

Final Conference

Safeguarding Fundamental Rights in the Digital Transformation of Criminal Justice

Ateneo Veneto - Venice, 12th of October 2026

Day 1

14:00 – 14:30	Welcome & Institutional Greetings Keynote Speech: the evolution of digital rights within European judicial cooperation	Paola De Franceschi , Judge at the Court of Appeal of Venice
14:30 – 15:30	Session I - Project Results: Soft Guidelines for Practitioners DIGITAL RIGHTS Project: main outcomes and European added value: Overview of the project activities, methodology and key achievements. Presentation of the Soft Guidelines: introducing the methodological tools developed for judges and defense lawyers Digital Evidence & Due Process: addressing vulnerabilities and establishing best practices for digital evidence integrity	Sarah Holland , Researcher and Lecturer in the fields of Human Rights, HFOV (DE) Sergio Bianchi , Director of the Agenfor International Foundation Stefanie Knaab , NGO Gewaltfrei in die Zukunft
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 – 18:00	Session II – AI, Tech Tools, and Procedural Safeguards General Introduction and Framing AI, Tech Tools and Criminal Procedure: A New Test for Procedural Safeguards Topic I AI in Criminal Investigations: Transparency, Accountability and Judicial Control	Moderator Vasiliki Artinopoulou Professor in Criminology at the Panteion University of Athens, Director of the Institute on Crime & Criminal Justice of EPLO Lorena Bachmaier Winter Full Professor of Procedural Law, Complutense - University of Madrid Lorenzo Salazar Senior Advisor on International Cooperation in Criminal Matters; Chair of the European



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	Topic II Defence Rights in the Digital Era: From Access to Effective Challenge Topic III Cross-Border Digital Evidence: EIO, e-Evidence and Jurisdictional Challenges Final Roundtable How to Harmonise Procedural Guarantees across Member States in AI-Driven and Data-Driven Criminal Proceedings Closing Remarks	Committee on Crime Problems of the Council of Europe; former Deputy Prosecutor General at the Court of Appeal of Naples Gaia Caneschi Criminal defence lawyer, Associate Professor of Criminal Procedure at the University of Milan Amedeo Barletta PhD, Criminal defence lawyer, Studio Legale Barletta, Italy; Vice Chair of the European Criminal Bar Association; co-head of the Observatory on European Law of the Union of the Italian Criminal Chambers All speakers Moderator Vasiliki Artinopoulou
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Day 2

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome & Institutional Greetings Recap of day one and introduction to the policy-oriented sessions.	
09:30 – 11:00	Session III - The New E-Evidence Regulation Topic I European Production and Preservation Orders under the New E-Evidence Regulation	Moderator TBC Vanessa Franssen Professor of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure, University of Liège; part-time Professor, KU Leuven; specialist in



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	Topic II Legal and Institutional Challenges in Transnational Data Gathering Topic III Challenging the Legality and Admissibility of E-Evidence	cybercrime, EU criminal law, criminal procedure and digital evidence Lea Stavrou Lawyer and Project Manager, Programme Officer at the European Public Law Organization (EPLO), with experience in EU-funded justice and rule-of-law projects Gwen Jansen – de Wolf Criminal defence lawyer, Gwen Janses Advocatuur, Amsterdam, Netherlands; coordinator Cybercrime, Tech and AI working group of the European Criminal Bar Association
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break	
11:15 – 12:15	Topic IV Legal Professional Privilege under the E-Evidence Regulation: Putting the Safeguards to the Test Final Roundtable Can the New E-Evidence Framework Deliver Efficiency without Undermining Defence Rights? Closing Remarks	Federico Cappelletti Criminal defence lawyer, Studio Legale Cappelletti, Venice, Italy; co-head of the Observatory on European Law of the Union of the Italian Criminal Chambers All speakers
12:15 – 12:45	Session IV - Project Results and Systemic Risks • Mapping systemic risks in digital criminal justice • Operational responses to the AI Act and new EU digital regulations • Sustainability & Exploitation: long-term use of project results and training platforms	Sergio Bianchi Director of the Agenfor International Foundation



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12:45 – 13:00	Session V - Future Perspectives and Policy Impact • Future Challenges • Closing remarks from the Project Management team	Sergio Bianchi Director of the Agenfor International Foundation
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