Council of Europe Digital Partnership Calendar 2024+ 23 May 2024

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29 May Brussels	Future Tech Preview	tbs	Organised by META	Meta will present the vision around AI, immersive smart wearables and novel input devices that use wrist-based EMG signals.
5-7 June Strasbourg	46th plenary meeting of the T- PD	A. Ovcearenco P. Kimpian Data Protection Unit	Open to partners under special conditions	Plenary meeting of the T-PD (Committee of Convention 108+ for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data).
Since Summer 2024	Collecting e- evidence of war crimes in Ukraine	J. Kralik G. Jokhadze Cybercrime Division	Open to all partners	Increased cooperation e-evidence of war crimes and gross human rights violations in Ukraine (under CyberUA project). Companies could partner with Ukrainian authorities for handling and sharing of electronic evidence, indirectly contributing to administration of justice.
Since Summer 2024	Campaign for the safety of journalists "Journalists Matter"	R. Ciochina	Open to all partners	Promote the Campaign for the safety of journalists "Journalists Matter" visibility activities on online platforms; cooperation/activities with platforms as regards role on safety of journalists online.
17-19 June Vilnius	EuroDIG 2024	O. Sofransky Digital Development and Governance Department	Open for companies' participation	European Dialogue on Internet Governance EuroDIG 2024: Council of Europe delegation will focus on Artificial Intelligence, Privacy, Protection of Freedom of Expression and Addressing Disinformation, Combating Hate Speech and Online Safety; and assessing Metaverse impact on human rights (in partnership with IEEE).
18-20 June Strasbourg	"No Hate Speech" Week	M. Ettema Hate Speech, Hate Crime and Artificial Intelligence Unit	Open for partners' participation as multipliers	The No Hate Speech Week brings together representatives of CSOs, academia, business and national authorities to exchange on recent legal and policy developments and good practices in preventing and combating hate speech online, around the International Day to Counter Hate Speech, 18 June, as declared by the UN.

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18-21 June Strasbourg	25th CDMSI Plenary	A. Chisca Freedom of Expression and CDMSI	Open for partners as observers	Plenary meeting of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society.
18-21 June Strasbourg	33d GREVIO meeting	E. Sariaydin Violence against Women (GREVIO)	Open for partners as observers	Examine the Draft recommendation on technology-facilitated violence against women and girls prepared by the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
17-19 Sept Strasbourg	11th CAI Plenary	K. Bartholin Digital Development Unit	Open for partners as observers	Plenary Meeting of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence.
26-28 Nov Strasbourg	12th CAI Plenary	K. Bartholin Digital Development Unit	Open for partners as observers	Plenary Meeting of the Committee on Artificial Intelligence.
15-19 Dec Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	IGF 2024 Forum	O. Sofransky Digital Development and Governance Department	Open for companies' participation	Internet Governance Forum IGF 2024 focusses on four main themes: Harnessing innovation and balancing risks in the digital space; Enhancing the digital contribution to peace, development, and sustainability; Advancing human rights and inclusion in the digital age; Improving digital governance for the Internet We Want
Autumn Strasbourg	Launch event for the entry into force of the Modernised Convention 108+	A. Ovcearenco P. Kimpian Data Protection Unit	Open for partners as observers	Marking of the entry into force of the modernised Data protection Convention 108+. Focus on implementation.
Autumn Place tbs	Conference on "Online and technology- facilitated trafficking in human beings"	P. Nestorova Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA)	Open for companies' participation	A regional conference on "Online and technology-facilitated trafficking in human beings" in the context of the Horizontal Facility anti-trafficking projects implemented in the Western Balkans (See study).

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Autumn Strasbourg	26th CDMSI Plenary	A. Chisca Freedom of Expression and CDMSI	Open for partners as observers	Plenary meeting of the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society.
Autumn Strasbourg	Webinar on Data protection	A. Ovcearenco M. Taylor Data Protection Unit	Open to all partners	Webinar on Data protection in the areas of interest for companies identified through a questionnaire.
Autumn tbs	Cooperation exercises on cybercrime and cybersecurity	J. Kralik G. Jokhadze Cybercrime Division	Open to all partners	Cooperation exercises on cybercrime and cybersecurity (under CyberEast+ and CyberUA projects). Partner companies can take these exercises to the next level with their expertise on handling cyber threats and cooperation with law enforcement cross-border.
Autumn tbs	Examine the role of Equality Bodies in supervision of high-risk AI	M. Ettema Hate Speech, Hate Crime and Artificial Intelligence Unit	Open to all partners	Study on the role of Equality Bodies in supervision of high-risk AI systems in line with the EU AI Act and Council of Europe standards on AI and the mandate of Equality Bodies
Autumn tbs	Protecting children's rights online	N. Trewinnard E. Malareva Lanzarote Committee Secretariat	Open to all partners	Capacity-building event for Parties to a Council of Europe Convention for the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse
Autumn Strasbourg	Second MSI-AI Expert Committee Meeting	G. Lucchese Freedom of Expression and CDMSI	Open for partners as observers	Meeting of the Committee of Experts on the Impacts of Generative Artificial Intelligence for Freedom of Expression (MSI-AI).
24-25 Sept Strasbourg	Second MSI-eSEC Expert Committee Meeting	C. Pitea Freedom of Expression and CDMSI	Open for partners as observers	Meeting of the Committee of Experts on online safety and empowerment of content creators and users (MSI-eSEC).
25-26 September 2024	2 nd meeting of the Expert Committee on Artificial Intelligence, Equality and Discrimination (GEC/ADI-AI)	C. Gilmartin Steering Committee on Anti- discrimination,	Open to all partners as observers	Examine the Draft CM Recommendation on the impact of artificial intelligence systems, their potential for promoting equality, including gender equality, and the risks they may cause in relation to non-discrimination

