

Terms of Reference of the Legal Frameworks Group (CAHAI- LFG)

Composition

The CAHAI-LFG shall be composed of up to 20 experts designated by member States, and of participants and observers which express interest in taking part in this working group and in contributing substantively to its work.

Tasks

The CAHAI-LFG shall:

1. Prepare key findings and proposals on possible elements and provisions of a legal framework with a view to elaborating, as appropriate, draft legal instrument(s), for consideration and approval by the CAHAI, taking into account the review of existing legal instruments applicable to artificial intelligence, the main elements of a legal framework set forth in chapter 7 and policy options set out in the feasibility study approved by the CAHAI, as well as the decisions taken by the CAHAI at its third plenary meeting;
2. Develop specific proposals for regulation for the development, design and application of AI in the areas identified as risky by member States and other stakeholders, taking into account member States' regulatory approaches.

Working methods

The CAHAI-LFG will hold 3 meetings in 2021, and one additional meeting if necessary to ensure the completion of its work. It will conduct its work through technology, such as e-mail or other similar means of electronic communication, virtual meetings, and/or physical meetings. The group shall designate a Chair and a Co-chair among its members at its first meeting.

The Council of Europe's budget will cover the costs of participation of the chairpersons (for physical meetings) and those for the organisation of meetings through technological means, to enable the working group to perform its functions and responsibilities through online exchanges.

Participation of members to physical meetings will as a principle be borne by the sending institutions and organisations without defrayal of expenses.

Duration

January 2021 - December 2021