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Twelve Plus Group Seminar “Human Rights in the Digital Era. AI and Social Media: Opportunity or threat for Youth?”

June 8–10, 2026
Warsaw, Poland

Participants:

Parliamentarians from Twelve Plus Group, representatives of international organizations, experts

Venue:

Building U, Sejm of the Republic of Poland
Warsaw, Poland

Working format:

The seminar will be discussion-based and designed to encourage questions and exchange of experiences. Each panel will be structured as follows: panelists will present their views on the topic (approximately 5 minutes per speaker), followed by a discussion/debate moderated with active participation from attendees.

DAY 1 / June 8

10:00 Opening of the seminar

Welcome addresses by the Speaker of the Sejm (tbc), Vice-President of the IPU Ms Gabriela Morawska-Stanecka and President of the 12plus Group Mr Laurent Wehrli

10:25 Address by the Secretary General – elect of the IPU Ms Anda Filip

10:30 Keynote 1

States' obligation to protect minors from violence, cruelty and demoralization
Keynote speaker tbc

10:45–12:45 Panel I

Constitutional and international foundations for protecting children from demoralization on the Internet
Statements by panelists

Guiding questions for Panel I:

- The obligation of the state to protect minors from violence, cruelty, and demoralization in various national constitutions
- International standards: Convention on the Rights of the Child, Council of Europe instruments, other treaties
- Limits on restricting freedom of speech and the right to information in the name of protecting children; proportionality and judicial oversight
- Challenges for schools in the era of new technologies and online threats
- Cyberbullying among children and youth, violence against women in public life, deepfakes and harassment on social media

- Cooperation between police, prosecutors, regulators, schools, and NGOs
- Cross-border regulation – from IPU standards to UN and EU initiatives

(10:45–11:30 panelists’ statements; 11:30–12:45 discussion with participants)

12:55 Family Photo

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Lunch at the Sejmowa Restaurant

14:45–15:00 Keynote 2

Global trends in restricting children’s access to social media

Keynote speaker tbc

15:00–17:00 Panel II

Combating cyberviolence and gender-based violence online. Banning social media for children – where is the line?

Statements by panelists

Guiding questions for Panel II:

- Age thresholds: 13, 15 or 16 – health, psychological and social justifications
- Experiences of countries that have already introduced or are considering bans and age limits
- The role of parents and schools, exceptions with parental consent, risk of pushing children to less regulated platforms outside Europe
- Legal and technical solutions: platform obligations, reporting and moderation tools, support for victims

(14:45–15:30 panelists’ statements; 15:30–17:00 discussion with participants)

19:00 Dinner

Dinner at a restaurant Sheraton Grand hotel

DAY 2 / June 9

10:00 Keynote 3 AI and human rights – new challenges for parliaments: risk systems, manipulation, transparency, political accountability

Keynote Speaker tbc

10:15–12:45 Panel III

AI and human rights – from algorithmic discrimination to surveillance

Panelists’ statements

(10:15–11:00 panelists’ statements; 11:00–12:45 discussion with participants)

Guiding questions for Panel III:

- Recommendation and profiling systems vs. the right to privacy, non-discrimination, and individual autonomy
- Examples of AI use in health, education, judiciary, and public administration – where the risks are greatest
- Parliamentary oversight tools: human rights impact assessments, non-discrimination testing, algorithm transparency
- Translating global standards (UN, Council of Europe, EU) into national law
- Possible joint projects: recommendations, guidelines, joint statements



