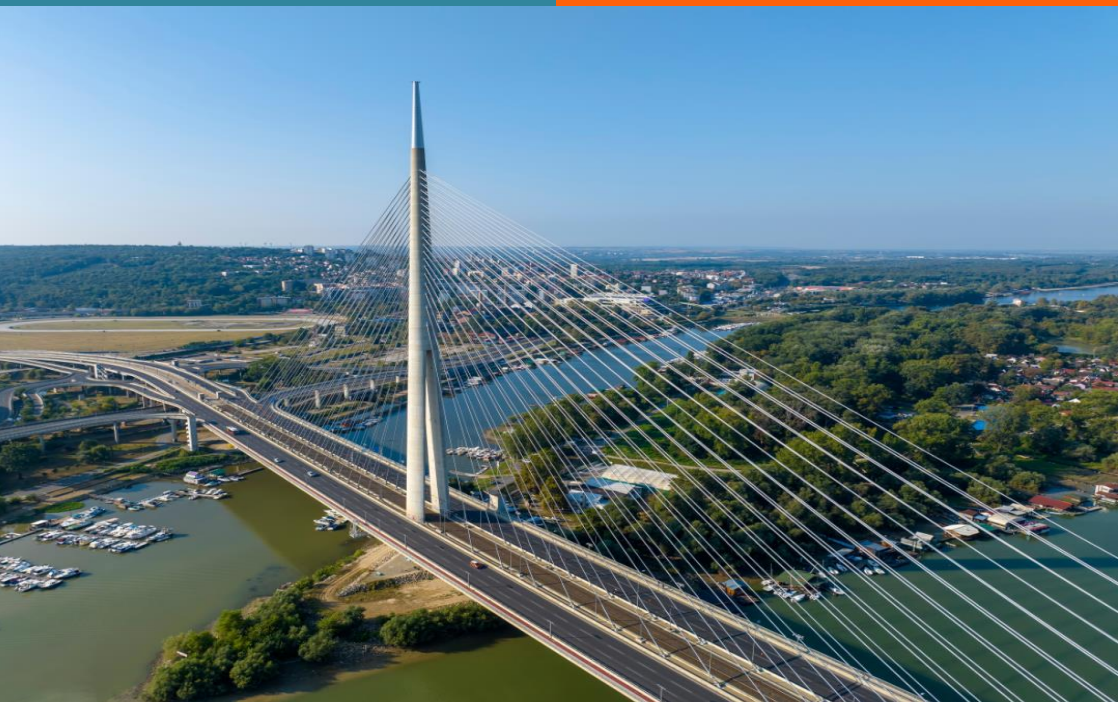


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25 November 10:30 – 11:30

Panel discussion

Council of Europe Digital Agenda in action

Council of Europe Digital Agenda is focused on developing universal legal standards for internet and digital governance also providing capacity building programmes in South-East European countries. The panel discussion will showcase the current priorities from the global, European, and also SEE perspectives. Speakers will cover action on cybercrime, AI and anti-discrimination, data protection, the latest online safety policies and the Metaverse. The audience will learn firsthand from practitioners on current actions, challenges and opportunities and will be able to interact with speakers in a Q & A session.

Panellists

Mr. Daniel CUCIURIANU, Programme Manager,
Cybercrime Programme Office, Council of Europe

Daniel has been with the Council of Europe since 2022, as Programme Manager of the iPROCEEDS-2 and CyberSEE Projects, both dedicated to enhancing the criminal justice response of South-East Europe and Türkiye to cybercrime and electronic evidence, in line with the provisions of the Convention on Cybercrime, its Second Protocol and European Union objectives.

Before joining his current role, he served for 20 years as a police officer of the Romanian National Police, ultimately holding the position of head of the Bucharest Cybercrime Department, where he led joint investigation teams for cross-border operations such as RESIDENT, COLD LAKE and BRUNO, additionally acting as a consultant on capacity building in cybercrime. Daniel holds a Master's degree in criminal investigation and a Bachelor's degree in Law.



Ms. Svetlana RAKIC, Senior Project Officer, AI & Discrimination

As part of the Council of Europe's Inclusion and Anti-discrimination Programmes Division, Svetlana is coordinating project on "Combating discrimination and promoting diversity in Serbia" focused on providing continuous support to the legislative and policy reforms aimed at combating discrimination and protecting the rights of national/ethnic/linguistic minorities and other vulnerable social groups, including youth, Roma, and LGBTI persons.

