

ACM Europe Technology Policy Committee

Activity Report July 2022-June 2023

Chris Hankin (Chair for the reporting period)

Status of the Committee

Members (14 + ex officio):

- Chris Hankin (Chair), Paola Inverardi (Vice Chair), Oliver Grau (Past Chair), Fabrizio Gagliardi, Manuel Hermenegildo, Bran Knowles (Chair, Climate Change WG), Alejandro Saucedo (Chair, AI WG), Gerhard Schimpf (Chair, Autonomous Systems WG), Tom Crick, Wendy Hall, Andrew McGettrick, Enrico Nardelli, Gurkan Solmaz, Julie Williamson
- Ex officio: Yannis Ioannidis (ACM President), Jim Hendler (TPC Chair), Michel Beaudouin-Lafon (Vice Chair TPC), Jeremy Epstein (Chair USTPC), Natasa Milic-Frayling (ACM-W Europe), Vicki Hanson (ACM CEO), Pat Ryan (ACM COO), Adam Eisgrau (ACM Director of Global Policy)

Hankin, Inverardi, Grau, Gagliardi and Hermenegildo serve as the ACM Europe TPC Executive, which largely conducted business by email and met virtually in November 2022. The full TPC also made extensive use of email to confer and convened virtually in March 2023. There were no physical meetings in the reporting period. As projected last year, we will use our travel budget for targeted interventions on particular policy issues and will continue to convene the full committee virtually as needed.

Work of the committee

In FY22 the Committee adjusted its Working Group roster, retaining its groups on Climate Change, Cyber Security and Autonomous Systems, refocusing a fourth former group on "Differential AI," and creating a fifth new group on "Data Science" (for which a chair continues to be sought at this writing). In addition to these activities, we have again been very active in responding to EU and UK consultations, and producing other (unsolicited) outputs, as detailed below.

Throughout the period we have continued to engage a part-time consultant, Francisco Medeiros, to help promote our policy-related outputs and maintain a network of contacts with key EU policy makers.

Dissemination of statements and white papers

- [Statement on Joint Principles for the Development, Deployment, and Use of Generative AI Technologies](#), ACM TPC, Europe/US Technology Policy Committees (June 27, 2023)
- [Comments to UK Government on AI Regulation: A Pro-Innovation Approach White Paper](#), Europe Technology Policy Committee (June 20, 2023)
- [Comments to European Commission re Regulated Data Access Under the Digital Services Act](#), Europe Technology Policy Committee (May 23, 2023)
- [Comments to European Commission re EU Initiative on Virtual Worlds](#), Europe Technology Policy Committee (May 3, 2023)

- [Comments to European Commission re Key Performance Indicators for 2030 Digital Decade Policy Programme](#), Europe Technology Policy Committee (March 13, 2023)
- [Comments in European Commission Cyber Resilience Act Consultation](#), Europe Technology Policy Committee (January 23, 2023)
- Joint [Statement on Principles for Responsible Algorithmic Systems](#), ACM TPC, Europe/US Technology Policy Committees (October 26, 2022)
 - [Statement in Spanish](#)

Liaisons with other initiatives

The Committee continues to liaise with several other initiatives or committees, particularly Informatics for All (I4All), as three members serve on both.

Through our consultant, we have maintained contact with the European Parliament Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) Committee.

Europe TPC, having been accepted in FY22 as a supporting partner for the European Green Digital Coalition, has engaged with some of their working groups. This year, the Committee successfully requested associate membership in the European Internet Forum (EIF), which is sponsored by Members of the European Parliament, and has contributed to the EIF programming committee.

Plans

We have had a busy year and plan to continue this momentum. For the next year, we will continue our relationship with the Brussels-based consultant. We plan to formalize our operational procedures, which will open up the Committee to a broader membership as per USTPC. We also have initiated some work to develop initiatives to attract new members which will include a webinar series that we hope to launch in the late Autumn of 2023. AI and Cyber Security continue to be major focus areas in Europe, and we will continue our longstanding policy work in these areas. We will aim to engage with the European Commission and the Parliament to shape the policy landscape for the new Commission and Parliament that will start late in 2024. We will do this by direct approaches and also through our partnerships with EIF and EGDC. Where possible, we will work with USTPC on policy issues of shared interest to maximize the global impact of our work.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

EUROPE TPC is committed to supporting the work of ACM Women in Europe (ACM-WE) with the aim of increasing the involvement of women in the Europe TPC. A member of ACM-WE sits, ex officio, on Europe TPC and is invited to all full Committee meetings. The current members of the committee are from the UK, Germany, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland with one of the ex officio members coming from France. We continue to seek members from Scandinavia and Central Europe to join the working groups.