

Data Equality in Action

DATA EQUALITY Final Policy Event brings together justice, law enforcement, civil society organisations and technology experts to close the gap on algorithmic discrimination

The DATA EQUALITY project held its Final Policy Event, "Closing the Gap on Algorithmic Discrimination", yesterday, 23 September 2026, in Athens. The event brought together participants from the judiciary, law enforcement, public authorities, academia and civil society to discuss how data-driven and AI-based tools can be used in ways that protect fundamental rights and equality.

DATA EQUALITY (Digital data to identify, prevent and counter intersectional discrimination in Phygital AI-based environments) is a European project that examines how data and AI-based tools can both reveal and reproduce discrimination, and supports the professionals who use them.

A day of expert exchange across four sessions

The event opened with institutional greetings from Beatrice Sperotto, representative of the Court of Appeals of Venice, followed by a first session on data equality, fundamental rights and European challenges. Speakers addressed fair trial and equality of arms in data-based proceedings from the perspective of the defence, and examined procedural risks in data acquisition and analysis through the Europol case. A further presentation looked at data fragmentation as a new form of discrimination in the context of EU Framework Decisions on judicial cooperation.





The second session presented the project's main findings, including lessons learned from the cascade trainings delivered under the project and an Implicit Association Test (IAT) exercise, led by KMOP and Headway, on detecting and addressing bias.

In the third session, experts presented practical outcomes of the project on the legal management of AI-based tools in investigations, alongside an overview of the objectives and results achieved by the EU funded project EXIS - Enhancing police officers to fight discrimination and effectively respond to crimes against LGBTIQ+ people.

The final session, dedicated to policy discussion, turned to the future of judicial cooperation in the age of big data and e-evidence, and to how errors in algorithms can be identified and corrected in judicial contexts, including the role of large and small language models. The day closed with questions and answers and closing remarks on how project results can inform future action.



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