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Housing for migrant persons, a major issue for the respect of human rights

Webinar – IA & Migration

Border control & migration: safeguarding fundamental rights in the age of AI



Date : Thursday November 13 2025



Time : 5:00pm – 7:00pm (CET)



Connection link : [here](#) – no prior registration required.

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The webinar will be held in English with simultaneous translation available in French.

Presentation :

The rapid development of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies is profoundly transforming the management of migration policies: automated border surveillance, facial recognition, algorithmic processing of asylum applications, interconnection of databases... These tools, often deployed in legal grey areas, raise many questions about their compatibility with fundamental rights.

This webinar, organised by the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, with the support of its Standing Committee, aims to:

- Examine current uses of AI in the migration context,
- Assess existing safeguards for the protection of migrants,
- Open the debate on transparency, accountability, and redress mechanisms in an increasingly algorithmic environment.

Policy experts from the Council of Europe, NGO representatives, and people directly concerned will share their perspectives in order to provide a realistic and forward-looking picture of a crucial issue for the founding values of the Council of Europe.

5:00pm | Opening of the webinar

- ◆ [Welcoming words and introduction](#) – **Mr. Daniel Guéry** (Former President of the Committee on the Rights of Persons who are Migrants of the Conference of INGOs 2020-2023)
- ◆ [Presentation of the Committee on Migration Issues and of the objectives of the webinar](#) – **Mrs Christine Monty** (President of the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs)

5:10pm | General introduction: establish the framework

- ◆ « [IA & migration : what challenges for human rights? » - Introduction to the key issue](#) – **Mr. Nikolaos Sitaropoulos** (Head of the Division on Migrations and Refugees of the Council of Europe).

5:40pm | Panel of cross-interventions

 **Speaker 1** : **Mr. Petri Honkonen**, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (Finnish) and rapporteur of the [resolution](#) : 'Artificial Intelligence and Migration: Ensuring Respect for Human Rights in the Use of AI and Migration Management'.
Member of the Committee on Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons.

→ Focus on the [Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence](#) and its implications for migration policies.

 **Speaker 2** : **Mrs. Pauline Fritz**, Research and Advocacy Coordinator at the Border Violence Monitoring Network ([BVMN](#)), NGO network of border monitoring

- Testimonies from the field and critical analysis of the use of technologies at borders
- Focus on the link between technologies and the risk of pushbacks
- Brief focus on the digitalisation of asylum procedures, access to information, and risks of exclusion
- Testimony from a displaced person about their experience (live, depending on connection possibilities)

6:20pm | Q&A with the audience

- ◆ Questions & comments (via online chat or live) – facilitated by **Mrs. Salomé Brun** (board member of the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs)
- ◆ Cross-reactions with the speakers

6:40pm | Conclusions & perspectives

- ◆ Conclusion of the discussions, avenues for further exploration, and proposals for future work – **Mrs. Salomé Brun** (board member of the Committee on Migration Issues of the Conference of INGOs).

6:50pm | Webinar closing remarks

- ◆ [Closing remarks and thanks](#) – **Mr. Daniel Guéry** (Former President of the Committee on the Rights of Persons who are Migrants of the Conference of INGOs 2020-2023)