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Digital platforms

Under the scope of the New Era in Digital Services

3rd Conference JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE DIGI U

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Invitation

University of Cyprus kindly invites you to the
3rd Conference of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence DIGI U
Digital Platforms: Under the Scope of the New Era in Digital Services,
titled:

Safeguarding fundamental rights and democratic values in the EU digital sphere and beyond

that will take place on
Friday April 24th, 2026 | 13:00 – 18:45 EET
at the premises of the University of Cyprus,
Amphitheater B108
University House “Anastasios G. Leventis”
University of Cyprus

The Conference will host acclaimed international speakers
that will provide their insight on all latest topics
and debates at European level.

The Conference will count
for 4 CPD for Lawyers.



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PROGRAMME
FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2026

13:00-13:30	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS	TITLE
13:30-14:00	<p>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>Tasos Anastasiou Chairman of UCY Council</p> <p>Tatiana-Eleni Synodinou Academic Coordinator of DIGI U, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Professor of Private and Commercial Law, University of Cyprus</p> <p>Irini Mylona-Chrysostomou Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property</p>	
14:00 – 15:15	<p>SESSION 1</p> <p>Chair / Moderator: Ioanna Hadjiyianni, Assistant Professor in European and Environmental Law, Department of Law, University of Cyprus</p>	<p>Media Freedom, Pluralism and Democratic Safeguards</p> <p>Focus: Media freedom, pluralism, political advertising, and democratic resilience under the new EU framework</p>
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Francesco Sciacchitano AGCOM Senior Legal Officer</p>	<i>Safeguarding Media Freedom: EMFA and TTPA in Action</i>
14:15 – 14:30	<p>Michel Winkels Head of European Affairs, State Media Authority of North Rhine-Westphalia</p>	<i>Coordination for the protection of democratic values: collaboration mechanisms under AVMSD, EMFA and DSA and their effectiveness</i>
14:30 – 14:45	<p>Antigoni Themistokleous Officer at the Cyprus Radiotelevision & Digital Services Authority</p>	<i>Regulating speech without silencing voices: content moderation and fundamental rights in the DSA era</i>
14:45 – 15:00	<p>Marisa Jiménez Martín Director and Deputy Head of EU Affairs, Meta</p>	<i>A global tech company’s perspective on the EU digital rulebook</i>
15:00 – 15:15	Q & A and Discussion	
15:15 – 15:45	Light Lunch	



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SESSION 2

Chair / Moderator:

Theodora A. Maniou, Assistant Professor in Journalism, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus

AI and platform regulation, AI and copyright

Focus: AI, copyright, platform regulation, and the EU enforcement toolkit (DSA & AI Act)

15:45 – 16:00

Stefano Gentile

Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission (DG CNECT)

Copyright in the online and AI environment: challenges and recent developments

16:00 – 16:15

Professor Thomas Margoni

Centre for IT and IP Law (CiTiP), KU Leuven

Artificial Independent Creations

16:15 – 16:30

Associate Professor Justin Jütte

UCD Sutherland School of Law

Necessary Licensing: Beyond AI Training

16:30 – 16:45

Professor Alain Strowel

UCLouvain / Attorney, Brussels Bar Association

Addressing some disinformation risks on social networks: can the DSA and AI Act really help?

16:45 – 17:00

Professor Philippe Jougleux

School of Law, European University Cyprus

AI and search engines: regulation at the crossroads of the DSA and AI Act

17:00 – 17:15

Q&A and Discussion

17:15 – 17:30

Coffee Break

17:30 – 18:30

SESSION 3

Chair / Moderator:

Christos Karas, President of Famagusta Bar Association

Disinformation, Platforms and Journalistic Freedom in the Digital Age

Focus: Disinformation risks, platform governance, and the protection of journalistic freedom under EU and ECHR framework

17:30 – 17:45

Zach Meyers

Director of Research, Centre on Regulation in Europe (CERRE)

Is the DMA delivering more open ecosystems? Evaluating DMA compliance, effectiveness, and governance

17:45 – 18:00

Diego De la Vega

Senior Legal Analyst, European Audiovisual Observatory

Platform regulation, disinformation and FIMI in Europe: general framework and selected national examples

18:00-18:15

Professor Jan Oster

Prof. of Civil Law, Commercial Law, Media Law, Data and Digitalisation Law, Universität Osnabrück

Journalistic freedoms under Article 10 of the ECHR in the platform era

18:15-18:30

Professor Elda Brogi

Deputy Director, Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, European University Institute

Media freedom and media pluralism: at risk or finally protected by the EU digital acquis

18:30-18:45

Q & A and Discussion

Closing Roundtable & Key Takeaways

SPEAKERS

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