Protecting human rights, democracy and the rule of law in the digital environment

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9:00 – 9:20 Registration

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➢ **Technology, Human Rights and the Rule of Law** by Hanne Juncher, Director of Security, Integrity and Rule of Law

9:30 – 14:40 Thematic interventions by Partners and Actors

Council of Europe Digital Actors and Business Partners present topics of interest on which they would like to cooperate, such as research themes, draft policies, campaigns, new standards and tools etc.

9:30 – 10:10 FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ONLINE

- **Countering disinformation and harmful content**
  o Alina Tatarenko, Head of Cooperation on Freedom of Expression Division
- **2025 Mis-Disinformation Handbook: How to deal with information pollution**
  o Massimo Moriconi, Regional President Europe, Omnicom PR Group; International Communications Consultancy Organisation (ICCO), Global Vice President

10:10 - 11:00 ONLINE SAFETY AND SECURITY

- **Strengthening Human Rights speech against hate, non-discrimination and equality in use of digital tools, including AI**
  o Menno Ettema, Head of the Hate Speech, Hate Crime and Artificial Intelligence Unit
- **Building a safe digital environment for minors: Towards responsible design and use of digital devices and services**
  o Isabel María Álvaro Alonso, Junior Manager, Telefónica S.A
- **Cooperation with service providers on combating cybercrime**
  o Jan Kralik, Programme Manager, Cybercrime Division
  o Floriane Spielmann, Project Assistant, Cybercrime Division

11:00 - 11:20 Coffee break

11:20 - 12:00 BUSINESS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND AI SYSTEMS

- **Human rights and digital business: sustainable and responsible practices**
    - o Domenico Zipoli, Project Coordinator and Senior Research Fellow at Geneva Academy
- **HUDERIA tool to assess the impact of AI systems on human rights**
    - o Albina Ovcearenco, Head of the Digital Development Unit

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 - 14:40 DIGITAL LITERACY AND ONLINE TRAINING

- **Partnering for human-rights based digital transformation in education**
    - o Ahmet-Murat Kilic, Head of Digital Transformation in Education Unit
- **HELP "human rights for legal professionals" online courses**
    - o Ana-Maria Telbis, Head a.i. Justice and Human Rights Training Division

14.40 - 15.00 **Wrap-up session**
    - ➢ Individual feed-back by Participants
    - ➢ Concluding remarks by Matthias Kloth, Head of the Digital Governance and Sport Department

The Digital Partnership was set-up in 2017 with the aim to fortify dialogue and explore avenues to safeguard the human rights in the digital space in line with the Council of Europe values and standards.

The digital transformation of our society presents opportunities for human progress but also challenges and risks. While the role of States is to protect human rights and the rule of law in this new environment, digital companies and their associations play a critical role in meeting the needs of the current era by providing and controlling its infrastructure.

The partnership with the Council of Europe offers leading tech companies and their associations an opportunity to work alongside governments on digital policies.

The Council of Europe is the continent's leading human rights organisation. It comprises 46 member states, including all members of the European Union. All Council of Europe member states have signed up to the European Convention on Human Rights, a treaty designed to protect human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. The European Court of Human Rights oversees the implementation of the Convention in the member states.

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