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### MANOLO gathers for the 6<sup>th</sup> project meeting in Helsinki, Finland!

European experts in Artificial Intelligence and Trustworthiness, along with key industrial partners, gathered in Helsinki, Finland, on 28-29 April 2026 for the 6<sup>th</sup> project meeting of the [MANOLO project](#). The meeting, hosted by LAUREA, was highly productive, bringing together all project partners to discuss progress, technical advancements and familiarisation with the MANOLO framework, as well as future directions towards the project's completion.

The 1<sup>st</sup> day commenced with a warm welcome from LAUREA, followed by a comprehensive overview of the two-day agenda presented by the project coordinator, CeADAR. This introduction set the tone for a structured and collaborative series of discussions among all consortium partners.

Throughout the meeting, strong emphasis was placed on joint contributions and collective progress. The consortium was presented with the finalised system architecture, with each partner outlining their specific contributions to its development and how they work. Detailed updates were also provided on the progress of Key Performance Indicators across all Work Packages, alongside presentations on testing activities conducted using the initial version of the MANOLO framework, which demonstrated promising functionality and validated the core system design while also identifying areas for further refinement. This contributed to ensuring alignment across partners and reinforcing collaborative engagement within the consortium.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> day initiated with recent advancements in system integration, where partners discussed the challenges and limitations they faced and aligned on next steps. Moreover, tools to assess the trustworthiness of the models were presented. Following the discussion, significant updates were shared regarding the project's core use cases. In particular, attention was given to how each use case is expected to adopt, integrate, and evaluate the first iteration of the MANOLO framework within real-world scenarios.

The atmosphere shifted as LAUREA presented an overview of its approach, showing how education, research, and innovation are closely connected. The university emphasises practical learning through its Learning by Developing model, where students work on real-life projects alongside professionals. The experience was reinforced through visits to the Digital Living Lab and Aistien, the Multisensory

Space, which demonstrated how innovation and human-centred research are applied in real-world settings.

After the tour, the team turned its focus on the coordination of dissemination and communication activities along with the organisation of major future project events, such as the final dissemination and communication event, as well as planned hackathons and summer schools. Through the discussion, a well-defined roadmap was elaborated for the next phase of the project's outreach and impact. The meeting closed with a brainstorming session among all partners on suitable IP protection measures and licensing of the MANOLO solutions and framework, aiming to balance openness, IP protection, industrial adoption and commercial exploitation after the end of the project.

The MANOLO consortium, under the leadership of **Ireland's National Centre for Applied AI, CeADAR**, is composed of 17 partners across 7 European countries: Ireland, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, and Spain. The consortium members include: [CeADAR](#), [UPC](#), [ATOS IT \(Bull\)](#), [TUBS](#), [NCSR "D"](#), [FDI](#), [INRIA](#), [Fraunhofer IIS](#), [UPSaclay](#), [ARCADA](#), [KU Leuven](#), [LAUREA](#), [PAL ROBOTICS](#), [BIT&BRAIN](#), [ARX.NET](#), [Q-PLAN](#), and [28DIGITAL](#).