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		Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI) C. Gangloff Gender Equality Commission		
24-25 Oct Strasbourg	Conference on regulating Artificial Intelligence in Education	A. Kilic, B. Santos Silva Education Department	Open for companies' participation	Provide a platform for stakeholders in education, including practitioners, youth organisation representatives, policymakers, legal experts, academia, international organisations, civil society, and industry, to discuss regulation of Al in education and formulate actionable recommendations.
1-2 October Strasbourg	1st meeting of the Expert Committee on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO)	C. Bolognese Gender Equality Division E. Sariaydin, Violence against women division	Open to all partners as observers	Draft CM Recommendation on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls
9-10 Oct Istanbul	ICCO Global Summit	tbs	Organised by ICCO	Global summit on reputation, relevance and impact of PR.
15-18 Oct Strasbourg	34th GREVIO meeting	E. Sariaydin Violence against Women (GREVIO)	Open for partners as observers	Examine the Draft recommendation on technology-facilitated violence against women and girls prepared by the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)
7 Nov Strasbourg	Data Protection Conference	A. Ovcearenco Data Protection Unit	Open for companies' participation	A conference will be organized a day after the 47 th Plenary meeting (4-6 November).

Several other potential cooperation activities with Digital Partners have been proposed:

- 1. Direct training on cybercrime threats, vulnerabilities and investigation/forensics specific to their hardware/software portfolio
- 2. Joint trainings and practical exercises on forensics
- 3. Joint trainings and practical exercises on ransomware attacks
- 4. Cooperation for the 2025 European Year of Digital Citizenship Education

- 5. A more in-depth work on immersive realities; cooperation for more visibility or the CDMSI work for internet users (adapted to a user-friendly format); media and literacy joint projects, etc.
- 6. Production of child-friendly materials
- 7. Drafting a study on the use of stereotypes, discriminatory language and hate speech against Roma people on social media and online comments on streaming platforms or news channels' online platforms and how they are monitored at national level but also by the business partners who are part of the digital partnership.
- 8. Possible exchange with one or more digital partners in the format of a **hearing with industry representatives** during a meeting of the Committee of Experts on combating technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (GEC/PC-eVIO). The first meeting will be on 1-2 October 2024. A hearing might be arranged at that meeting or at the next meeting in early 2025
- 9. Possible written consultation of digital partners, at some point in the process of preparation (by GEC/PC-eVIO by end of 2025) of the draft CoE Recommendation on tech-facilitated violence against women and girls
- 10. Possible **involvement of digital partners in the Council of Europe's cooperation activities** in the area of preventing and combating digital forms of violence against women and girls
- 11. Possible contribution of digital partners towards the Council of Europe's action to build positive narratives countering digital/online manifestations of the anti-gender movement

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18-20 Feb Paris	UNESCO conference on Digital Transformation	O. Sofransky DDGD	Open for companies' participation	UNESCO global conference: Digital Transformation and Capacity Building for Civil Servants
February South Korea	RightsCon 2025	O. Sofransky DDGD	Open for companies' participation	RightsCon is the world's leading summit on human rights in the digital age. The public program is built by and for diverse community of activists, technologists, business leaders, policymakers, and journalists.
3-5 March Barcelona	MWC 2025 Ministerial programme	O. Sofransky DDGD	Organised by GSMA, open to all interested parties	The Mobile World Congress Ministerial Programme is organised annually by GSMA involving in 2024 over 2000 participants, representatives of governments, business, international organisations and academia.
Summer Strasbourg	Octopus Conference	A. Seger Cybercrime Division	Open for companies' participation	The Octopus Conference constitutes one of the biggest and finest platforms of exchange in cybercrime, gathering experts from more than 100 countries, international organisations, private sector and academia.