LEFIS: Legal Framework for the Information Society

LEFIS aims to introduce, starting from the elaboration of normative proposals, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in the Faculties and Schools of Law, Business and Management Faculties and Schools, and to promote the study of regulations and practice codes in Polytechnic Centers. LEFIS also elaborates innovative teaching and learning solutions utilising the possibilities offered by the use of the web and on-line resources. LEFIS aims to elaborate policies on Law and new technologies on the basis of discussions originating in the different countries of the European Union and other regions as well. LEFIS is a Thematic Network and includes 77 partners from all eligible European countries.

The LEFIS Thematic Network wishes to develop, implement and consolidate a cross-national teaching and research infrastructure which adequately responds to the needs and problems emerging from the information and knowledge society. This overall goal may be split into three interwoven objectives, namely:

- The design and development of coherent common training and study programmes, providing for a teaching offer in Information Society (IS) Law and Governance (covering Law, ICT Law and related issues) which effectively matches social needs and expectations according with the EU high education initiatives and the Tuning methodology;
- The development of a certification and implementation system which assures the quality, consolidation, exploitation and dissemination of those programmes;
- The consolidation of a research and policy-making infrastructure capable of carrying out legal, economic and social studies and regulative proposals on ICT, ICT Law and the governance of the information and knowledge society.

The project prepares for future societal needs. It lays the bases for a theoretical framework for e-governance, for increased human capacity in terms of lawyers with strong skills in the ICT legal issues and for better prepared civil servants and technicians.