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13:00–14:30 Lunch

Lunch at the Sejnowa Restaurant

14:30–15:00 Closing session

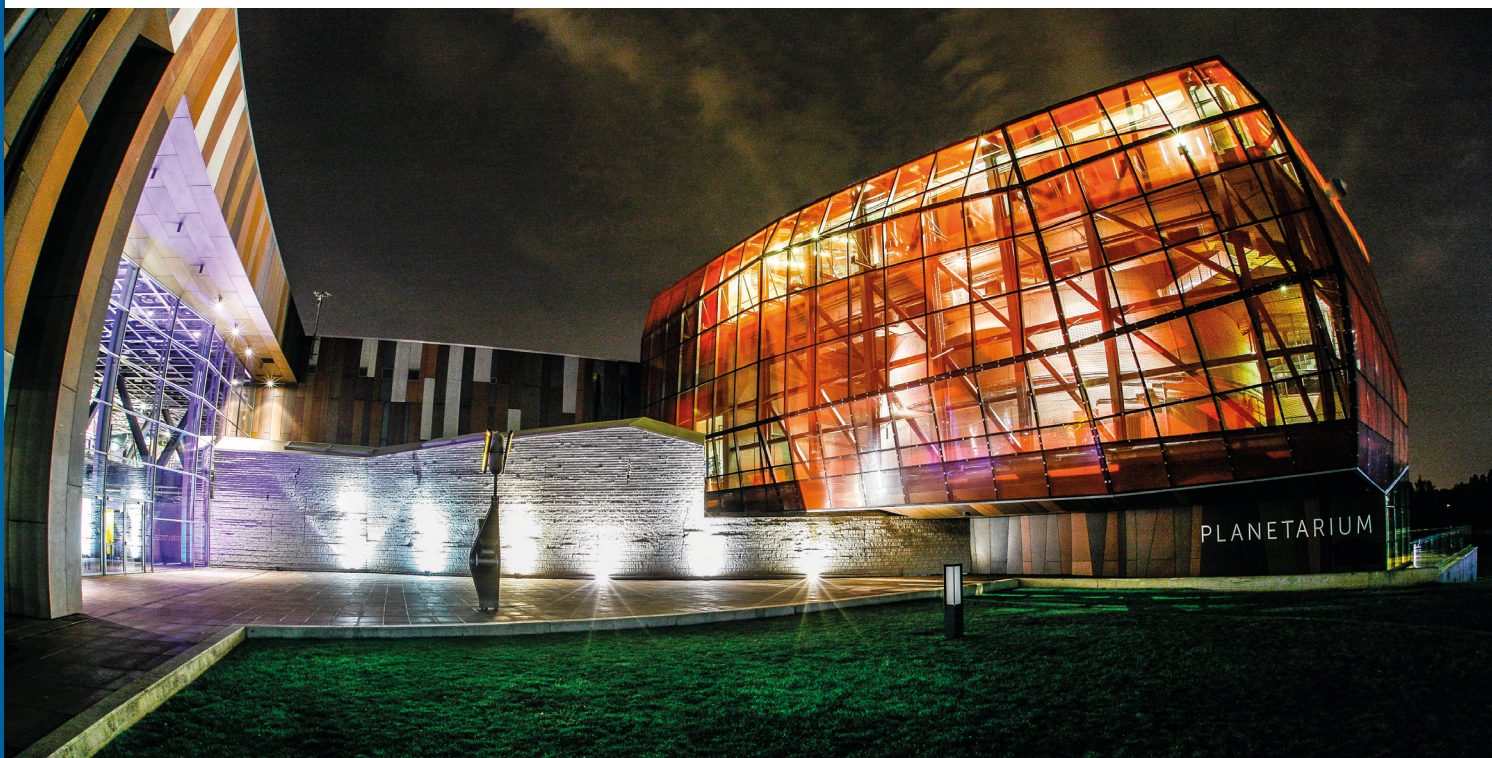
Summary of the seminar

15:10 Return to the Sheraton Grand hotel

17:00 Departure for Copernicus Science Center

17:30 – 18:30 Visit to the Copernicus Science Center

The Copernicus Science Centre (Centrum Nauki Kopernik) in Warsaw is one of Europe's largest and most modern interactive science centers. Located on the Vistula riverbank, it features hundreds of hands-on exhibits allowing visitors to conduct experiments, explore natural laws, and foster curiosity through play



DAY 3 / June 10

08:00 Departure from the Sheraton Grand Hotel

11:00 visit to the State Museum at Majdanek

The State Museum at Majdanek was established in 1944 on the grounds of the German Nazi extermination and death camp. In 1941–1944 nearly 80 thousand people perished there, including mainly Jews, Poles, Belarusians, Ukrainians, and Russians.

 Państwowe Muzeum na Majdanku



12:30 tour of the City of Lublin

Lublin was founded in the 12th century and is the largest city in eastern Poland and the capital of the Lublin Voivodeship. Known as the "Gate to the East," it is a major cultural, academic, and economic hub in the region. It's Old Town is one of the best-preserved historic urban complexes in Poland with Renaissance architecture.



13:30 lunch

Approx. 18:00 – 19:00 return to Warsaw



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