Before joining current role, Svetlana was with the United Nations, working on reconciliation, social cohesion and community development.

Holder of a Master's degree in Cultural Policy and Management (Interculturalism and Mediation in the Balkans) / UNESCO chair.



Ms. Nevena RUZIC, Data Protection Expert,
Privatnost i Javnost

Nevena is an independent consultant in the field of information (privacy and personal data, freedom of expression and information, classified data, internet law and regulation), working with international organisations, foreign and domestic clients. She has published works on personal data protection, AI, internet regulation, and freedom of information. Amongst many, she authored or co-authored “Pravno uređenje interneta u Srbiji “ (in Eng. Internet Law in Serbia) (2023), “Nationalising General Data Protection Regulation in Western Balkans” and Challenges and opportunities at the intersection of data protection and artificial intelligence. Nevena coauthored an online course

“Personal Data Protection in Publication of Judicial Decisions” available on the Council of Europe HELP Platform. Nevena is a co-creator of series of educational videos available in Serbian only called “Soljica privatnosti sa Jelenom i Nevenom” (trans. “Cup of Privacy with Jelena and Nevena”). She is a lawyer by profession and holds two masters - in contemporary diplomacy from the University of Malta and in law from the University of Leeds, UK. She graduated from the School of Law University of Belgrade, Serbia. In 2019, Nevena was a candidate for Serbian Information Commissioner supported by more than 100 civil society organisations.

Mr. Cesare PITEA, Freedom of Expression and CDMSI,
online safety and metaverse, Council of Europe

Cesare joined the Council of Europe 2021, focusing on freedom of expression and media. He is currently part of the Secretariat responsible for media and the Steering Committee on Media and Information Society (CDMSI) and is currently the Secretary to the Committee of Experts on online safety and empowerment of content creators and users (MSI-eSEC). He was previously a Programme Manager for technical assistance cooperation projects in the area of freedom of expression and media in Southeast Europe.



26 November 12:30 – 13:30

Panel discussion **Public-private policy dialogue:** **Council of Europe Digital Partnership**

Council of Europe Digital Agenda includes a dialogue with leading technology companies and associations on protecting human rights and democracy online. The speakers will elaborate on the ongoing cooperation with the Council of Europe, other public-private frameworks, and on their organization focus within the digital governance agenda. A special attention will be given to initiatives in Southeastern Europe. The audience will be able to interact with speakers in a Q & A session.

Panellists

Ms. Magda IRIMIA, Outside Legal Counsel
to Microsoft Corporation

Magda started her career in 2002 and she specializes in intellectual property, cyber law and data protection, competition law, and environmental law.

She is an attorney-at-law, member of the Bucharest Bar Association since 2002, and, since 2005, a certified trademark, industrial design, and patent Romanian attorney and a trademark and industrial design European attorney. She is a member of ASDPI, INTA and IAPP, as CIPP/E - Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe and represents ASPDI in the Working Group for GPAI Codes of Practice.

She also holds a SANS certification in Information Security Fundamentals GIAC/GISF and got training in AI Security Essentials (2024) and Cybersecurity Fundamentals (2022).

She graduated from Bucharest University Faculty of Law in 2001 and she holds a master degree in business law from the Institute for Business Law and International Cooperation Nicolae Titulescu - Henri Capitant, a jointly administered Institute by the Paris I University Pantheon-Sorbonne and the University of Bucharest Law School. She completed an annual training in Competition Law and Economics, followed by a Digital Economy Program, both at the European University Institute Florence, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.

She assists Romanian and multinational companies in intellectual property matters and cyberlaw, including Microsoft Digital Crimes Unit, and has extensive experience in providing legal advice and representation as regards new technologies, sector specific contracts, data protection, and anti-trust issues.





Mr. Jaromír NOVÁK, Regulatory and Policy Officer, EuroISPA Partner for Regulatory Affairs at CZ.NIC

Jaromír graduated from the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University in Brno and the Faculty of Information Management at the University of Hradec Králové. In 2005, he joined the Ministry of Informatics of the Czech Republic (Department of Electronic Communications).

