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2-day Training Seminar: “AI and decision-making processes, compliance with the rights of individuals”

The International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) and the Office of the Chancellor of Justice of Estonia in collaboration with the e-Governance Academy (eGA) invites you to participate in a 2-day training seminar on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in **Tallinn ESTONIA, October 15–16, 2024**.

AI and automated decision-making have advanced rapidly over the past decade, outpacing society's ability to establish key principles, especially regarding fundamental rights and monitoring mechanisms. Despite this, AI is increasingly used in public and private sectors, often without sufficient transparency or guarantees that rights are protected. To address this, ombudspersons must be ready for the impact of AI on their work. This involves understanding AI's role in service delivery and readiness to provide effective oversight of these services.

The seminar aims to provide participants a deeper understanding on the field of AI and automatic administrative decisions (technological, legal and ethical view), improving their readiness to provide effective oversight on the human rights compliance in AI development, deployment, and use of AI systems according to their mandate. Also to evaluate, whether their information systems and evidence handling procedures are ready to handle AI-related cases.

Scope of the agenda:

The training seminar spans two full days, offering a comprehensive schedule designed to provide in-depth learning and engagement. Each day will be packed with a variety of sessions, including expert presentations and interactive discussions, ensuring that participants gain valuable insights and practical skills.

On the first day, we will cover the fundamentals of AI, including its various applications, functions, types, and underlying logic. We will draw on real-life experiences and discuss relevant procedures.

The second day will focus on the legal and ethical dimensions of AI, with a particular emphasis on the EU regulations that took effect in 2024. Given that Offices of Ombudspersons must be prepared to oversee the human rights compliance of AI systems used by public authorities, this topic is especially crucial.

Active discussions and experience sharing are encouraged throughout the training, and all participants should be prepared to engage at any time during the event.

Daily moderators and speakers:

Moderator and Speaker for Day 1: **Tanel Tammet**

Tanel Tammet is a Professor of Applied Artificial Intelligence at Tallinn University of Technology. He is a computer scientist, software engineer, and programmer. His expertise includes natural sciences, engineering, computer science, numerical analysis, and AI, with a focus on commonsense reasoning, automated theorem proving, and recommendation systems.

In the 1990s, he worked as a researcher and Professor Extraordinary at Tallinn University of Technology and Chalmers University of Technology. In the 2000s, he served as a Professor at both universities, Chief Software Architect at Eesti Energia AS, Project Lead at ELIKO Competence Centre, and Architect of cybersecurity solutions at Cybernetica AS.

Currently, he continues to teach and consult as a Professor at Tallinn University of Technology's School of Information Technologies.

Moderator and Speaker for Day 2: **Katrin Nyman-Metcalf**

Katrin Nyman-Metcalf is a Professor of Law and Senior Legal Expert with 30 years of experience. Her focus includes public international law, EU law, communications law, IT law, AI law, e-governance, regulatory issues, data protection, freedom of expression, competition law, and administrative law.

In the 1990s, she worked with Swedish Government Ministries, Uppsala University, and Bosnia Herzegovina's Communications Regulatory Agency. Since the 2000s, she has held roles as Legal Adviser with the Kosovo Independent Media Commission, Professor at Tbilisi State University, Legal Expert with Albany Associates UK and OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media Austria and has taught at Tallinn University of Technology and the e-Governance Academy.

Other (session) speakers will be announced in September.

Venue:

The training seminar will take place in the Office of the Chancellor of Justice of Estonia (Kohtu 8, 15193 Tallinn, Estonia).

Costs:

No fee is charged for participation in the training seminar. Training-related costs, such as lecturers, the venue, coffee breaks, lunches, and dinner, will be covered by IOI funding. Each Office is expected to cover their participants' travel expenses, including flights, accommodation, and insurance.

Participants and registration:

Participation is limited to 25 persons. The training will be held in person and will not be streamed online. The training language is English.

To ensure broad and diverse representation across the IOI member organizations, we kindly request that each organization submit a maximum of two candidates for participation in the training seminar. When registering, please designate one candidate as your priority choice and the other as a secondary option whose candidacy will be considered if additional spots are available.

Participants are expected to have a professional interest in the outlined issues and a good level of proficiency in English.

To nominate a staff member for the training, please fill out the online form at <https://www.oiguskantsler.ee/en/registration-ai-training>. The deadline for applications is **September 13, 2024**.

All applicants will be notified of their registration status once the selection process is complete.

E-learning platform:

An e-learning platform on artificial intelligence will be launched after the training event. This platform will feature most of the materials handled during the training and offer participants and those interested in the materials the opportunity to test their acquired knowledge. Details on how to access the platform will be provided in a separate invitation sent to the IOI members.

Contact of the organiser:

For any questions regarding the training seminar, please contact Ms. Kertti Pilvik, Head of International Relations and Organisational Development of the Office of the Chancellor of Justice of Estonia, at kertti.pilvik@oiguskantsler.ee.