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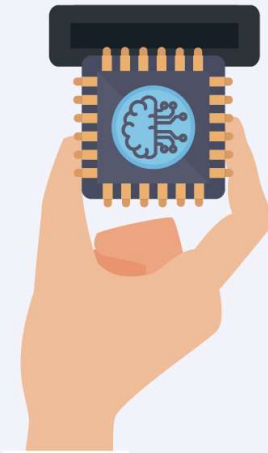
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS



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Date: 19-20 March 2026
Course duration: 2 months
**Format: in person launch followed
by online tutored course**
Open to: judges, prosecutors and court staff from EU MS
Language: English
**Council of Europe HELP Certificates delivered for successful
participants**
**Organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Judicial
Academy of the Slovak Republic**

Participation in this training contributes to the goal set by EU **Judicial Training Strategy** of training legal professionals, on EU law, by 2024.



Thematic Seminar and HELP course launch Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights *Concept paper and Agenda*

Date	19-20 March 2026
Location	Detached department of Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic, Omšenie 820, 914 43 Omšenie and online
Language	English
Participation	Judges, prosecutors and court staff from Slovakia and from other EU MS

Background

The **Council of Europe (CoE) Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP)**¹ supports the CoE member states in implementing European human rights standards at the national level, focusing on the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), the European Social Charter, other key CoE instruments, and, since 2015, relevant EU legal framework. This is done by raising the capacities of professionals to apply those instruments in their daily work.

The objective of HELP is to provide high quality education on human rights to judges, prosecutors and lawyers throughout Europe, and beyond. Law enforcement authorities such as police and prison staff may also be targeted by HELP. Thanks to HELP courses, legal professionals can better protect human rights on a national level and keep up to date with the ever-evolving standards and case law of the European Courts: the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the EU. HELP courses specifically designed for EU countries increasingly incorporate relevant EU legal content.

HELP's three pillars are:

1. A European **Network** of national training institutions for judges, prosecutors and lawyers in the 46 CoE member states, and beyond.
2. **Free online courses on human rights** hosted on an e-learning platform.
3. A human rights **training methodology** for (mainly) legal professionals.

The EU-CoE HELP in the EU IV Project

The EU-CoE 'Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals in the European Union IV' Project (HELP in the EU IV) is funded by the EU and implemented by the CoE from 1 November 2024 to 31 March 2025. Its overall objective is to **promote the digitalisation of national justice systems** and to **contribute to the effective and coherent application of European standards** in selected areas of fundamental rights, including non-discrimination, equality, and the rule of law, civil law and criminal law, as enshrined in both the CoE and EU systems and frameworks. The promotion of digitalisation will be done through training aimed at building the 'digital capacity' of justice/legal professionals on substantive law, digital procedures and digital tools.

The project aims to enhance EU MS justice professionals' capacities (knowledge and skills) in priority topics, in line with the principles lined out in the Council of Europe's [Reykjavík Declaration - United around our values](#), through the **implementation of HELP courses and networking seminars for justice professionals**, in a format aimed at preparing them to embrace digitalisation and the use of new

¹ For more information on HELP please visit HELP's website: www.coe.int/help

technologies in the learning process. The Project will make use of the already developed HELP courses, will enhance the EU dimension and the CoE-EU interplay when updating courses and will develop new training material. The Project also aims to **strengthen the HELP Network in the EU**, as well as the capacity of the Network members to **effectively implement the HELP methodology and courses** and contribute to **increasing mutual trust and exchanges between EU practitioners**.

The HELP course on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an evolving field that holds immense potential to transform many sectors, including law. The integration of AI in our daily lives brings numerous benefits, such as supporting the efficiency of judicial systems and increase innovative technical solutions. However, it is also crucial to understand its implications on human rights, democracy, and the rule of law.

The deployment and use of AI technologies may pose risks related to, for example, privacy, data protection, non-discrimination, and access to justice. AI systems often rely on large datasets, which can include personal information, necessitating a balance between AI use and privacy rights as outlined in the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Council of Europe European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).

AI algorithms can inadvertently perpetuate biases, leading to discriminatory practices. Additionally, AI's potential impact on access to justice raises concerns about transparency, accountability, and fairness, necessitating adherence to human rights standards to maintain public trust and the integrity of legal systems. The Council of Europe (CoE) has been consistently working on AI and has identified it as one of its key strategic priority in the Digital Agenda 2022-2025. A landmark achievement includes the adoption by the Committee of Ministers, on 17 May 2024, of the Council of Europe of the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence.

The complexity of AI means that many people, including legal professionals, may not fully understand the legal challenges AI poses. It is crucial for legal practitioners to grasp the basics of AI, including its limitations and implication, to effectively address and navigate the legal issues that arise from its use.

About the course

The HELP course on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights aims to enhance the understanding of AI technologies and some of their human rights implications. Its objective is to assist professionals in navigating the relevant legal and regulatory landscape, while fostering ethical decision-making.

The course provides information about the most important instruments at international and European level, and their practical implementation across Europe and beyond, focusing on the Council of Europe and the European Union frameworks. Developed using the HELP methodology, the topics are explored in a practical way by using presentations, interactive screens, knowledge tests and reflective exercises, enabling the users to apply the gained knowledge and skills.



