



Artificial Intelligence - Intelligent Politics

Challenges and opportunities
for media and democracy

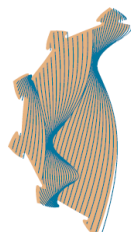
Ministerial Conference
10-11 June 2021



PROGRAMME



Republic of Cyprus



COUNCIL OF EUROPE
Conference of Ministers
responsible for Media
& Information Society
NICOSIA 2021

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

09:00 - 10:00 CET

Overall Moderator- Nicholas Karides

Welcome by Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

H.E. Mr Nicos Anastasiades, President of the Republic of Cyprus - Opening remarks

Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Secretary General of the Council of Europe - Opening remarks

H.E. Mr Peter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers - Opening remarks

Election of the Chair of the Conference

Chair of the Conference - welcoming remarks

Ms Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights - Keynote speech

Ms Věra Jourová, Vice-President, European Commission - Keynote speech

10:00 - 10:10

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

SETTING THE SCENE - THEMATIC SESSIONS

10:15 - 11:15

THEME I. THE IMPACTS OF AI-POWERED TECHNOLOGIES ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Moderator:

Mr Abraham Bernstein, Professor, University of Zurich, Director, University of Zurich Digital Society Initiative

Introductory keynote:

Ms Irene Khan, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of freedom of opinion and expression

Expert input:

Mr Noel Curran, Director General, European Broadcasting Union (EBU)

Ms Alexandra Borchardt, Senior Research Associate, Reuters Institute, Professor for Media Transformation, University of Arts, Berlin

DISCUSSION

Ms Petra De Sutter, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Civil Service, Public Enterprises, Telecommunication and the Postal Services, Belgium

Ms Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution at the Federal Chancellery of Austria

Ms Anneli Ott, Minister of Culture, Estonia

Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

11:15 - 11:30

BREAK

11:30 - 12:30

THEME II. THE CHANGING ENVIRONMENT IN MEDIA AND INFORMATION

Moderator:

Mr Damian Tambini, Senior lecturer, London School of Economics

Introductory keynote:

Ms Teresa Ribeiro, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media

Expert input:

Mr Ricardo Gutiérrez, Secretary General, European Federation of Journalists

Baroness Françoise Tulkens, member of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom, former Vice-President of the European Court for Human Rights

DISCUSSION

Hon. Carmelo Abela, Minister within the Office of the Prime Minister of Malta

Mr Benjamin Dalle, Flemish Minister for Brussels, Youth and Media, Belgium

Mr Gheorghe Leucă, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova

Ms Pilvi Torsti, State Secretary, Ministry of Transports and Communications, Finland

Mr Thomas Schneider, Ambassador, Head of International Affairs, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Switzerland, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee of Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

12:30 - 14:00
LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 14:30

SPECIAL INTERVENTIONS

Mr David Kaye, Independent Board Chair, Global Network Initiative - former UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression

Ms Amal Clooney, Barrister, Deputy Chair of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom

14:30 - 15:30

THEME III. TAKING ACTION TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS

Moderator:

Ms Barbora Bukovská, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19

Introductory keynote:

Ms Agnes Callamard, Secretary General of Amnesty International

Expert input:

Mr Can Yeğinsu, Barrister, member of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom

Mr Paul Radu, Co-founder and Chief of Innovation, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCPR)

DISCUSSION

Ms Emma Lind, Vice Minister of Culture and Equality of Norway

Mr Taras Shevchenko, Deputy Minister of Culture and Information Policy, Ukraine

Ms Maureen Cormack, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State, United States

Ms Inge Welbergen, Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands, Chair of the Council of Europe Steering Committee of Media and Information Society (CDMSI)

15:30 - 15:40

BREAK

15:40 - 16:40

THEME IV. RESILIENCE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION PROTECTION FRAMEWORKS IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Moderator:

Mr Rasmus Nielsen, Director, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism

Introductory keynote:

Ms Emily Bell, Professor of Professional Practice, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

Expert input:

Mr Michael O'Flaherty, Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

Ms Barbara Trionfi, Executive Director, International Press Institute

DISCUSSION

Hon. Stéphane Dion, Ambassador of Canada to Germany and Prime Minister Special Envoy to the EU and Europe

Dott. Paolo Ruffini, Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, Holy See

PRESENTATIONS

16:40 – 17:05

A BLUEPRINT FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION FOR MEDIA AND JOURNALISTS' SAFETY

Representatives of the Partner organisations to the **Council of Europe's Platform for the protection of journalism and safety of journalists**

Mr William Horsley, Media Freedom Representative, Association of European Journalists

