

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 Bangalore 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
Head of Secretariat, EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue, GIZ India

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Latest Project Developments

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

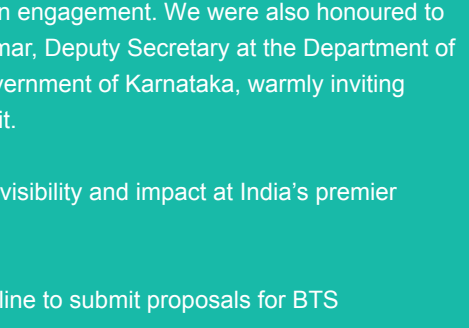
The EU–India AI Skills and Talent Mobility Workshop will take place on **16 September** under the EU–India Trade and Technology Council, Working Group 1. This **two-hour virtual session** aims to align the EU's growing demand for AI skills with India's strong and expanding talent base.

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](#)

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Digital Chai Chat | September 2025



Last Tuesday, 09 September 2025, we hosted our monthly Digital Chai Chat, with a spotlight on the upcoming [Bangalore 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 Semi's 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 evidence-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 & Energy: Delivering EU and Korea's Digital and Green Ambitions” at the World Climate Industry Expo. The event will gather policymakers, industry leaders, and academics to explore how AI can optimise energy grids, enhance efficiency, and support decarbonisation. The initiative builds on the EU's Affordable Energy Action Plan and Korea's AI-driven energy transition strategy, reinforcing the EU–Korea Green Partnership.

Women in Tech

Joanna Bryson, Professor of Ethics and Technology, Hertie School

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



Bryson is globally recognised for her pioneering work on AI transparency and accountability. 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 advising international bodies like the OECD, EU, UN, and GPAI, she plays a critical role in steering the global AI policy conversation.

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

Prof. Bryson's mission is clear: to use technology not just to build smarter systems, but fairer, more accountable societies.

Upcoming Events

Internet Accountability Forum | October 02–03

On 2–3 October 2025, the [Global Initiative on the Future of the Internet \(GIFI\)](#), implemented by the [Robert Schuman Centre \(EUI\)](#), 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 is the [agenda](#). Registration is free and open to the public, though subject to capacity constraints. Our team members, Özlem, Tanea and Purva will also be at the event, if you're around, please say hi!

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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 global connectivity in an era of geopolitical and geoeconomic change. Attendance is by invitation, but all plenary and thematic sessions will be livestreamed. Attached is the [programme agenda](#).

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EU-Indo-Pacific Digital 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 IoT, digital identities, and innovation hubs.

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Meet Our Team

At the heart of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue is a team working quietly but strategically to connect dots across continents, policies, and people. In this new section, we take you behind the scenes to meet the people driving the Dialogue forward. From policy coordination to programme design, each team member brings a unique perspective and commitment to digital cooperation—so you know who to reach out to, and for what, as we continue building this partnership together.

Özlem Buran – Head of the Secretariat for the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue

Özlem leads the Secretariat for the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue and the Indo–German Digital Dialogue. Together with her team, she works across AI, digital public infrastructure, semiconductors, telecoms, and skills — always with the goal of making cooperation between Europe and India tangible. She works closely with the German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV), the EU Delegation to India, and the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MEITY) to translate shared priorities into action. In recent months, she has been busy operationalizing the Dialogue's project plan, exploring new partnerships, and preparing new initiatives — from policy roundtables to collaborative products and upcoming delegations and events.

In her words, “The real impact comes when dialogue turns into trust, and trust turns into cooperation.”

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