

## The Copenhagen Principles for the Protection of Human Rights in the Digital Age: Europe Regional Consultation

While digital technologies create new opportunities for the enjoyment of human rights, they have also generated novel forms of abuse. These emerging practices in the digital environment have given rise to particular challenges that require interpretations and constructions of international standards specifically tailored to respond to technology-enabled violations and abuses and ensure adequate human rights protection.

In response to these challenges, the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) have established an initiative to elaborate the Copenhagen Principles and Guidance for the Protection of Human Rights in the Digital Age, carried out by a group of 18 leading global legal experts.

As part of this process, the Europe regional consultation will serve as one in a series of regional, multi-stakeholder dialogues designed to inform the development of the global legal principles and accompanying guidance.

The consultation aims to gather a broad range of recommendations to strengthen the Copenhagen Principles and ensure their applicability at both regional and national levels; and contribute to a cross-cutting analysis of national legal frameworks, practices, and policies in Europe, generating insights that complement and contextualize the global legal principles.

The consultation will convene a diverse group of stakeholders, including representatives of civil society, National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), academia, legal practitioners, policymakers, and the private sector.

**Time:** 18 June 2026, 9:30-14:30

**Place:** Les Ateliers des tanneurs, Rue des Tanneurs 60A, Brussels

Register for the consultation [here](#).

More information about the Copenhagen Principles project can be found [here](#).

## Programme

The consultation will focus on the draft Copenhagen Principles that cover general principles; States' duties to respect, protect, and fulfil human rights in the digital space; private sector responsibilities; international accountability frameworks; and the right to effective remedy and reparation for digital-era human rights violations.

Discussions will examine how digital technologies can both advance and threaten human rights, the lack of international consensus on key concepts and standards, and the resulting inconsistencies in State practice. Participants will also explore regulatory challenges posed by emerging technologies and the human rights responsibilities of technology companies, including due diligence, corporate accountability, and access to remedies.

## Facilitators

- Nieves Molina-Clemente, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- Francesca Fanucci, European Centre for Not-for-profit Law

## Agenda

9:00-9:30	Arrival and registration & coffee/light breakfast
9:30-10:00	Welcome & Overview of the Project and Latest Status of the Draft Principles
10:00-11.15	National and Regional Challenges in Protecting Human Rights in the Digital Space — General Principles and State Obligations
11.15-12.30	National and Regional Challenges in Protecting Human Rights in the Digital Space — Companies' Responsibilities
12:30-13:15	Lunch
13:15-14:00	National and Regional Challenges in Protecting Human Rights in the Digital Space — Accountability and Access to Justice, Remedies, and Reparation
14:00-14.30	Applying the Copenhagen Principles in Practice

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