

Doing AI the European way: Protecting fundamental rights in an era of artificial intelligence



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Michael O'Flaherty is Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights since 2015. He is a former Professor of Human Rights at the University of Nottingham and the National University of Ireland, Galway. From 2004 to 2012 he was a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, latterly as Vice-Chair, and he was principal drafter for the Human Rights Committee General Comment 34 on the Freedoms of Opinion and Expression. O'Flaherty has held a variety of other positions at the United Nations, both at headquarters and in the field, in which connection he witnessed, reported on, and sought to mitigate human rights abuses in such places as Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sierra Leone. He has also served as Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, as Chairperson of the Irish Penal Reform Trust, and as Vice-Chair of the Universal Rights Group. A solicitor of the Irish Courts, O'Flaherty received his Doctor of Laws from the National University of Ireland and holds degrees in international relations, philosophy, and theology.



Didier Reynders

Commissioner for Justice, European Commission

A father of four, Didier Reynders was born in Liège on 6th August 1958. In 1981, he obtained a degree in law at the University of Liège. Guest lecturer at the universities of Liège and Louvain, he has never really left the academic life until he became on 1st December 2019 European Commissioner for Justice. After presiding the Belgian railways and the Belgian Airways Agency, he was elected Deputy Chairman of the PRL (Liberal party), before becoming a Member of Parliament in 1992. On 12th July 1999, he became Minister of Finance (until 6th December 2011) and, on 18th July 2004, (concurrently) Deputy Prime Minister (until 30th November 2019). He was Chairman of the Mouvement Réformateur (liberal party alliance) from 11th October 2004 until 14th February 2011. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs from 6th December 2011 until 11th October 2014. He became Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs, in charge of Beliris and Federal Cultural Institutions on 11th October 2014 (until 30th November 2019). He has also been Minister of Defense since 9 December 2018. Since 1st December 2019 he is European Commissioner for Justice, in charge of Rule of Law and Consumer Protection.



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Janosch Delcker is an award-winning political journalist covering technology and digital policy. Between 2015 and 2020, he worked as a Berlin-based staff correspondent for Politico. In January 2018 – as the first journalist at a major publication assigned to the beat – he became Politico’s Artificial Intelligence Correspondent, overseeing the publication’s coverage about AI until his departure in December 2020. Previous to joining Politico, Janosch was a staff reporter at Spiegel and DW. His reporting has also been published by outlets including the New York Times, Deutschlandradio, Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung or the Intercept. In 2015, he was awarded with the U.S. Foreign Press Association’s national award for his coverage of U.S. politics. Janosch is a former Fulbright scholar and a graduate of the mid-career M.A. program in political journalism at Columbia University Journalism School. He also holds another Master’s degree from New York University and a B.A. degree from Humboldt University Berlin. He tweets about AI and tech policy at [@JanoschDelcker](https://twitter.com/JanoschDelcker)



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Touria Meliani

Deputy Mayor of Amsterdam, responsible for the Digital City

Touria Meliani is the Deputy Mayor of the city of Amsterdam, responsible for Arts and Culture, and Digital City. She is committed in her work towards advancing policies on digitalization which go beyond the concept of Smart Cities and facilitate innovation. The City of Amsterdam has set as a clear priority the need to protect the digital rights of its citizens and to explore all the opportunities that innovation and new technologies have to offer. Meliani has a background in the cultural sector. She has been the director of the Tolhuistuin, a cross-cultural hub in Amsterdam North. Since 2017 she is also a board member of the National Committee 4 en 5 mei, the national remembrance and liberation committee.



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Mireille Hildebrandt is a Research Professor on ‘Interfacing Law and Technology’ at Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB), appointed by the VUB Research Council. She is co-Director of the Research Group on Law Science Technology and Society studies (LSTS) at the Faculty of Law and Criminology. She also holds the part-time Chair of Smart Environments, Data Protection and the Rule of Law at the Science Faculty, at the Institute for Computing and Information Sciences (iCIS) at Radboud University Nijmegen. Her research interests concern the implications of automated decisions, machine learning and mindless artificial agency for law and the rule of law in constitutional democracies. Hildebrandt has published 5 scientific monographs, 23 edited volumes or special issues, and over 100 chapters and articles in scientific journals and volumes. She received an ERC Advanced Grant for her project on ‘Counting as a Human Being in the era of Computational Law’ (2019–2024).



