

Parliamentary Conference on Artificial Intelligence

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of the Council of Europe
and the Parliament of the United Kingdom

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CONTEXT

The rapid evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has brought transformative opportunities and significant challenges to societies worldwide. As a powerful tool with the potential to transform governance, economies, and individual lives, AI also raises critical ethical, legal, and societal concerns. Parliaments, as key democratic institutions, have a unique and essential role to play in shaping the development, application, and regulation of AI to ensure it aligns with democratic values and human rights.

The Parliamentary Conference on Artificial Intelligence will build on the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) and the Council of Europe (CoE), leveraging their expertise to engage parliamentarians in addressing the governance and regulation of AI.

OBJECTIVES

By bringing together a diverse range of stakeholders, the conference aims to facilitate knowledge exchange, foster cooperation, and support parliaments in enacting AI policies that uphold democratic values, human rights, and the rule of law. .

FORMAT

The conference will employ a combination of presentations, panel discussions, testimonies, and good practice, allowing for dynamic and comprehensive exploration of the identified themes and topics.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

This conference will empower parliamentarians to address AI's implications effectively, fostering a democratic and rights-based approach to AI governance. By leveraging the expertise and leadership of PACE and the Council of Europe, the conference will serve as a vital platform for advancing these goals. The conference is expected to conclude with a call-to-action (or a declaration) underscoring the role of parliaments in promoting responsible AI.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- ▶ Members of national delegations to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- ▶ Representatives from the Council of Europe intergovernmental sector and convention system;
- ▶ Policymakers
- ▶ Legal experts

- ▶ AI professionals
- ▶ Representatives of regional and international organisations
- ▶ Representatives from civil society

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

09.30 – 09.45 **Registration of participants**

10.00 – 10.30 **Opening session**

- ▶ **The Rt Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle**, Speaker of the House of Commons, United Kingdom
- ▶ **Theodoros Rousopoulos**, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- ▶ **Bjorn Berge**, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

10.30 – 11.00 **Keynote address on the transformative potential of AI and its democratic implications**

Safeguarding Human Rights in the Age of AI Transformation

- ▶ **Dr. Michael O’Flaherty**, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

11.00 – 11.15 **Coffee break**

PLENARY SESSIONS:

11.15 – 13.00 **Session I – AI and Human Rights: Ensuring Ethical Standards**

11.15 – 12.15 **Moderator: Miapetra Kumpula-Natri**, Member PACE (Finland)

- ▶ **Mario Hernández Ramos**, Chairperson, Council of Europe Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) (Spain)
- ▶ **Petri Honkonen**, Member PACE, (Finland)
- ▶ **Lord Murray of Blidworth**, Joint Committee on Human Rights, House of Lords, United Kingdom
- ▶ **Prof. Joanna Bryson, PhD**, Ethics & Technology Professor, Hertie School of Governance (Germany)
- ▶ **Prof. Dr. Thomas Metzinger**, Professor of Philosophy, University of Mainz, Member of EU AI High-Level Expert Group (Germany)

12.15 – 13.00 **Exchange with the audience**

13.00 – 14.45 **Lunch**

14.45 – 16.15

Session II – AI in Democratic Processes: Risks and Opportunities

14.45 – 15.45

Moderator: Deborah Bergamini, Member PACE (Italy)

- ▶ **Nusrat Ghani**, Member of Parliament, Chairman of Ways and Means and Deputy Speaker, House of Commons (United Kingdom)
- ▶ **Daniel Milewski**, Member PACE (Poland)
- ▶ **Marco Camisani Calzolari**, Expert in Strategic Communication with a Specialization in Digital Communication, Author of Cyberhumanism (Italy/UK/USA)
- ▶ **Laura Lazaro Cabrera**, Director for the Equity and Data Programme, Centre for Democracy and Technology Europe

15.45 – 16.15

Exchange with the audience

16.15 – 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 – 18.00

Session III – Parliamentary Oversight of AI: Policy and Legislative Approaches

16.30 – 17.30

Moderator: Dan Aldridge, Member of Parliament, House of Commons (United Kingdom)

- ▶ **Maria Nefeli Chatziioannidou**, Member PACE (Greece)
- ▶ **Lord Holmes of Richmond MBE**, House of Lords (United Kingdom)
- ▶ **Federica Onori**, OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence and Member of Parliament of Italy
- ▶ **Vinous Ali**, Deputy Executive Director of the Startup Coalition, (United Kingdom)
- ▶ **Martin Wrigley**, Member of Parliament, Science, Innovation and Technology Committee, House of Commons (United Kingdom)

17.30 – 18.00

Exchange with the audience

End of first day

DAY 2

09.30 – 09.40

Opening address:

- ▶ **The Rt Hon. the Lord McFall of Alcluith**, Lord Speaker of the House of Lords (United Kingdom)
- ▶ **Szymon Hołownia**, Deputy Marshal of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland

09.40 – 09.50

09.50 – 11.00 Session IV – AI, Disinformation, and Democracy: Addressing the Threat of Mis/Disinformation

09.50 – 10.30 Moderator: Valentina Grippo, Member PACE (Italy)

- ▶ **Jānis Sārts**, NATO StratCom Director (Latvia)
- ▶ **Edite Estrela**, Member PACE (Portugal)
- ▶ **Federico Menna**, Chief Executive Officer, 28Digital
- ▶ **Javier Díaz Noci**, Professor and researcher at Pompeu Fabra University (Spain)

10.30– 11.00 Exchange with the audience

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.35 Session V – Engaging Citizens in AI Governance

11.15 – 12.15 Moderator: Mogens Jensen, Member PACE (Denmark)

- ▶ **Stephanie Hankey**, Co-founder, Executive Director of Tactical Tech
- ▶ **Joe O'Reilly**, Member PACE (Ireland)
- ▶ **Octavia Field Reid**, Associate Director, Public Participation & Research Practice, Ada Lovelace Institute (United Kingdom)
- ▶ **Francesca Fanucci**, Senior Legal Advisor at ECNL, EDRI
- ▶ **Maurizio Cuttin**, Vice Chairperson, Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth

12.15 – 12.45 Exchange with the audience

12.45 – 13.15 Closing Session

12.45 – 13.05 ▶ Theodoros Rousopoulos, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe: Presentation of the key findings of the Conference and parliamentary commitments to ethical AI governance.

13.05 – 13.15 Closing remarks by:

- ▶ **The Rt Hon. the Lord Jones of Penybont**, Head of the UK Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, House of Lords
- ▶ **Louise Barton**, Director of Committees, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

End of conference

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