

Peace and Justice in a Digital World

Digital innovations have made many aspects of our lives easier. But they also raise new judicial and ethical concerns that need to be addressed. As the International City of Peace and Justice, The Hague offers room not only for innovation but also for the creation, adaptation and discussion of laws and policies that ensure digital accountability. With its growing IT and tech sector alongside the presence of many international organisations and knowledge institutions, the city is the perfect place to discuss legal policies and frameworks pertaining to the digital world.

Justice in a Digital World

Technological innovations in the fields of big data analysis, artificial intelligence, blockchain technology and the internet of things are being developed in The Hague with increasing speed. Digitalisation reaches governments, economies and legal systems worldwide. This makes the city of The Hague the most logical place to contribute solutions to legal issues and ethical questions brought upon by digitalisation. Both international organisations and experts work closely together with the start-up community in The Hague to create technological innovations that uphold (human) rights and ethics in a digital age. Their solutions are being used not only by governments (GovTech) but also within juridical institutions (LegalTech), such as arbitration, mediation and dispute settlements. The Hague is the place to be when it comes to working on both ethical and legal frameworks in the fields of robotisation and artificial intelligence (AI).

The municipality of The Hague supports the development of a just digital world through collaboration and matchmaking, linking technology companies, legal experts and policymakers. In addition, the promotion of research and development within educational curricula in order to train young talent for the jobs of the future is a priority. These developments attract new companies to the city and offer existing companies growth opportunities. The Hague also supports companies with financing and investment possibilities.

The Hague & AI

The Hague is home to the biggest network of professionals interested in the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI). The Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe (CLAIRE) aims to use AI to help reach the SDGs, aiming for better accessibility to AI for companies, governments, NGOs and the general public. By doing so, CLAIRE has become the European answer to the investment of billions of dollars in artificial intelligence by the US, Canada and China. Its motto: 'AI for good and AI for all'.

Accountability in the Digital Age

Annually, a unique community of global experts and policymakers convenes in The Hague to attend 'The Hague Summit for Accountability in the Digital Age'. During the conference, attendees debate and discuss the ethical and legal accountability challenges associated with the digital age. This includes topics such as social media usage, online news, cybersecurity threats and AI developments.



The Hague in a **Digital Age**

International community

111
embassies & consulates

150+
international companies

480
intergovernmental and non-government international organisations

5,000+
international students

National and Regional Strength

(Source: InnovationQuarter)

Fastest mobile internet
The Netherlands has the largest broadband penetration & fastest mobile internet in the EU

largest cybersecurity community
Europe's largest cybersecurity community is located in The Hague

60%
of all Forbes 2000 companies active in the IT industry have operations in the Netherlands

4,500
students at research universities in IT-related disciplines

leading position
Our region has a leading position in quantum technology

2,000
students at Universities of Applied Sciences

Source: A guide for internationals in The Hague region – The Hague International Centre