Ms Jessica Ní Mhainín, Policy Research and Advocacy Officer, Index on Censorship

Ms Sarah Clarke, Head of Europe and Central Asia, Article 19

Mr Tom Gibson, EU Representative, Committee to Protect Journalists

Mr Andrew Caruana Galizia, Co-founder, Daphne Caruana Galizia Foundation

17:10 – 17.30

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANT CONTENT MODERATION

Mr Joe McNamee, member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Freedom of Expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG)

OPENING
09:00 - 09:30 CET

Mr Kyriacos Koushos, Government Spokesman, Republic of Cyprus

Mr Rik Daems, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO

09:30 – 09:40

WRAP-UP FROM DAY 1 OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

Mr Peter Noorlander, Senior adviser on human rights and media law, Global Rights Hub - Conference rapporteur

09:40 - 12:30 (Room 2 - open only for Ministers /national delegations)

MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS – Presentation and discussion

- **Resolution on freedom of expression and digital technologies**

Mr Stelios Himonas, Permanent Secretary of the Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation and Digital Policy, Cyprus

Statement by participating Ministers

- **Resolution on the safety of journalists**

Presentation by Rt Hon John Whittingdale OBE MP, Minister of State for Media and Data, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, United Kingdom

Statements by participating Ministers

- **Resolution on the changing media and information environment**

Presentation by Mr Theodoros Livianos, Deputy Minister to the Prime Minister responsible for Communication and Media, Greece

Statements by participating Ministers

- **Resolution on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on freedom of expression**

Presentation by Mr Simonas Kairys, Minister of Culture, Lithuania

Statements by participating Ministers

- **Final Declaration**

Presentation by the Chair of the Conference

Statements by participating Ministers

- **General statements by participating Ministers**
- **Adoption of the documents of the Conference**

09:40 - 12:30

Room 3

FLASH SESSIONS

9.40-10.20

iHuman film - Ms Tonje Hessen Schei, Film Director, Producer and Screenwriter

Towards a Human Rights compliant AI regulation - Mr Gregor Strojic, Chair of the Council of Europe *Ad-hoc* Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHAI)

10.20-10.40

AI in the audiovisual sector in light of the latest market and legal developments - Ms Susanne Nikoltchev, Executive Director, European Audiovisual Observatory

10.40- 11.40

The role and responsibilities of states and internet platforms

Ms Natali Helberger, Chair of the Committee of Experts on Freedom of expression and Digital Technologies (MSI-DIG), Professor of Law and Digital Technology, University of Amsterdam

Ms Maria Donde, Chair of the Committee of experts on Media Environment and Reform (MSI-REF), Head of International Content Policy, Office of Communication (OFCOM)

12:40 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

“WORLD CAFÉ”

14:00 - 15:20

PARALLEL SESSIONS

World Café 1 – Room 3	World Café 2 – Room 4
<p data-bbox="193 398 727 432"><u>Fostering media and information literacy</u></p> <p data-bbox="344 474 699 508">Community media projects</p> <p data-bbox="213 512 831 580"><i>organized in cooperation with CMFE Community Media</i></p> <p data-bbox="193 631 344 665"><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p data-bbox="193 669 842 857">Ms Martina Chapman, Independent consultant in Media Literacy and Digital engagement, co-author, Council of Europe study on “Supporting quality journalism through media and information literacy”</p> <ul data-bbox="193 947 831 1335" style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Michael Nicolai, Coordinator, Project manager of SMART project• Ms Lina Chawaf, Program manager, CMFE Board Member, Radio Rozana• Ms Soledad Galiana, radio Coordinator, Ethical Media for Active Citizenship• Mr Larry .M. Macaulay, CMFE Community Media, Board Member - New Neighbours• Ms Lisa McLean, Editor, Radio ARA, Luxembourg	<p data-bbox="876 398 1326 432"><u>Enhancing the safety of journalists</u></p> <p data-bbox="919 474 1401 508">National action plans - best practices</p> <p data-bbox="876 631 1027 665"><u>Moderator:</u></p> <p data-bbox="876 669 1366 779">Mr Tarlach McGonagle, Institute for information law (Ivir), Amsterdam Law School, University of Amsterdam</p> <ul data-bbox="876 947 1441 1529" style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Peter ter Velde, Manager, Persveilig project to protect journalists, The Netherlands• Mr Nadim Houry, Executive Director of the Arab Reform Initiative, Member of the High-Level Panel of Legal Experts on Media Freedom• Ms Filippa Arvas Olsson, Deputy Director, Ministry of Culture, Sweden• Ms Jen Adams, Research Fellow, Advocacy and Policy Innovation Lead, Comms Policy Cooperative, University of Vienna• Ms Marija Babić, Independent Journalists’ Association

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

15:25 - 15:40

Room 3

Mr Christos Giakoumopoulos, Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe

Mr Nikos Nouris, Minister of the Interior, Republic of Cyprus