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Dear Valued Readers,

We're pleased to share recent milestones in the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue—marked by increased visibility, deeper engagement, and a shared commitment to shaping the digital future.

We've launched our [LinkedIn page](#)! Follow us for regular updates and join the growing EU-India digital community. We're also proud to unveil our official logo—symbolising inclusivity, collaboration, and forward-thinking policy engagement.

On 10 June, we kicked off our Informal Exchange Series, called the Digital Chai Chat, with Member States together with the EU Delegation to India and Bhutan. The inaugural session featured the Federation of European Businesses in India and contributions from several EU Member States. Our next session on 1 July 2025 will explore our activities around AI.

Following the EU's International Digital Strategy release on 5 June, we will be hosting an EU Workshop on AI and Skills and working on a policy paper on semiconductors. We would love to hear from you on the event and the paper!

This edition of the newsletter brings you highlights from these developments and more.

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

Unveiling Our New Look

Our logo uses the binary code to spell out *EU-INDIA*, aligning with our digital objectives. While binary code is typically written by marking the 1s and leaving the 0s blank, we chose the inverse. As the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue, our focus is on what have historically been the gaps in EU and India's digital cooperation. With this identity, we signal our intent to explore the untapped potential in these gaps with you, our partners on this project.

The diverse colours reflect the richness of our stakeholder ecosystem — from policymakers and innovators to civil society and industry leaders.

Together, these elements embody our mission: to build connections, foster cooperation, and shape a shared digital future through partnership. More than a visual identity, it's a statement of how we work — collaboratively, creatively, and with intent.

From high-level political meetings to technical workshops, this identity will visually anchor our work across digital governance, connectivity, and emerging tech.

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In The Works

In the spirit of a Team Europe approach, we launched our Digital Chai Chat series on 10 June, in partnership with the EU Delegation to India and Bhutan.

The aim of this series is to create a platform for knowledge sharing and identifying synergies between EU Member States ongoing and new digital initiatives and the activities of EU India Digital Policy Dialogue. We hope this session will result in greater engagement and join collaboration.

Our next session on **1 July** will explore initiatives on AI being developed and implemented by the EU Commission, a spotlight on a Member State, and the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue.

If you are an EU Member State working on AI, we hope to see you on 1 July.



Team Europe Spotlight: The Netherlands Launch Quantum Report

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Quantum Ecosystems Technology Council of India (QETCI) launch their joint report on Indo-Dutch Quantum Cooperation

Released on 12 June, the report reflects months of deep consultations, bilateral roundtables, expert inputs, and ecosystem mapping. It outlines strategic opportunities in joint R&D, talent mobility, and commercialization. Key recommendations include enhancing awareness and knowledge exchange, strengthening collaboration across education, research, and innovation, and aligning intellectual property frameworks for balanced and mutually beneficial tech transfer.

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News Update

[EU launches its International Digital Strategy](#)

EU Press Centre, 05 June 2025

The EU's new International Digital Strategy (June 2025) aims to boost tech competitiveness, shape global digital governance, and deepen cooperation on secure connectivity, AI, semiconductors, and DPI.



S. Jaishankar's visit to the EU

Press Information Bureau, 11 June 2025

India's External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar, visited Brussels and met with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. They reaffirmed their commitment to the India-EU FTA and to convene the next TTC Meeting prior to the India-EU Summit.

Global leaders sign the Hamburg Declaration on AI

Digital Global, 2 June 2025

At the Hamburg Sustainability Conference, global leaders endorsed the Hamburg Declaration on Responsible AI for the SDGs — the first global commitment to guide inclusive and sustainable AI for international development, with a focus on empowering developing countries.

Next in Tech

Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2025

23–27 June 2025 | Lillestrøm, Norway

The world's leading platform on digital policy is back. IGF 2025 will bring together governments, tech leaders, activists, and academics to tackle the future of internet governance—trust, access, inclusion, and innovation. Join the global conversation shaping tomorrow's digital landscape. The forum will be held in a hybrid format, accommodating both onsite and online participants. A complete list of sessions is online.

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Side-event at IGF for India AI Summit

25 June 2025

EU colleagues at IGF 2025 may be interested in a closed-door session hosted by the Centre for Communication Governance (CCG) at National Law University Delhi, focused on shaping an inclusive and impactful 2026 India AI Summit. Those interested in participating are encouraged to complete the registration form shared by CCG.

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WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025

7–11 July 2025 | Geneva, Switzerland

Marking two decades since the original World Summit on the Information Society, WSIS+20 will assess progress on digital inclusion, governance, and sustainable development. Hosted by ITU and co-organized with UNESCO, UNDP, and UNCTAD, the event will feature the WSIS Prizes, policy dialogues, and a review of the WSIS Action Lines.

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AI For Developing Countries Forum (AIFOD) Vienna Summer Summit

15–17 July 2025 | Vienna, Austria

As AI reshapes the global economy, AIFOD 2025 puts the spotlight on the Global South. Held at the UN in Vienna, this high-level summit will tackle the tough questions: How can developing countries overcome barriers in AI access, investment, and infrastructure? Join 80+ nations driving a new agenda for equitable AI futures.

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Get Involved

EU Workshop on AI Skills

We are designing a new workshop on AI and Digital Skills for EU Member States. If you would like to showcase your initiatives or add to the agenda, just click the button below and reach out to us.

Policy Paper on Semiconductors

We're working on a policy paper on the semiconductor ecosystems and will host a research colloquium later this year. If you're developing similar work or would like to connect, we'd love to hear from you.

WRITE TO US

Women in Tech

Nele Leosk is the Team Lead of the Knowledge Hub Digital at the European Commission, where since February 2025 she has supported global digital collaboration and partnerships, particularly with DG INTPA, DG ENEST, and DG MENA. Her work focuses on digital government, connectivity, space and earth observation, the digital economy, and AI. Previously, she served as Estonia's Ambassador-at-Large for Digital Affairs, leading the country's digital diplomacy initiatives. With over two decades of experience, she has advised governments in more than 40 countries on digital governance and public sector innovation.



Leosk co-founded the Women in GovTech Challenge, a mentoring initiative that has empowered over 140 women from 48 countries to develop digital solutions in fields such as education and healthcare. She holds a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute and is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Technology Policy. She also chairs the Digital Cooperation and Diplomacy Network. Leosk remains a strong advocate for inclusive digital societies and continues to mentor emerging female leaders in technology.

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