



#DIGITALISATION and #AI in Criminal Justice

Tech&Law, OSINT, AI and machine learning
Zagreb, 15-16 June 2026



EXCELLENCE IN
EUROPEAN LAW¹

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Key topics

- Technical issues (internet caches, proxy servers, encryption, deep/dark web, etc.)
- Legal issues (evaluation of the search results, reliability and credibility of authentication, search across jurisdictions)
- Presenting internet searches in court
- Videoconferencing
- Artificial intelligence (AI)

Language
English

Event number
326DT003

Organisers
ERA (Laviero Buono) in cooperation
with the Croatian Judicial Academy



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Monday, 15 June 2026

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:30 **Welcome and introduction to the programme**
NN & Laviero Buono

I. PART I: TECHNICAL ISSUES AND BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERNET ARCHITECTURE AND CONCEPTS

Chair: Laviero Buono

09:35 **Digital evidence: Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)**

- Introduction and the role of OSINT
- Efficient dialogue with search engines
- How OSINT is used by hackers
- Use case scenarios

Rūta Jašinskienė

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Break

11:30 **How Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) can be applied in legal practice**

- RAG in legal practice
- AI connected to internal documents
- Knowledge retrieval and contract review
- Source-based answers and reduced hallucinations
- Privacy, confidentiality, ethics

Leonarda Stanarević

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

II. PART II: LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO THE COLLECTION AND THE PRESENTATION OF E-EVIDENCE IN COURT

Chair: Rūta Jašinskienė

13:30 **Evolving definition of crimes:**

- How AI transforms criminal proceedings // Cyber crimes 2.0
- Pretty-Good-Privacy phones: developments in the admissibility of data

Sandor Bosch

14:15 Discussion

14:30 Break

15:00 **Artificial intelligence and handling electronic evidence in courts**

- AI impact on investigations
- Trial considerations: methods of presentation and admissibility tests
- Criminals' new *modus operandi*
- Case studies

Rainer Franosch

15:45 **Is mandatory disclosure of digital access fair? Evaluating e-evidence, pins and passwords**

Muthupandi Ganesan

16:30 Discussion

16:45 End of the first day

19:30 Dinner offered by the organisers

Objective

This seminar addresses various challenges linked to digitalisation that judges, prosecutors and lawyers in private practice working in the field of EU Criminal Justice will have to face for the years ahead. Some of these challenges such as the exchange of electronic evidence, videoconferencing, use of open-source intelligence, artificial intelligence, digital technology, etc. are there to stay and will become the 'new normal'.

This event is part of a large-scale project sponsored by the European Commission entitled 'Judicial training to prepare criminal justice professionals to #digitalisation and #artificialintelligence'. It consists of 12 seminars to take place in various EU cities over the period 2024-2027.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors, court staff and lawyers in private practice, who are citizens of eligible EU Member States participating in the EU Justice Programme (Denmark does not participate), Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Moldova and Ukraine.

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Venue

Hotel Academia

Ul. Ivana Tkalčića 88
10000 Zagreb

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Tuesday, 16 June 2026

III. PART III: VIDEOCONFERENCING, DATA RETENTION AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Chair: David Silva Ramalho

09:30 Presenting evidence in court: e-files, videoconferences and remote trials

- Remote trials during and after the pandemic
- E-files
- Witness videoconferences
- Vulnerable victims

Sabina Klaneček

10:00 Discussion

10:15 Data retention – data protection vs. the risk of systemic impunity

- Significance of data retention for the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed online and offline
- Case law of the CJEU
- State of play of legislation on EU and national level

Michael Rothärmel

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Break

Chair: Sandor Bosch

11:30 Technical insights for the preparation, identification and preservation phase

- The importance of the chain of custody in handling electronic evidence
- Case studies

David Silva Ramalho

12:00 Discussion

12:15 From Identity to Content to Evidence: Is Our (Mis)Trust Misplaced in the Age of Deepfakes and Agentic AI?

- From “seeing in believing” to synthetic reality
- Deepfakes and generative AI: the state of the art
- Automation and agentic AI: scaling deception and crime
- Implications for digital crime and criminal justice
- Rethinking the evaluation of evidence

Julija Kalpokienė

12:45 Discussion

13:00 End of the seminar and light lunch

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Terms and conditions of participation

Selection

1. Participation is only open to judges, prosecutors, court staff and lawyers in private practice from eligible EU Member States participating in the EU Justice Programme (Denmark does not participate) including Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Ukraine and Kosovo* (*this designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*). The number of places available is limited (30 places). Participation will be subject to a selection procedure.
2. Applications should be submitted before **16 February 2026**.
3. A response will be sent to every applicant after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel before you receive our confirmation.**

Registration Fee

4. €135 including documentation, coffee breaks, lunches and dinner.

Travel and Accommodation Expenses

5. Participants will receive a fixed contribution towards their travel expenses and are asked to book their own travel. The condition for payment of this contribution is to sign all attendance sheets at the event. Participants are required to provide supporting documentation demonstrating that the travel has taken place. The amount of the contribution will be determined by the EU unit cost calculation guidelines, which are based on the distance from the participant's place of work to the seminar location and will not take account of the participant's actual travel costs.
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9. Accommodation costs: International participants travelling more than 50km one-way will receive a fixed contribution of €208. National participants will receive an overall fixed contribution of €104. For more information, please consult <https://era-comm.eu/go/unit-cost-decision-travel> (COM Decision C(2021)35).
10. Successful applicants will be sent the relevant claim form and information on how to obtain payment of the contribution to their expenses. Please note that no payment is possible if the registered participant cancels their participation for any reason.

Participation

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13. The participant will be asked to give permission for their address and other relevant information to be stored in ERA's database in order to provide information about future ERA events.

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