

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 data policies, the sheer volume of information and hard-to-navigate interfaces significantly hamper citizens' access to the work of their elected representatives. AI can be part of the answer, but is it trustworthy enough to become a gateway between citizens and their representatives?

Transparency International EU teamed up with **University College Dublin** and the **University of Strathclyde** to take on this challenge. The result is **ParliView**, a joint AI-powered transparency platform to help citizens better understand the work of the European Parliament. Through ParliView, we investigate how AI models operate in the democratic sphere to develop standards addressing the urgent need for clear, verifiable and impartial information. We ask the hard questions by exploring what is required for AI to strengthen, rather than undermine, democratic transparency.

- How can we prevent opaque systems and manipulative practices from eroding public trust?
- What does genuine 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 together with MEP **Brando Benifei**, co-rapporteur on the AI Act, **Sofia Calabrese** from the European Partnership for Democracy, **Rudi Borrmann** from the Open Government Partnership and the **ParliView team** to decode cutting-edge findings, discover the platform and reflect on how we can collectively ensure AI remains accountable to citizens.

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN

Draft Agenda

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15:00- 19:00

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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

Sofia Calabrese

Digital Policy Manager – European
Partnership for Democracy

Rudi Borrmann

Director of Communications, Content and
Community Engagement – Open
Government Partnership

17:10

17:30

Closing remarks

Speaker TBC

17:30

19:00

Networking reception

Let's keep the conversation going over drinks & canapés