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CCBE Event

Digital Justice and Fundamental Rights: Safeguarding the Rule of Law in a Technological Era

Date: **20 November 2026**
Location: **Council of Europe, Strasbourg**
Building: Palais de l'Europe, Room 9

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Certificates will be issued for online participation of at least 4 hours.



The general moderator of the event will be CCBE Secretary-General Simone Cuomo.

9.00 – 09.15 | Opening remarks



Roman Završek
President of the CCBE

9.15 – 09.30 | Keynote Address

"Digitalisation of Justice and the Protection of Fundamental Rights in Europe"



Gianluca Esposito
Director General of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe

9.30 – 10.45 | Panel 1

"European Digital Sovereignty: Protecting Fundamental Rights in an Age of Technological Dependence"

Roundtable description: As justice systems increasingly rely on private technologies, cloud infrastructure, AI providers, and cross-border data flows, can Europe preserve its human rights framework if critical digital infrastructures and AI systems are controlled elsewhere?

Speakers



Beti Hohler
Judge at the International Criminal Court



Vasilka Sancin
Judge at the European Court of Human Rights



Jan Spoenle
Judge, Germany, and member of the working group on Cyberjustice and AI of the Council of Europe European Commission for the efficiency of justice (CEPEJ)

Moderator



Alex Tallon
First Vice-President of the CCBE

10.45 – 11.15 | Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45 | Panel 2

"AI in Justice Systems: Efficiency vs. Fundamental Rights?"

Roundtable description: This panel will address the growing use of artificial intelligence in judicial systems and its implications for the rule of law, judicial independence, and accountability.

Speakers



Hugh Mercer
Judge at the European Court of Human Rights



Ingrid Derveaux
Secretary-General of the European Judicial Training



Dominic Gerstberger
Chair of the CCBE IT Law Committee

Moderator



Imbi Jürgen
Second Vice-President of the CCBE

12.45 – 14.15 | Lunch

14.15 – 15.45 | Panel 3

"How to communicate, protect and defend the Rule of Law in a digitalised Society"

Roundtable description: This panel will explore how the legal profession can contribute to protecting and promoting the rule of law in the digital age. It will consider how the judiciary, lawyers, and Bars and Law Societies can communicate more effectively about the importance of the rule of law, counter misleading narratives and defend the independence of the legal profession and the judiciary in the digital public space. The discussion will also examine the responsibilities of public authorities and digital platforms, and how new technologies, including artificial intelligence, should be developed and used in a manner consistent with fundamental rights, democratic values and the rule of law.

Speakers



Anna Adamska-Gallant
Judge at the European Court of Human Rights



Jeff Lewis
Deputy Vice-President at the Law Society of England and Wales



Roya Sangi
Chair of the Human Rights Committee, German Bar Association



Moderator

Noemí Alarcón Velasco
Third Vice-President of the CCBE

15.45 –16.00 | Closing remarks



Mattias Guyomar
President of the European Court of Human Rights