



SHEDDING LIGHT ON INTOLERANCE BASED ON RELIGION IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT

The fight against intolerance and discrimination is at the core of the Council of Europe's mission — built through decades of ECHR jurisprudence on religious freedom, freedom of expression and non-discrimination, successive treaty commitments, Committee of Ministers recommendations, and independent monitoring standards. Combatting intolerance and discrimination directed at any religious community is a specific but crucial part of that work. In digital environments, these forms of intolerance take on unprecedented scale and velocity: AI systems simultaneously power their detection and their spread, while automated moderation infrastructures may not consistently protect the very communities they are meant to protect.

This panel convenes, for the first time in this context, a structured discussion between intergovernmental policy-makers — spanning media, information society and AI (CDMSI, CAI/CDNET), the United Nations system, civil society, and AI innovators to examine how the Council of Europe's new human rights-based AI governance standards — anchored in the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence (CETS 225) and operationalised through the HUDERIA risk assessment methodology — can translate those commitments into practical tools, and what gaps remain to be addressed to facilitate the “living together”.

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18 June 2026 (16:00 – 17:30 CET), Room 3

Panel

1. **Ambassador Thomas SCHNEIDER** – Former Chair and Vice-Chair CAI and current Vice-Chair of CDNET and member of CDMSI / Co-Director at OFCOM (Switzerland)
2. **Ms Nihal SAAD** – Director, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
3. **Mr Serge ROBILLARD** – Head of Partnerships and Institutional Relations, Interministerial Delegation in charge of Digital Transition of Monaco, Bureau Member of CDMSI
4. **Ms Anne GOSSET** – Head of the Human Rights Department at the Luxembourg Ministry of Justice, Head of Delegation of Luxembourg in (CDNET)
5. **Mr Gilbert FLAM** – Vice-President of LICRA (International League against Racism and Antisemitism)
6. **Ms Pam DIXON** – Founder and CEO, World Privacy Forum
7. **Ms Victoria GRECH** – Founder and CEO, Truzentia.IO

Moderated by

Ms Irène KITSOU-MILONAS - Special Representative of the Council of Europe Secretary General on antisemitism, anti-Muslim hatred, and all forms of religious intolerance