



## Dear RES-Q+ partners, colleagues, supporters, and friends,

We are bringing you a new issue of the RES-Q+ Newsletter summarizing our activities in September. You will find what is new in the area of project dissemination. We will remind you again what meetings are coming up soon and you will learn more about our RES-Q+ project partners Jos Dumortier and Anubhuti Sinha.

Thank you for your great work and cooperation.

Your project management team



**Today we would like to present our Timelex lawyers, Jos Dumortier and Anubhuti Sinha. Though they come from different parts of the world, they both aim to keep the IT safer. Jos, Anu, thank you for your time!**

### ***Jos, you are amazingly skilled in law and IT. Why did you specialize on these two areas of expertise?***

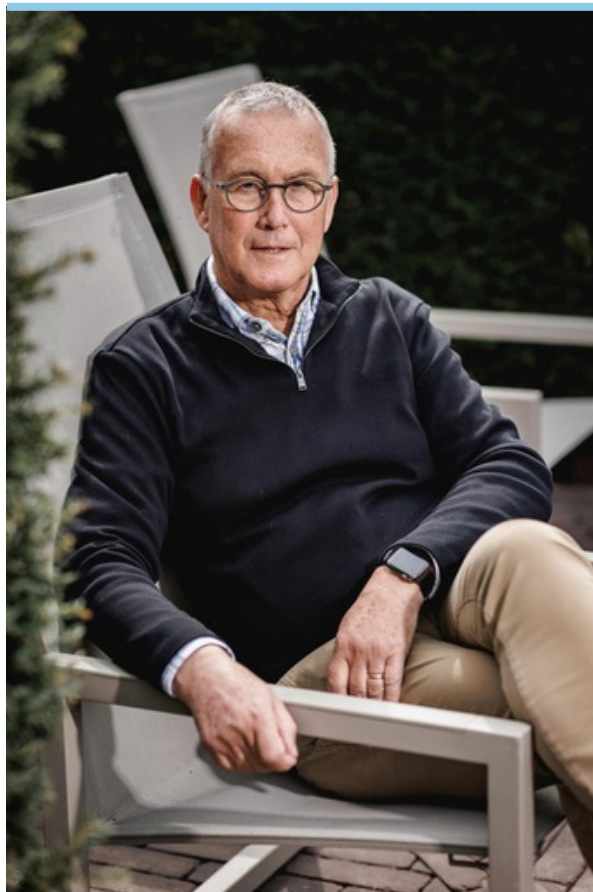
I started taking computer science courses in 1974, as a postgraduate law student at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. It was recommended to me by Prof. Podlech, who lectured at that time a course called "Rechtsinformatik" (legal informatics). In 1981, after my PhD in law at the University of Leuven (Belgium), I followed a two-year master program in information science at the Université Libre in Brussels and I worked about ten years as an academic librarian in charge of library automation. In the evening and during the weekend, I worked for a Brussels law firm, assisting two supreme court lawyers. During these years I also was a part-time lecturer in information science and telecommunications at the University of Antwerp. In 1987 I started to give lectures in legal informatics at the law faculty in Leuven and from 1990 onwards I became a full-time professor of law and IT. As you can see, I have been simply very lucky to be one of the first academics with a background in both law and IT.

### ***You collaborated also with the Belgian government in the past, right?***

Like most of my colleagues, law professors at the faculty in Leuven, I was authorised to have a secondary occupation as long as it did not affect my academic work. Most of my colleagues had an extra job as practicing lawyer. Starting from 1995, I interrupted my career as part-time bar lawyer and became a cabinet advisor of the Belgian Minister of Justice. In the following years I also had the chance to work for a few other ministerial cabinets, for example advising the Minister of Interior on the introduction of the Belgian electronic identity card. I also worked as an expert for the European Commission on a regular basis, always on topics relating to IT-related legal topics. I returned to the bar of Brussels in 2004. In 2007 we started our own law firm (Timelex) and in 2014 I stopped my academic career, working as a Timelex lawyer on a full-time basis.

### ***Where do you come from?***

I currently still live in the village – South-East of Brussels where I grew up as a child. My parents were farmers and I am their second child of seven. I had a very happy childhood in the countryside and I owe my parents a lot since they spend their live working extremely hard to finance higher education for all their children. Most of my brothers and sisters also live in the same village and we still maintain very strong family ties.





**You are the author on many books and articles on IT and law. What do you like to read in your free time?**

I like reading a lot. Fiction during holidays but otherwise mainly newspapers and online news reports about geopolitical topics. I am known as someone who has a very sceptical attitude towards mainstream media and I am constantly trying to find out alternative versions of what is happening in the world.