Learning Objectives 5/8

By the end of this course, you will:

1. Develop a **comprehensive understanding** of AI technologies and Human Rights implications
2. Effectively **navigate the evolving legal and regulatory landscape** related to AI
3. Contribute to ensuring an **effective protection of human rights** in the context of AI technologies.

This HELP course was developed in 2024 by the [Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals \(HELP\) Programme of the Council of Europe](#), by using the HELP methodology, in close cooperation with relevant services within the DG Human Rights and Rule of Law of the Council of Europe, as well as from the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights.

The course also benefitted from contributions from the project Foster Transparency of Judicial Decisions and Enhancing the National Implementation of the ECHR ([TJENI](#)), funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation.

Target audience

The course is primarily addressed at legal/justice professionals (judges, prosecutors, lawyers) competent supervisory authorities, AI providers and users.

It can also be useful for other legal and justice professionals, as well as the IT sector, staff of civil society organisations, academia, university students, scholars, EU/CoE staff and anyone wishing to enhance their knowledge on Artificial Intelligence.

Course outline

The course has an introductory module and 5 substantive modules:

0	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the course and the Council of Europe HELP Programme• For whom and by whom• Learning objectives• Resources• Structure
1	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is AI?• Basic concepts• Current limitations of AI• Implications• Summary and Knowledge check
2	International and European frameworks and their principles concerning AI <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Council of Europe• European Union• Other frameworks• Key AI principles• Conclusion and Knowledge check
3	AI and regulation in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Introductory remarks

4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The EU AI ACT• The Council of Europe's Convention on AI, human rights, democracy, and the rule of law• Knowledge check
	Thematic issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• AI and Privacy• AI and Non-discrimination• AI and Freedom of expression• AI and Justice• Conclusion
5	AI, what's next? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• AI, What's Next?• General Advances• Societal Implications• Emerging Technologies• Summary

The launch

The activity is organised under the EU-CoE HELP in the EU IV Project. The **thematic seminar and launch event will be held in a hybrid format** – at the **Detached department of Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic, Omšenie 820, 914 43 Omšenie and online**. The travel and per diem of participants attending face-to-face will be covered by the Council of Europe. Accommodation is kindly being ensured by the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic. Its goal is to introduce participants to the HELP platform and the course page on which the group will follow the course with the assistance of a tutor. Moreover, the launch will include a series of presentations gave by experts, aimed at providing the participants with background information and motivate them to follow the course. The working language will be **English**.

The seminar will be attended by two separate groups:

- A group of judges, prosecutors and court staff from the Slovak Republic (face-to-face and online)
- An international group of judges, prosecutors and court staff from EU member states (online)

The course preparation and implementation

Before the event, participants should create an account on the [HELP e-learning platform](#)

For creating your HELP account, please follow these steps:

- go to this link and fill in the form (it takes about 2 mins):
<https://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/login/signup.php>
- once submitted, you will receive an activation link on the email you used for creating the account
- go to your email inbox and click on the link to activate your account.

VIDEO TUTORIAL
how to create a HELP account

Before the event, the participants will have to register on their course page, prepared in advance and sent to them by their tutors. Over the following weeks and based on the presented planning, the participants will go through the **online course**, complemented by the additional materials and resources prepared by the tutors.

The participants who have successfully completed the course and passed the evaluation set by the tutors will receive **certificates issued by the HELP Programme of the Council of Europe and the Judicial Academy of the Slovak Republic.**

Registration

Interested participants should:

- be available to **attend the launch event** (in person or online)
- undertake to **follow and complete the online tutored course** in the following 2 months (approx. 1-2 hours of work per week)
- **have the necessary knowledge of English** to follow the launch event and the online course
- have a laptop/tablet/smartphone available for accessing the HELP e-learning platform

Selected participants will be contacted the HELP team for arranging their travel and providing the necessary information about the event.

Further information

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Thematic seminar and launch of the HELP course on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights Agenda (19-20 March 2026)

Thursday, 19 March 2026	
09.45-10.00	Registration of participants
10.00-10.05	Welcome address <i>TBC</i>
10.05-11.00	Presentation of the HELP Programme and the 'HELP in the EU IV' Project Tour de table <i>Oana Girlescu, EU-CoE HELP in the EU IV Project Manager, Council of Europe</i>
11.00-11.30	Why European legal professionals need training on AI and how was the HELP course created <i>TBC</i>
11.30-11.45	Break (Group photo)
11.45-12.30	Council of Europe AI standards: The Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence Daniel Pap <i>Legal Advisor to the Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAI) at the Council of Europe</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch break
13.30-14.15	AI and human rights: criminal law perspective <i>TBD</i>
14.15-14.30	Break
14.30-16.30	TBC <i>TBD</i>
16.30-16.45	Break
16.45-17.15	TBC <i>TBD</i>
17.15-17.30	Q/A session, conclusions and closure of the first day <i>TBC</i>
17.30-18.30	Dinner



Friday, 20 March 2026	
08.45-09.00	Registration of participants
09.00-10.00	Exploring Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice starting from the Slovak Experience <i>TBD</i>
10.00-10.30	TBC <i>TBD</i>
10.30-11.30	Presentation of the HELP course on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights The implementation of the course: presentation of the course pages, planning, evaluation <i>TBC (HELP tutors)</i>
11.30-11.45	Conclusions and closure <i>TBC</i>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch

**Agenda may be subject to change*