In Serbia, the introduction of a centralized, automated system through the Law on Social Cards currently excludes thousands of beneficiaries, especially from Roma communities, from receiving social security benefits. A 11 Initiative, along with seven other ESCR-Net members and allies, brought a joint legal opinion to the Constitutional Court of Serbia in order to challenge the introduction of this law.

The panel is made up of members who participated in writing the collective legal opinion, who will share insights from litigating on these issues in their jurisdictions. The panel will examine a number of cases from across regions where digitization and automation of public sector systems had severe implications for the rights to social security, equality and data protection.

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The event will focus on the impacts of digitalization on the right to social security in Serbia. The global trend of the digitization of social security systems has extensive human rights implications, especially in cases where the algorithms underpinning the digitization are not made available to public scrutiny.