**What would you tell the partners about yourself that they probably wouldn't know about you?**

I do not consider myself as an exceptional human being but as a very ordinary person, born in a very privileged context and usually having been lucky at the right moment.

**Anu, you studied in Bengaluru and then Netherlands. Why did you decide to leave India and why did you choose Netherlands specifically?**

After completing my law degree from the National Law School of India University in Bengaluru, I gained valuable experience working in Indian law firms. During this time, I had the privilege of working closely with IT companies which made me realise my interest in technology and data protection laws. I decided to pursue a master's degree to specialise in data protection and technology laws and Leiden University had one such specialisation. Studying in the EU was a tremendous opportunity for me, given the real-time advancements in regulating technology, particularly in the realm of artificial intelligence and data governance. In fact, when I moved to the Netherlands, the Indian data protection law was only in its draft stage (it was finally passed this September!).



**How or why did you become a part of Timelex? Beside RES-Q+, what do you work on?**

After completing my Masters' I wanted to work in the EU and Timelex offered me the invaluable opportunity to closely examine the intricate interplay between data protection laws and other technology laws, especially, within the healthcare sector. Besides RES-Q+, I am working on some e-health projects.

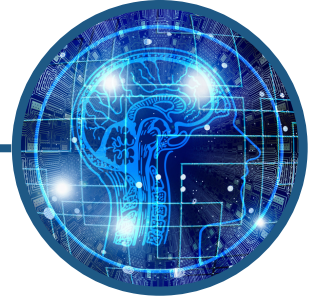
**In addition to IT law, you specialize in commercial law as well. Which one is more interesting?**

Both are interesting in their own way. While commercial law covers a broader spectrum of business-related legal matters, IT law is dynamic and constantly evolving given the rapid developments in the technology sector.

**Where do you come from and how would you describe your hometown?**

I have spent the majority of my life in the National Capital Territory of Delhi, a city that serves as a vibrant melting pot of cultures, languages, and traditions. Personally, I find it fascinating how Delhi effortlessly intertwines the ancient with the modern. You can explore the ancient forts constructed by various rulers who once governed the city, while simultaneously witnessing the contemporary skyscrapers that now grace its skyline. Delhi is also known for delectable food and is the birthplace of the renowned 'butter chicken' we often enjoy in Indian restaurants.

Prepared by Eliska Stravova



## Administrative information

### European Life After Stroke Forum

2024 European Life After Stroke Forum website is now available [www.elasf.org](http://www.elasf.org). The European Life After Stroke Forum brings together people in Europe carrying out research into life after stroke issues and this year will take place in Dublin on 11 and 12 March 2024.



### Meeting in Athens

We would like to kindly ask all partners to book accommodation for the M12 meeting in Athens in [AVRA Hotel](#). Please book your accommodation on this email: [hotelavra@gmail.com](mailto:hotelavra@gmail.com).

## Highlights from the dissemination and communication

- RES-Q+ was presented at the AMEVASC, the Mexico National stroke conference. This conference is a leading stroke conference in Mexico and serves as a prominent platform for professionals in the field to share knowledge, research, and advancements in stroke care. We received positive feedback and are looking forward to further collaborations.
- We also have some interesting outputs from user studies in connection with RES-Q+. These studies were facilitated by AAU and the results were presented at the STROCZECH conference. This was a great opportunity to update the STROCZECH community and CZECRIN on our progress and the results of these studies.

## Planned Meetings

**RES-Q+ face to face M12 meeting**

**26 - 27 October 2023**  
Athens, Greece

**Technical meeting**

**25 October 2023**  
Athens, Greece



## Regular Meetings

**PSC monthly meeting**  
(everyone is welcome to join)

next meeting **6 October 12 PM CET**  
online, <https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/97721064676?pwd=VXc5dFd2QzNVSWdtQk5pVjh6dVFaQT09#success>

**WP1 meeting**  
(designing new technologies)

next meeting **18 October 2 PM CET**  
online

**WP2 meeting**  
(legal aspects)

next meeting **4 October 11:30 AM CET**  
online

**WP4 meeting**  
(NLP tool)

next meeting **13 October 10 AM CET**  
online

**WP5 + WP7 meeting**  
(data flow and architecture)

next meeting **6 and 20 October 1 PM CET**  
online

**WP6 meeting**  
(AI virtual assistants)

next meeting **12 October 3 PM CET**  
online

**WP9 + WP10 meeting**  
(Project management+Ethics)

**every even Wednesday 12:30 PM CET**  
online

