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Dear Readers,

This past month has marked another meaningful chapter in the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue.

As we look ahead to the upcoming EU–India AI Skills Workshop, our focus continues to be on translating strategic dialogue into tangible collaboration. Whether it's fostering talent mobility in artificial intelligence, advancing conversations on digital sovereignty, or laying the groundwork for a resilient semiconductor ecosystem, each step reflects our shared ambition to build a trusted, inclusive, and forward-looking digital future.

The second edition of the Digital Chai Chat reaffirmed the value of informal, agile exchanges in bridging policy priorities and real-world needs, from regulatory cooperation to skills development and emerging tech governance. Over the summer break, we extended these conversations into in-person chai meetups, which proved just as valuable. We're keen to continue these informal engagements — if you're interested in setting one up before our next session in September, please reach out to us directly [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas, expertise, and engagement. From contributing to the semiconductor policy paper to participating in upcoming events, there are many ways to shape this growing partnership.

We hope this edition gives you a concise yet comprehensive snapshot of recent developments and opportunities. Thank you for being part of this journey.

Warm regards,
Özlem Buran
Head of Secretariat, EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue, GIZ India

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In the Works

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

The EU–India AI Skills Workshop is set for 16 September under the EU–India Trade and Technology Council. The session will bring together EU employers and Indian training institutions to identify AI skill gaps, explore trusted mobility pathways, and lay the foundation for pilot initiatives. As part of our broader effort to strengthen digital talent flows, the workshop aims to make AI skills a driver of inclusive, future-ready growth.

We're inviting EU companies to join a focused EU–India workshop (2h, online, 16 September) on AI skills and talent mobility. Help co-design new solutions for recruiting trusted AI professionals from India.

Interested? [Email us to participate or suggest relevant experts](#)

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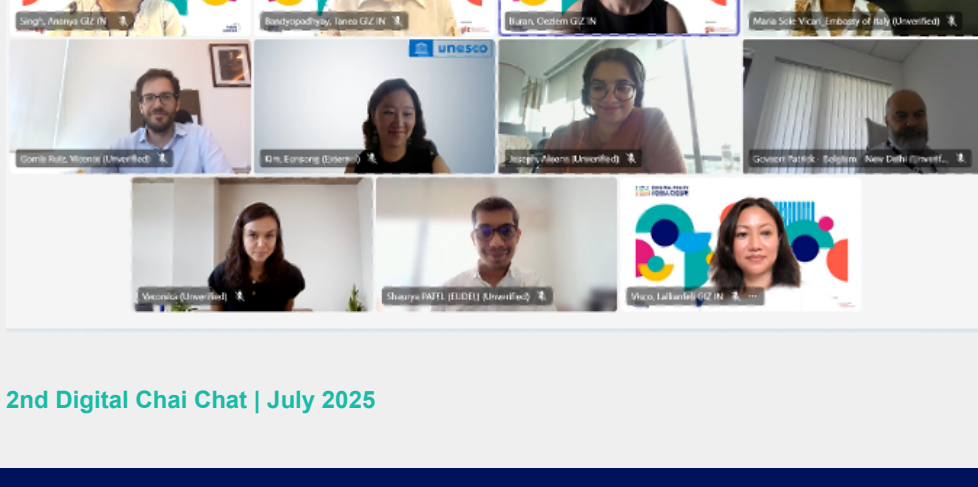
Digital Chai Chat

Launched under the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue, the Digital Chai Chat series is an informal exchange platform that brings together EU Member States, [Indian stakeholders](#), [1] [2] and international partners for timely, topic-driven conversations on digital cooperation.

The second session, held on 1 July, focused on advancing AI cooperation and brought together representatives from Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Belgium, Slovenia, the EU Delegation to India, UNESCO, and GIZ. The discussion opened with reflections on AI's rising importance in global cooperation, framed by the launch of the EU's International Digital Strategy, recent takeaways from the UN Internet Governance Forum in Norway, and the upcoming WSIS+20 Summit in Geneva.

The EU Secretariat presented key priorities under the new strategy, while UNESCO shared updates on the AI Readiness Assessment being implemented in India with MeitY, alongside plans for a new Coursera course on AI ethics.

Participants also discussed upcoming opportunities for joint action, including the third EU–India Trade and Technology Council meeting, the Telangana AI Summit, and the 2026 Global AI Impact Summit. The session reaffirmed the value of agile, informal dialogue in building momentum for shared digital priorities.



2nd Digital Chai Chat | July 2025

Team Europe Spotlight

France, Germany, Italy, and Netherlands unite to build sovereign digital infrastructure

[Euractiv, 9 July 2025](#)

Four EU countries have launched a new consortium to develop public alternatives to software dominated by US tech firms. The European Digital Infrastructure Consortium for Digital Commons will focus on creating and scaling open-source digital tools for public administration, marking a significant step toward digital sovereignty in Europe.

