COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (CAI)

12th Plenary Meeting

Strasbourg

26 - 28 November 2024

MEETING REPORT

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I. Introduction

1. The Council of Europe's Committee on Artificial Intelligence (hereinafter referred to as "the CAI" or "the Committee") held its 12th Plenary meeting in Strasbourg, from 26 to 28 November 2024, in conformity with its terms of reference adopted by the Committee of Ministers.

II. List of items discussed at the meeting and decisions taken by the CAI

Agenda item 1. Opening of the meeting

2. The Chair, Mr Mario HERNANDEZ RAMOS (Spain), opened the meeting and welcomed the Members, Participants and Observers. The Chair congratulated Montenegro for becoming a signatory of the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law on 5 November 2024.

3. Mrs Hanne JUNCHER, Director of the Integrity, Security and Rule of Law Directorate, addressed her opening words to the Committee and stressed the importance of promoting the Framework Convention and encouraged Members, Participants and Observers to continue this important work. She also congratulated the CAI on the progress it was making in its work on the HUDERIA Methodology, reminding everyone that the plan was to finalise it at this meeting and to continue the work on a more detailed guidance (the HUDERIA Model) during the next year.

4. Mrs JUNCHER announced that Mr Kristian BARTHOLIN, Head of the Digital Development Unit and Secretary to the CAI, would conclude his duties on 31 December 2024 due to a transfer, will assume new responsibilities elsewhere within the Council of Europe, and would be replaced by Mrs Albina OVCEARENCO as of 1 January 2025.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda and Order of Business

5. The Committee decided to adopt, without any modifications, the agenda and order of business.

Agenda item 3. Adoption of the Meeting Report of the 11th Plenary Meeting

6. The Committee decided to adopt, without any modifications, the report of the 11th Plenary meeting of the CAI.

Agenda item 4. Exchange on possible future Terms of Reference for the CAI

7. The Committee discussed potential future terms of reference for the CAI, including a proposal to establish a dedicated Steering Committee on New and Emerging Technologies ("CDNET") and explored possible substantive topics for the committee's work beyond 2025.

Agenda item 5. Exchange of information with Mr Alfonso BREZMES, Chair of the CDDH-IA

8. The Committee welcomed Mr Alfonso BREZMES, Chair of the the Drafting Group on Human Rights and Artificial Intelligence (CDDH-IA), who noted that the CAI's work has been and will continue to inspire the CDDH-IA.

9. He provided an update on the CDDH-IA's ongoing work on a Handbook about human rights and artificial intelligence, set for completion by December 2025, in line with its terms of reference from the Committee of Ministers. He outlined the Handbook's scope and objectives, highlighting its focus on providing guidance to Member States, while encouraging its use by the private sector.

10. The Committee warmly thanked Mr BREZMES for his exchange of information.

Agenda item 6. Examination of the Draft Methodology for the Risk and Impact Assessment of Artificial Intelligence Systems from the point of view of Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law (HUDERIA)

11. The Committee examined and adopted, as a legally non-binding *sui generis* tool, the draft Methodology for the Risk and Impact Assessment of Artificial Intelligence Systems from the point of view of Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law (HUDERIA Methodology).

12. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to submit the draft HUDERIA Methodology to the Committee of Ministers to be taken note of.

13. The Committee heard the presentation by the Secretariat and the team of the Alan Turing Institute (Professor David LESLIE, Ms Morgan BRIGGS, Ms Semeli HADJILOIZOU) regarding the contents of the HUDERIA Model and a possible web interface for it. The website would provide a user-friendly interface allowing users to navigate the HUDERIA process and resources. The Committee held an exchange on the HUDERIA Model, which the Committee will examine in 2025.

Agenda item 7. Date and place of the next meeting(s)

14. The Committee decided to hold its 13th and 14th Plenary meetings in Strasbourg on 14 - 15 May 2025 and 5 - 6 November 2025 respectively.

Agenda item 8. Any other business

15. The Secretariat invited all Member States, Participants, and Observers to the 2025 edition of EuroDIG, a multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue on public policy issues related to internet governance in Europe, which will be hosted by the Council of Europe on 12 and 13 May 2025 in Strasbourg, and immediately followed by the 13th CAI Plenary meeting. Further details about the event will be shared in due course.

16. The Committee took note that no other points were raised under this agenda item.

Agenda item 9. Adoption of the List of Decisions, and close of the meeting

17. The Committee decided to adopt the List of Decisions.

End of the meeting