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Dear Readers,

As September begins and summer comes to a close, I'm looking forward to the new opportunities that autumn will bring for the EU-India digital partnership.

In this edition, you'll find a preview of some of our most exciting initiatives this autumn: our upcoming AI Skills Workshop, where we'll explore how to bridge AI talent gaps between the EU and India; the September edition of our Digital Chai Chat, which spotlighted the Bengaluru Tech Summit; and the launch of our new Think Tank Roundtable to get inputs from different perspectives more closely in the digital policy conversation.

We're also stepping up exchanges among Member States to shape a strong Team Europe presence at BTS 2025. And with many new colleagues arriving in Delhi and embassy teams changing, we think it's the right moment to meet again — so stay tuned for more details on a new Member State Roundtable in October.

Alongside these developments, we've added a small new section to introduce the people working behind the scenes of the Dialogue.

As always, thank you for reading, sharing, and shaping this space with us. Your ideas, feedback, and collaboration are what make this dialogue real.

**Warm wishes from Delhi,**  
Özlem Buran  
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## Latest Project Developments

**Bridging the AI Talent Gap: EU-India Workshop on AI Skills & Mobility**

The EU-India AI Skills and Talent Mobility Workshop will take place on **16 September** under the EU-India Trade and Technology Council, Working Group 1. This two-hour virtual session aims to align the EU's growing demand for AI skills with India's strong and expanding talent base.

The workshop will identify the AI roles and skills that are currently hardest to fill in the EU. It will also map the talent pools, certifications, and training systems available in India. Participants from EU industry and Indian academia will explore the main barriers EU employers face in recruiting Indian AI professionals, and how India can help address these gaps.

Interested? Email us to participate or suggest relevant experts

[EMAIL US NOW](#)**Digital Chai Chat | September 2025**

Last Tuesday, 09 September 2025, we hosted our monthly Digital Chai Chat, with a spotlight on the upcoming Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS). We were joined by representatives from several EU Member States, including Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, the Netherlands, Slovakia, and Finland, making for a vibrant and diverse discussion.

Participants heard directly from the BTS organisers, who shared insights into this year's themes, formats, and opportunities for European engagement. We were also honoured to receive a special message from Mr. Daljeet Kumar, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Information Technology and Biotechnology, Government of Karnataka, warmly inviting Member States to take part in this year's summit.

Working together, we aim to enhance Europe's visibility and impact at India's premier technology and innovation forum.

Reminder: 30 September 2025 is the final deadline to submit proposals for BTS participation.

**Think Tank Round Table**

In October, we are hosting our inaugural European and Indian think tanks session at the Internet Governance Forum at Brussels. This event will focus on connecting European and Indian think tanks and share perspectives on points of collaboration between EU and India's digital economy and digital partnership. If you are a think tank or know of one that would like to attend, [write to us!](#)

**Member State Round Table**

We are gearing up to host our next Member State Round Table in October 2025 — a space to exchange updates, align priorities, and explore synergies across EU Member States engaged in the digital policy space.

More details to follow soon, stay tuned!

**Team Europe Spotlight****Germany Launches High-Tech Agenda with Quantum at Its Core****11 August 2025 | Quantum Insider**

Germany has launched its High-Tech Agenda, a €5.5 billion strategy to boost competitiveness, reduce reliance on foreign suppliers, and create jobs. The plan prioritizes six key sectors: quantum technologies, AI, microelectronics, biotechnology, fusion and climate-neutral energy, and climate-neutral mobility.

**News Update****India****India to Launch Its First "Made-in-India" Semiconductor Chip Soon****28-29 August 2025 | Economic Times**

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated CG Semis' OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility—its pilot "G1" line—in Sanand, Gujarat. He announced that India's first domestically produced semiconductor chip will be rolled out from this facility soon, marking a significant milestone in the nation's semiconductor journey.

**Roadmap for Rollout of 6G Technology in the Country****21 August 2025 | Press Information Bureau**

The government of India is advancing its 6G ambitions with a comprehensive roadmap aligned to [ITU-R's IMT-2030 framework](#). Key initiatives include 100 5G labs at academic institutions to build a 6G-ready ecosystem, the Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) supporting 104 R&D, and the establishment of the Bharat 6G Alliance for domestic and global collaboration.

