

Accountable AI for a transparent European Parliament?

Event and drinks reception

Date and time:

1 October 2026

15:00-17:30, reception until 19:00

Venue

Renaissance Hotel Brussels
Rue du Parnasse 19, 1000 Brussels

About the event

Parliaments are the cornerstone of modern democracies, yet citizens struggle to understand what they do and how they can monitor decisions made on their behalf. Despite considerable advances in open-access data policies, the sheer volume of information and hard-to-navigate interfaces significantly hampers citizens' access to the work of their elected representatives.

ParliView takes on this challenge by developing an AI-powered transparency tool to help citizens better understand the work of the European Parliament – bridging the gap and improving trust in Members of the European Parliament (MEPs). As AI increasingly becomes the main source of information for voters across the EU, the need for clear, verifiable and impartial information about Parliament's activities has never been more pressing. We explore how AI can be deployed for good rather than used to erode public trust through opaque systems and manipulative practices.

Through ParliView, researchers and civil society advocates from **University College Dublin, University of Strathclyde** and **Transparency International EU** are building the evidence required to establish new standards of democratic transparency in the age of AI.

The questions we're asking:

- How can we build accountable AI to strengthen democratic practice?
- What needs to change to fully realise the potential of AI for a more transparent Parliament?
- As AI reshapes how power operates in the democratic sphere, what would genuinely independent oversight and governance look like in practice?
- Are we ready for a future where AI might become the primary interface between citizens and their MEPs?

Join us to hear from leading AI practitioners and civil society advocates as we define what accountable AI for democracy really demands.

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN

Draft Agenda

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15:00 ● **Welcome note**
Raphaël Kergueno
Senior Policy Officer - Transparency International EU
- 15:05**
15:25 ● **Opening keynote**
Brando Benifei
MEP & co-rapporteur on the AI Act - European Parliament
- 15:35**
16:00 ● **ParliView decoded**
Presentation of the ParliView platform and research outcomes
- Zoë Greene**
Professor, Governance & Public Policy – University of Strathclyde
- Eoghan Cunningham**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Computer Science – University College Dublin
- Timea Balogh**
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Government & Public Policy – University of Strathclyde
- 16:00**
17:10 ● **Accountable by design? AI and the future of democratic transparency**
Panel discussion
- MODERATION**
Raphaël Kergueno
Senior Policy Officer - Transparency International EU
- PANELISTS**
- James Cross**
Director, Connected Politics Lab – University College Dublin
- Rudi Borrmann**
Director of Communications, Content and Community Engagement – Open Government Partnership
- Sofia Calabrese**
Digital Policy Manager – European Partnership for Democracy
- 17:10**
17:30 ● **Closing remarks**
Speaker TBC
- 17:30**
19:00 ● **Networking reception**
Let's keep the conversation going over drinks & canapés