set up in order to enhance the research topics on legal issues, rights and responsibilities.

The LAB is a honorary body of lawyers, legal scholars and experts who can be consulted for review of legal aspects related to the Digital DIY project and subject matter. Besides greatly helping the research the LAB will have an important, albeit indirect role also in communication and dissemination.

At present the LAB is composed by the following members (more details on the [official page](#)) :

- **Malcolm Bain:** Partner [id law Partners](#), associate Professor at the University of Barcelona, teaching assistant at the Open University of Catalonia;
- **Angela Daly:** Vice Chancellor's Research Fellow in [Queensland University of Technology's](#) Faculty of Law (Australia) and adjunct research fellow at the Swinburne Institute for Social Research (Australia);
- **Primavera De Filippi:** permanent researcher at the [CERSA / CNRS](#) / University Paris II and faculty associate at the [Berkman Center](#) for Internet & Society at Harvard Law School;
- **Melanie Dulong de Rosnay:** PhD in law and permanent researcher (associate research professor) at French National Centre for Scientific Research ([CNRS](#)), head of Research Group at [Institute for Communication Sciences](#) CNRS/Paris Sorbonne/UPMC;
- **Andrew Katz:** Lawyer and Managing Partner/Chief Executive of [Moorcrofts law firm](#).
- **Carlo Piana:** Lawyer and founder of at [Array](#) and external General Counsel to the [Free Software Foundation Europe](#).

The LAB members are collaborating with Wouter Tebbens (Free Knowledge Institute), Elena Falletti (LIUC – Università Cattaneo, Law School) and the DiDIY project team involved in work package 6 that is exploring the impact of DiDIY on [laws, rights and responsibilities](#) for users and producers of DiDIY technologies, and how current legislation affects them and vice versa.

“All of the LAB members have developed their expertise in legal challenges related to the paradigm shift caused by digital information networks,” says Wouter Tebbens. “We expect that the presence and support of a LAB with such expert members will surely help the Project to get more visibility and attention among several stakeholders, including but not limited to: EU lawmakers, Public Administrators, legal scholars, and makers.”

Elena Falletti comments: "Their knowledge and expertise will give stronger basis to our research on the legal challenges connected to the DiDIY environment".

About DiDIY Project

Digital Do It Yourself (DiDIY) is a new socio-technological phenomenon, centered around digital devices that support, often through open online communities, the convergence of "atoms" and "bits".

DiDIY-related technologies and social practices enable the low cost prototyping and manufacturing of physical artefacts from digital specifications. They can lead to new scenarios in the roles and relations among individuals, organizations, and society, in which new opportunities and threats emerge accordingly.

The DiDIY Research Project (www.didiy.eu), which addresses the Horizon 2020 call for a "Human-centric Digital Age", is studying how DiDIY and the increasing social adoption of ABC (atoms-bits convergence) devices are:

- reshaping organization, work, education, research and creative design
- impacting on creative society,
- influencing legal systems,
- changing ethics.

The DiDIY Project is carried out, through a multidisciplinary team (www.didiy.eu/project/people), by an international Consortium of seven Partners (www.didiy.eu/project/partners):

- LIUC - Università Cattaneo (IT, www.liuc.it), a university established in 1991 by the Industrial Association of the Province of Varese
- Communication and Media Research Institute (UK, www.westminster.ac.uk/camri) of the University of Westminster, a world-leading centre for media and communications research
- Ab.Acus srl (IT, www.ab-acus.eu), a company whose mission is to design and develop technologically advanced products and services
- Manchester Metropolitan University (UK, www2.mmu.ac.uk), the largest campus-based undergraduate university in the UK, with an emphasis on vocational education and employability
- Free Knowledge Institute (NL, <http://freeknowledge.eu>) a hub that, since 2007, has coordinated several international projects in the areas of Free Software, Open Standards, Open Educational Resources, Access to Knowledge
- Amerikaniko Kollegio Anatolia (GR, www.act.edu), a non-profit educational institution with a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum in Business, Business Computing, International Relations and English
- Politecnico di Milano (IT, www.polimi.it), a scientific-technological university founded in 1863, which trains engineers, architects and industrial designers

The goal of the Project is to produce well-grounded models and guidelines to support both education and policy making on DiDIY, intended as an ongoing phenomenon that, while surely enabled by technology, should be driven and shaped by social and cultural strategies, not

technology.

The DiDIY Project, which started at the beginning of 2015 and has a duration of 30 months, is now collecting as much DiDIY-related information as possible, and collaborating with other people, projects and communities interested in Digital DIY, from educators to makers and public administrators.

You are welcome to join the public DiDIY forum (www.didiy.eu/forums/didiy-main-forum) and the blog (<http://www.didiy.eu/blog>) and to signal DiDIY events, or other resources of all sorts through these forms:

- DiDIY news: www.didiy.eu/node/add/event-calendar
- DiDIY resources: www.didiy.eu/node/add/didiy-case

Moreover on <http://www.didiy.eu/project/results> are available documents that present the results of the research activities.

For any other information, or to know more about the DiDIY project, please send an email to didiy@didiy.eu or use the form at www.didiy.eu/contact.

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