After the cancellation of this department, he changed the position to Director of the Electronic Communications Department and then Director of the Digital Economy Section at the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. In autumn of 2012, he was appointed a member of the

Czech Telecommunication Office (CTO) by the Government of the Czech Republic. After that, he became Chairman of the CTO. Jaromír Novák resigned from the position of Chairman and Member of the CTO in January 2020. Jaromír joined the CZ.NIC Association in 2020 and his main duties comprise of monitoring changes in legislation concerning the Association, communication with state administration, local government and the European Union and searching other ways to work with public sector institutions. His hobbies include literature and modern technology.

Ms. Irene KITSARA, Irene Kitsara,
European Standardization Initiatives
Director; IEEE Vienna Global Office,
IEEE Standards Association.

Irene's work at IEEE is focused on topics related to the green and digital transformation, digital governance, strategic partnerships, and issues related to sustainability, circularity and climate change as part of the core team of the IEEE Technology Center for Climate (ITCC). Before joining IEEE in 2022, Irene worked for 13 years at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a specialized UN agency, where she led IP and innovation data-based technology trends publication in 25 technology areas, providing factual evidence to support decision-making. Irene also worked in law firms in Germany and Greece, at the European Patent Office, the European Commission (DG Grow) and the Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social law. Irene is a Greek lawyer admitted at the Athens Bar and holds a Masters in European and International Business law from LMU, Munich.





Ms. Angela Coriz, Policy Officer, ETNO,
European Telecommunications Network
Operators' Association

Angela is a Policy Officer at Connect Europe. She is part of the regulatory and public policy team, and focuses primarily on artificial intelligence, taxation, international affairs, and naming, addressing and numbering.

Mr. Pablo BARRIONUEVO HUÉLAMO

Head of Public Policy and Internet,
Telefónica S.A.

Lawyer with a Degree in Law from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Master's Degree in Diplomacy and International Relations from the Diplomatic School of Madrid, Pablo specialises in the Regulation of the Telecommunications Sector, with extensive international experience in the development of Institutional Relations and Public Policies.

He has collaborated as a speaker on topics of Regulation of Telecommunications with different academic institutions such as the Universidad Panamericana, Universidad Anáhuac, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México or the International University Menéndez Pelayo.

Since December 2019, he has been responsible at Telefónica for the development of the European Green Deal regulatory package issued by the European Commission. He has recently been designated as Telefónica's focal point to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU).



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Coordinator and moderator

Mr. Octavian ȘOFRAŃSKY, Digital Governance Advisor,
Council of Europe

Octavian is currently acting as a Digital Governance Advisor in the Digital Development and Governance Department of the Council of Europe. He oversees the implementation of the Council of Europe Digital Agenda, coordinates relations with technology companies and their associations, members of the Digital Partnership of the Council of Europe, and coordinates cooperation with internet governance forums and institutions.

His experience at the Council of Europe also includes cooperation activities in the field of prevention and combating corruption and money-laundering, assessment of projects financed by the Council of Europe Development Bank, preparation of the organisational Programme of Activities and monitoring the implementation of projects of the IT investment portfolio. He holds a Master in European Studies from the College of Europe in Warsaw, Poland, a Master in Peace studies from the University of Castellon, Spain, and a Diploma in Architecture from the Chișinău Technical University, Moldova.

South-Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance

South-Eastern European Dialogue on Internet Governance (SEEDIG) has been founded in 2014 and is structured as an open and informal space for different stakeholders to discuss Internet-related issues.

Annual forums are held in different parts of the region. The first annual forum was held in June 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria. SEEDIG promotes a healthy, sustainable and inclusive digital advancement of the SEE region through facilitating multistakeholder dialogue and cooperation on addressing issues related to the use, evolution and governance of the Internet and other digital technologies across the region.

SEEDIG is an officially recognized subregional multistakeholder Internet Governance Forum on Internet and digital policy issues. This subregional IGF National and Regional Initiative (NRI) is of particular relevance for South Eastern Europe and its neighbours.

The Council of Europe has participated very regularly from the first version of this event in line with its focus on the Central, South-Eastern and Eastern Europe. For the 2024 edition the Council of Europe has prepared the following sessions:

The internet

provides a space of freedom, facilitating the exercise and enjoyment of fundamental rights, participatory and democratic processes, and social and commercial activities.

In order to ensure a sustainable, people-centred and rights-based approach to the internet, the Council of Europe has engaged in setting and promoting standards, building partnerships and fostering multi-stakeholder dialogue.

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