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Conference

AI and the Justice Sector in the EU Regulatory Landscape (I) - Criminal matters

Sofia, 1-2 December 2026

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Venue: National Institute of Justice, 14 Ekzarh Yossif Str., 1301 Sofia

PROGRAMME

Objectives:

The conference aims to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the role of artificial intelligence in the justice sector, with particular attention to law enforcement and criminal justice applications. It explores the regulatory framework of the EU AI Act, including its risk-based approach, ethical and fundamental rights safeguards, and compliance requirements. Through expert presentations, practical demonstrations, and case-based discussions, the conference seeks to equip participants with the knowledge to critically assess AI-driven tools used in areas such as automated law enforcement, financial crime prevention, predictive justice, and international criminal investigations, while ensuring transparency, accountability, and respect for fundamental rights.

TUESDAY 1 December 2026

08.30 Registration/Login of participants

09.00 **Welcome of participants and introduction to the programme**

- Objectives and expected outcomes

Cristina M. Mariottini

09.30 **Keynote – The EU AI Act and Its Impact on the Justice Sector (Cristina)**

- Overview of the EU AI Act: Objectives, Risk-Based Approach, and Compliance (e.g., Recital 61, Article 1(3), Article 28, Article 64, Annex III)
- The Role of AI in Judicial Systems: Opportunities & Challenges
- Ethical and Fundamental Rights Considerations

Cristina M. Mariottini

10.15 **Q&A**

10.30 Coffee Break



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- 11.00 **AI and Automated Law Enforcement – Risks and Opportunities**
- AI in Border Control and Immigration Decisions
 - AI-Powered Surveillance & Its Compatibility with Human Rights Law
 - The Role of AI in Fraud Detection and Cybercrime Investigations
- 11.45 **Q&A**
- 12.00 **The Role of AI in Preventing Financial Crime and Corruption**
- AI for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Counter-Terrorism Financing (CTF)
- 12.45 **Q&A**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.30 **AI and Predictive Justice – Balancing Efficiency and Fairness**
- The Role of AI in Legal Research & Case Prediction
 - Predictive Analytics in Crime Prevention and Sentencing
 - Ethical and Legal Challenges of AI-Driven Judicial Forecasting
- 15.15 **Q&A**
- 15.30 Coffee Break
- 16.00 **Ethical AI & Decentralization – What Comes Next?**
- Can Decentralized AI Improve Legal Transparency?
 - The Risks of Over-Reliance on AI in Judicial Systems
 - The Future of AI Governance in the EU and Beyond
- 16.45 **Q&A**
- 17.00 End of Day 1

WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026

- 09.00 **Presentation of Platform on AI in criminal matters**
- 10.00 **Q&A**
- 10.15 Coffee Break
- 10.45 **AI in International Criminal Law & War Crimes Investigations**
- AI for Analyzing War Crimes Evidence & Satellite Imagery
 - The Role of AI in Witness Protection & Anonymization
- 11.30 **Q&A**
- 11.45 **Closing Remarks**
- 12.00 **Evaluation**
- 12.30 **END OF CONFERENCE**



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