**UIDAI & ISI Partner for Aadhaar R&D****12 August 2025 | Press Information Bureau**

UIDAI has signed a 5-year agreement with the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) to strengthen Aadhaar's robustness, security, and reliability through data-driven innovations. The collaboration will focus on biometric liveness detection, fraud and anomaly detection, improved matching algorithms, and other priority research areas.

**BSNL Partners with Global Tech Firms for Advanced Telecom Skilling****11 August 2025 | BW Online Bureau**

BSNL has signed agreements with Ericsson, Qualcomm, Cisco, and Nokia to launch advanced training in 5G, AI, cybersecurity, and networking. The initiative, part of DoT's plan to establish the Telecom Innovation, Research and Training Centre (TIRTC), will host Centres of Excellence, AI/ML labs, and networking academies. With this they aim to train thousands of students annually and strengthen India's telecom talent pipeline.

**Global****UNGA Adopts Terms for Global AI Governance Mechanisms****26 August 2025 | Dig Watch**

The UN General Assembly has adopted resolution, finalizing the terms of reference for two new AI governance bodies: the Independent Scientific Panel on AI and the Global Dialogue on AI Governance. The 40-member Panel will issue annual panel on AI-based assessments on AI's risks and opportunities, while the Dialogue will serve as a multistakeholder forum on international cooperation and best practices. The first Dialogue will convene in September 2025 during UNGA's 80th session.

**EU and South Korea Unite on AI and Energy****27 August 2025 | Dig Watch**

The EU and South Korea will co-host a high-level seminar on "AI and Energy: Delivering EU and South Korean Ambitions" at the World Climate Industry Expo. The event will gather policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to explore how AI can optimise EU's affordable energy, enhance energy efficiency, and support the EU's AI-driven energy transition strategy, reinforcing the EU-Korea Green Partnership.

**Women in Tech****Joanna Bryson, Professor of Ethics and Technology, Hertie School**

Professor Joanna Bryson is a leading voice in AI ethics and digital governance. Currently a Professor of Ethics and Technology at the Hertie School in Berlin, she was one of the first founding professors of its Centre for Digital Governance. Her interdisciplinary background spans psychology from the University of Chicago, with degrees from the University of Chicago, and the University of Edinburgh, and MIT.

In 2025, she was awarded an honorary doctorate by Université de Louvain for these contributions. From shaping the UK's first national AI ethics policy in 2011 to advancing the global AI policy conversation, EU, UN, and G7, she plays a critical role in steering the global AI policy conversation.

Her academic journey includes roles at institutions like Harvard, Oxford, and Princeton. An engineer, researcher, and active communicator, her work ranges from technical AI systems to engineering to broader questions of governance, and the societal impacts of computation.

First, Bryson's mission is clear: to use technology not just to build smarter systems, but to make the world a better place.

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**Upcoming Events****Internet Accountability Forum | October 02-03**

On 2-3 October 2025, the Global Initiative will host a two-day conference on Internet accountability and digital rights. The event will address the challenges of censorship, surveillance, and digital authoritarianism. Attached agenda, registration is free and open to all.

More details to follow soon, stay tuned!

**Learn More****The Global Gateway Forum | October 09-10**

On 9-10 October 2025, Brussels will host the second Global Gateway Forum. The 2025 edition will examine how to strengthen the global connectivity of geopolitical and geo-economic change. Attendance is by invitation, but all plenary and thematic sessions will be live-streamed. Attended, please stay tuned!

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**Learn More****EU-Indo-Pacific Partnership Conference | October 28-29**

The EU-Indo-Pacific Digital Partnership Conference 2025 will take place on 28-29 October in Singapore, under the framework of the INPACE project. The conference will bring together experts to deepen cooperation on digital policy and technology. Key conference themes include artificial intelligence, semiconductors, secure technology, digital identities, and innovation hubs.

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**Learn More****Meet Our Team**

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