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Claire Hédon

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Claire Hédon took her first steps in radio at the end of her studies in 1987. After having hosted the programme “Priorité santé” on Radio France Internationale (RFI) for 14 years, she was head of programmes for 3 years. As a volunteer in the ATD Fourth World movement for 28 years, she served as Chair for 5 years. She was a member of the National Consultative Ethics Committee for 3 years. She has written and collaborated on several books, including *Le Sida aujourd'hui* (2008), *La Vérité sur vos médicaments* (in collaboration, 2015), *Zéro chômeur ! Dix territoires relèvent le défi* (in collaboration, 2019). After studying law and communication, Claire Hédon became a journalist-reporter at RFI and France Inter. For thirteen years, from 2003 to 2017, she hosted “Priorité santé” on RFI, a daily medical news programme, followed by more than four million listeners in French-speaking Africa. In 2017, she became head of programmes. In 1992, she joined ATD Fourth World, a movement against extreme poverty, where she would remain a volunteer for twenty-eight years. For twelve years, she took part in the Fourth World Popular's Universities, in forums for discussion, reflection and training between people experiencing extreme poverty and others committed to them.



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Sebastiano Toffaletti is the Secretary General of European DIGITAL SME Alliance, that he contributed to found back in 2008. Today, European DIGITAL SME Alliance is the largest association of small and medium sized digital companies in Europe. Its members, national SME associations and clusters, represent over 20.000 digital SMEs across the continent. Sebastiano often takes part in public debates and serves as an expert in EU experts groups on topics such as digitalisation of SMEs, Intellectual Property Rights, Standards and Digital Skills. He is currently a member of the Board of ECSO, the European Cybersecurity Organization, and of ETSI, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute.



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Alexandra Geese

Member of the European Parliament

Alexandra Geese is a Member of the European Parliament and serves as member of the Budget Committee, the Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection, and deputy member of the Committee for Regional Development. The Greens / EFA parliamentary group appointed her as shadow rapporteur for the Digital Services Act and as coordinator in the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AIDA). Alexandra Geese is committed to fair digitalisation, participation and women's rights in all her functions.



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Since 16 of January 2020 Kilian Gross is Head of Unit A/2 in DG CNECT responsible for Technologies and Systems for Digitising Industry. His Unit is dealing with the implementation and the development of the Digitising European Industry Strategy including in particular the setting up of a network of Digital Innovation Hubs in the EU. These hubs should act as one-stop-shops where SMEs, startups and mid-caps can get access to technology testing, financing advice, market intelligence and networking opportunities. The network of Hubs should be rolled out to all regions in the EU. The Unit supports collaborative research and innovation in digital manufacturing platforms via calls for proposals. It has developed a European approach to Artificial Intelligence and Robotics and it has prepared together with Member States a Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence. Based on the work of the High-Level Expert Group the Unit has drafted a White Paper on Artificial Intelligence, which presents the options on how to promote the uptake of Artificial Intelligence and how to address at the same time the risk associated with certain uses of this new technology.



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Ursula Pachl is the Deputy Director General of BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, representing 44 independent national consumer associations from 32 European countries. Before this, she has held different positions at BEUC, starting as Legal Advisor, then working as Senior Policy and Institutional Affairs Advisor. In her current role Ursula Pachl leads BEUC's work on digital policies, consumer rights, redress and enforcement. She is also responsible for horizontal and strategic policy such as EU governance and Better Regulation issues and represents BEUC in High Level groups, namely the European Commission's High Level Group for Artificial Intelligence, the stakeholder group of the EU's Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA) and the European Commission's REFIT platform.



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Anabela Pedroso

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Anabela Pedroso began her career in Public Administration at the Ministry of Finance in 1977. Among other positions, she was President of the Agency for Administrative Modernization (2007–2009), Coordinator at Mission Unit and Member of the Board of Directors of UMIC – Agency for the Knowledge Society (2003–2006) and Advisor of the Secretary of State for Public Administration (2009–2010). During her career, she led and participated in projects of great public interest with a strong component of innovation and citizen delivery focus, receiving several public recognitions, like the Award as “Best Leader in category Public Administration”, and in both 2009 and 2010 was mentioned as one of five influential women in ICT in Portugal (SapoTek).

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