Get Involved

Call for Contributions – Semiconductor Policy Paper

As part of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue, we are developing a policy paper on semiconductor ecosystems, with a special focus on how the EU and India can jointly integrate research and innovation (R&I) with talent development to build a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready value chain. The paper will highlight good practices from both regions and suggest ways the EU and India can work together on skills, education, and partnerships between industry and universities.

To support this effort, we invite experts, institutions, and industry stakeholders to share their perspectives through a short survey. Your insights will help shape the paper's recommendations and guide future cooperation efforts.

News Update

India

India launches quantum readiness whitepaper to secure digital future

[Press Information Bureau, 11 July 2025](#)

The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), in collaboration with CERT-In and cybersecurity firm SISA, launched a whitepaper titled "Transitioning to Quantum Cyber Readiness" to prepare India for post-quantum cybersecurity threats. The paper provides a roadmap for public and private sectors to shift toward quantum-safe encryption, underscoring the urgency of protecting India's digital infrastructure as quantum computing evolves.

India's draft telecom policy focuses on jobs and digital accessibility

[The Economic Times, 24 July 2025](#)

The new draft telecom policy released by the Indian government prioritises employment generation, digital inclusion, and affordable access to telecom services. It proposes measures to boost domestic manufacturing, expand rural connectivity, and streamline regulatory processes to support innovation and infrastructure growth.

[Find the link to the draft policy here NTP_2025.pdf](#)

Europe

ECB outlines vision for a digital euro to ensure sovereignty and secure digital payments

[European Central Bank, 10 July 2025](#)

In a speech at Banka Slovenije, ECB Executive Board Member Piero Cipollone emphasized the need for a digital euro to ensure Europe's monetary sovereignty and reduce reliance on non-European payment systems. The digital euro would complement cash, offer universal access to central bank money in digital form, and support innovation through public–private collaboration. It aims to address fragmentation in Europe's payments landscape and empower consumers and merchants across the euro area.

The European Commission confirms the EU Artificial Intelligence Act enters into force for general-purpose AI in August 2025 and high-risk systems in August 2026.

[Reuters, 4 July 2025](#)

The European Commission confirmed that implementation of the AI Act will proceed as planned, despite recent calls for a delay. As global interest in AI governance grows, the EU aims to maintain its leadership in setting trusted regulatory standards. The first set of rules under the AI Act will begin applying in 2026, with companies expected to start preparing for compliance.

Global

White House unveils AI Action Plan to expand exports and ease rules

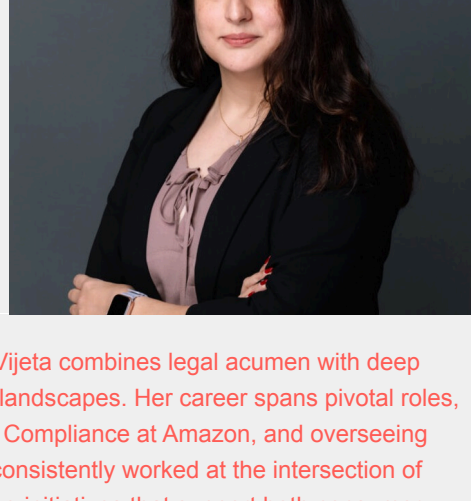
[Reuters, 23 July 2025](#)

The US government has launched a new AI Action Plan aimed at accelerating AI innovation by loosening domestic regulatory requirements and facilitating AI technology exports to trusted allies. The move signals a shift toward more open international AI collaboration while reinforcing national leadership in emerging tech sectors.

Women in Tech

Vijeta Arya, Head of Government and Industry Relations, Ericsson India

Vijeta Arya is a seasoned public policy and regulatory affairs leader with over two decades of experience in the telecommunications and digital services sector. Currently Head of Government and Industry Relations at Ericsson India, she plays a key role in driving strategic partnerships with policymakers, regulators, and industry bodies to foster an enabling environment for digital innovation.



With a strong foundation in law and sociology, Vijeta combines legal acumen with deep industry insight to navigate complex regulatory landscapes. Her career spans pivotal roles, including leading Product Trust and Regulatory Compliance at Amazon, and overseeing global regulatory operations at Airtel. She has consistently worked at the intersection of business strategy and public policy, championing initiatives that support both consumer protection and industry growth.

From managing compliance across Airtel's international markets to advocating for forward-looking telecom frameworks, Vijeta has built a reputation as a trusted advisor and change-maker. Her early career included roles at Telenor, Orange, and the PHD Chamber of Commerce, rounding out a profile that blends operational experience with policy leadership.

Vijeta's commitment to responsible tech governance continues to shape India's digital transformation journey.

Upcoming Events

SEMICON India 2025 | 2–4 September | New Delhi

Showcasing India's Vision as a Global Semiconductor Hub

SEMICON India is the country's flagship platform to showcase its growing role in the global semiconductor value chain. Bringing together government leaders, global industry, and innovators, the conference focuses on enabling policy, investment partnerships, and resilient supply chains. Held from 2–4 September 2025 in New Delhi, the event is a key opportunity to engage with India's ambitions as a trusted semiconductor hub.

Find the link to agenda here <https://www.semiconindia.org/programs/agenda-at-glance>

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