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## **HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE**

### **Governing the Game Changer – Impacts of artificial intelligence development on human rights, democracy and the rule of law**

Conference co-organised by the Finnish Presidency of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers and the Council of Europe

26 – 27 February 2019, Helsinki, Finland – Finlandia Hall

## **PROGRAMME**

### **DAY 1**

**8:00** Registration of Participants

**9:00** Opening of the conference

#### *Overall moderation of the Conference*

Jussi-Pekka Rantanen, Senior News Presenter and Producer, YLE - Finnish Broadcasting Co.

Timo Soini, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General, Council of Europe

Nicole Belloubet, Minister of Justice, France

**9:45** Setting the scene

Artificial intelligence and human accountability

Joanna Bryson, Associate Professor, University of Bath

Artificial intelligence and human rights

Dunja Mijatović, Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner

Artificial intelligence and the information environment

David Kaye, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression



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*Technical break*

**10:30** Session I: **AI and human rights**

This session will explore the impacts of AI powered techniques on the access to and exercise of the human rights enshrined in the European Convention, such as privacy and the freedom of expression.

*Moderator:*

Karen Yeung, Professor, Birmingham Law School & School of Computer Science

*Panelists:*

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

Tamar Kaldani, Data Protection Commissioner, Georgia

Aidan White, President, Ethical Journalism Network

Nani Jansen Reventlow, Director, Digital Freedom Fund

Oliver Süme, Chairman of the Board of the Internet Industry Association (eco)

**12:30** Lunch break (provided by the host)

Opportunity to visit the 'AI in Action' exhibition space

**13:50** Opening of the afternoon

Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

**14:00** Session II: **AI and democracy**

This session will explore the effects of AI on democratic processes, including elections, as well as on equality and inclusiveness of societies and the prohibition of discrimination. It will further consider what conditions are necessary for AI to enhance democracy and inclusiveness of societies.

*Moderator:*

Damian Tambini, Associate Professor, London School of Economics

*Panelists:*

Moez Chakchouk, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, UNESCO

Christian Ahlünd, Member of the Bureau of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)

Wolfram von Heynitz, Head of Cyber Policy Coordination Staff, German Federal Foreign Office

Lorena Jaume-Palasi, Executive Director, Ethical Tech Society

Frederike Kalthener, Programme Lead, Privacy International

Pekka Ala-Pietilä, Chairman of the Board, Huhtamäki / Chair, EU High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence

**16:00** 'AI in Action'

This exhibition space allows different actors and stakeholders engaged in the development of AI tools to present their work. Please see the [exhibition programme](#) for more details.

**16:10** Opening address:

John Frank, Vice President, European Union Government Affairs, Microsoft

**18:00** End of Day 1

**18:30** Evening reception – Helsinki City Hall's Banquet Hall

## DAY 2

**08:00** Registration of Participants

**09:00** Opening of the second day of the Conference

Jussi-Pekka Rantanen, Senior News Presenter and Producer, YLE - Finnish Broadcasting Co.

Antti Häkkänen, Minister of Justice, Finland

Liliane Maury Pasquier, President, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

**09:30** Session III: **AI and the Rule of Law**

This session will explore the challenges and opportunities posed by AI for the rule of law, discussing the impact of AI on civil and criminal law and liability regimes, examining the effects of AI applications on the justice system, and analysing implications for the enforcement of individual rights.

*Moderator:*

Jean Lassègue, Research Fellow, French Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)

*Panelists:*

Tiina Astola, Director General, Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Paul Mahoney, Former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Georg Stawa, Former President of the Council of Europe European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice (CEPEJ)

Clara Neppel, Senior Director of the European Office, IEEE

Tuomas Pöysti, Chancellor of Justice, Finland

Tõnis Saar, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice, Estonia

**11.30** **Tying it all together and adoption of the Conference Conclusions**

This inter-active session will take stock of the findings from the three previous panels, exploring what principles regulation should be based on, what kind of democratic oversight of AI related tools is needed and what solutions can be found in technologies themselves.

- Report from the first panel by Karen Yeung
- Report from the second panel by Damian Tambini

- Report from the third panel by Jean Lassègue

Conclusions from the discussion will be compiled into a document that identifies the main reference points for a coordinated and comprehensive approach towards further AI development in safety and for the benefit of society.

*Moderator:*

Markku Suksi, Professor, Åbo Akademi University

**12:15** Closing remarks

Pekka Puustinen, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Jan Kleijssen, Director, Information Society - Action against Crime Directorate, Council of Europe

**12:30** **End of the conference**