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Programme

Empowering Change: Technology and Artificial Intelligence in the Fight against Human Trafficking

11 June 2025
09:00 - 17:00

09:00 - 09:30 Arrival of the participants and registration

09:30 - 09:40 Welcome and opening remarks

Ms Rebecca Buttigieg

Parliamentary Secretary for Equality and Reforms, Office of the Prime Minister, European Funds, Equality, Reforms and Social Dialogue

Ms Marja Ruotanen

Director General of Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

09:40 - 10:00 Keynote presentations

Video message by Professor Siobhán Mullally

UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, former GRETA President

Dr Julia Muraszkiwicz

Legal expert at the crossroads of human trafficking, child exploitation, human rights, human security and criminal law

10:00 - 11:00	<u>Panel 1</u> – Innovative technology in combating human trafficking: challenges and opportunities	
	Dr Kari Johnstone	OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator on combating human trafficking
	Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz	Professor of Law at Aberystwyth University, author of "Utilising AI Technology to improve modern slavery survivor support", former GRETA member
	AC Louise Calleja	Assistant Commissioner for Public Protection, Malta Police Force
	Mr Paul Caruana	Head of Due Diligence Malta Financial Services Authority, Lecturer at the University of Malta within the Department of Criminology
	Mr Phil Bennett	Independent Technology Strategist
	Moderator: Kathryn Baldacchino, Anti-Trafficking Specialist, Human Rights Directorate, Malta	
11:00 - 11:15	Q&A	
11:15 - 11:45	Coffee break	

11:45 - 12:45 Panel 2 - The use of AI in prevention and protection: human rights implications

Dr Aitana Radu

Department of Information Policy and Governance, Faculty of Media & Knowledge Sciences, University of Malta

Dr Julia Muraszkievicz

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Dr Salomé Lannier

Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Luxembourg

Ms Karen Hough

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Mr Colin Ward

Engagement Lead, UK & Europe
Marinus Analytics

Moderator: Kathryn Baldacchino, Anti-Trafficking Specialist, Human Rights Directorate, Malta

12:45 - 13:00 Q&A

13:00 - 14:15 Lunch

14:15 - 15:45 Parallel workshops

1. Ethical Use of AI in Combating THB

Moderator: Ms Thao Do, PhD
researcher on AI and human
trafficking, University of Bath

2. Securing and sharing digital
evidence in cases of human trafficking

Moderator: Dr Aitana Radu (Lecturer,
Information Policy and Governance,
Faculty of Media & Knowledge
Sciences, University of Malta)

3. Building collaboration and
partnerships among governments,
tech companies, financial institutions
and civil society

Moderator: Ms Ioana Bauer, President
of the Board of eLiberare, Romania

15:45 - 16:45 Presentations by Workshop
Rapporteurs and discussion

16:45 - 17:00 Closing remarks

Mr Michael Camilleri

Director, Human Rights Directorate,
Office of the Prime Minister,
European Funds, Equality, Reforms
and Social Dialogue

Ms Petya Nestorova

Executive Secretary, Council of
Europe Convention on Action
against Trafficking in Human Beings
(GRETA and Committee of the
Parties)