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Dear Readers,

As October begins and autumn settles in, we're excited about the opportunities ahead for the EU-India digital partnership. Building on the Joint Communication on a New Strategic EU-India Agenda, which elevates the Strategic Partnership to a higher level, our collaboration continues to strengthen shared prosperity, security, and global impact.

With Diwali around the corner, on behalf of the Secretariat of the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue we wish you a season bright with insight, connection, and celebration. May the festival of lights inspire new ideas and fruitful collaborations.



In this edition, you will find highlights from recent and a look ahead to upcoming events, including the networking session at the Bengaluru Tech Summit. We are also preparing for the Team Europe

Digital Policy Advisory Roundtable in New Delhi, where new colleagues and embassy teams will come together to coordinate and strengthen our collective engagement on EU–India digital priorities.

Alongside these developments, we have 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,
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Latest Project Developments

Think Tank Workshop | Brussels | 1 October 2025

The inaugural Think Tank Workshop convened European research institutions for a focused dialogue on the EU–India digital cooperation. Organised by the Secretariat of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue, the session explored research perspectives on the six priority themes of the EU–India Trade and Technology Council (TTC), Working Group 1.

The workshop brought together representatives from DG CNECT, the European External Action Service (EEAS), and a range of Indian and European think tanks. Discussions focused on identifying blind spots in EU–India digital cooperation and exploring how research can contribute to more informed policymaking across TTC priority areas.

This session marked the start of sustained engagement with the research community through 2025–2026, reinforcing the Dialogue’s commitment to inclusive, multi-stakeholder participation in shaping the EU–India digital partnership.



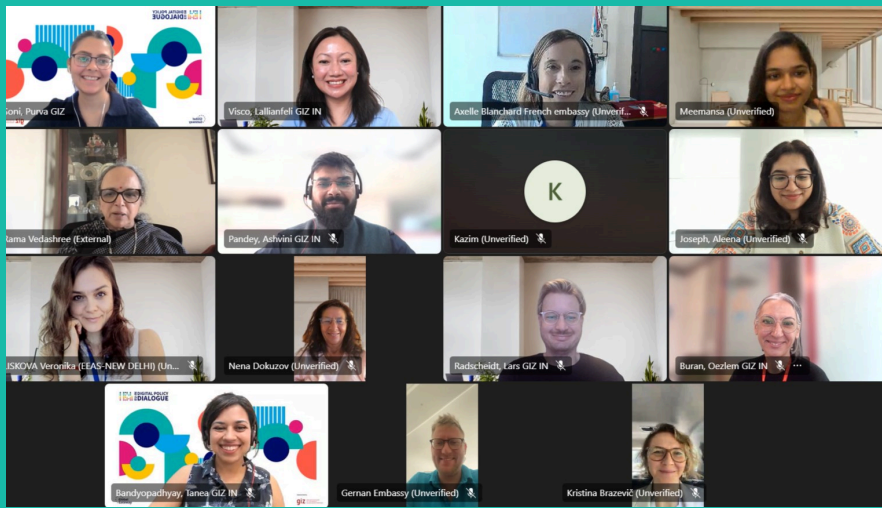
Internet Accountability Forum | Brussels | 2 & 3 October 2025

Organised by the [Global Initiative on the Future of the Internet \(GIFI\)](#), implemented by the [Robert Schuman Centre \(EUI\)](#), this two-day conference brought together policymakers, researchers, private sector and civil society stakeholders to explore actionable strategies for strengthening global Internet accountability.

The event provided a platform for open dialogue on upholding digital rights and safeguarding democratic values in the online space. Members of the Secretariat participated in the forum, contributing to the broader conversations on global digital governance and responsible internet futures.



Digital Chai Chat | 17 October 2025



The October edition of the Digital Chai Chat provided a timely platform for the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue Secretariat and EU Member States to reflect on strategic opportunities for engagement in India’s digital ecosystem. The session included a brief analysis of the recently announced EU–India Strategic Agenda 2025, followed by an expert-led deep dive into the opportunities and challenges of [Harnessing Responsible AI Innovation for Digital Public Infrastructure](#).

We were honoured to welcome the following speakers for an expert-led dialogue:

- **Ms. Rama Vedashree**, Former CEO, Data Security Council of India
- **Mr. Kazim Rizvi**, Founding Director, The Dialogue
- **Ms. Meemansa Agarwal**, Senior Research Associate, The Dialogue

The conversation explored the opportunities and challenges of scaling India’s Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) models, with insights into the role of responsible AI innovation in enabling inclusive, secure, and interoperable digital systems.

The Secretariat also shared details of the upcoming Team Europe Digital Policy Advisory Roundtable, scheduled for 27 October. Member States were encouraged to share perspectives, explore synergies, and coordinate efforts to enhance the visibility and impact of Team Europe’s digital cooperation with India.

Are you an EU Member State representative interested in joining the upcoming Digital Chai Chat?

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In the works

Team Europe Digital Policy Roundtable | New Delhi | 27 October 2025

As part of ongoing efforts to deepen digital cooperation under the EU–India Trade and Technology Council (TTC), the EU Delegation to India and the Secretariat of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue will convene the third edition of the Team Europe Digital Policy Advisory Roundtable.

The closed-door session will bring together EU Member States to exchange updates on key digital priorities under Working Group 1 (WG1), including artificial intelligence, semiconductors, digital public infrastructure, digital skills, quantum and high-performance computing, and telecom standardisation.

The Roundtable will also provide an opportunity to share relevant EU strategies, explore areas of bilateral alignment, and facilitate coordination among Member States on digital engagement with India in the lead-up to 2026.

Are you an EU Member State representative interested in joining the upcoming Member State Roundtable?

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Networking Event on EU–India Semiconductor Business Cooperation | 18 November 2025 | Bengaluru Tech Summit

The Secretariat of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue is hosting a dedicated networking session during the Bengaluru Tech Summit, aligning with priorities outlined in the Joint Communication on the New Strategic EU–India Agenda 2025 and the Memorandum of Understanding on Semiconductors signed under the EU–India Trade and Technology Council (TTC).

This gathering will bring together European and Indian business representatives to explore opportunities within India’s evolving semiconductor ecosystem, particularly in Karnataka. The session aims to support knowledge exchange, build connections, and open new channels for industry engagement under the broader TTC framework. Our team members Özlem, Lars, and Ashvini will be attending this event. If you are around, please say hi!

Are you attending BTS 2025 and are looking to be a part of our event?

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Team Europe Spotlight

[EU announces AI Factories Antennas across Member States and partner countries](#) European Commission | 13 October 2025

The European Commission has launched ‘AI Factories Antennas’ across seven EU Member States and partner countries, including the UK, Serbia, and North Macedonia. The initiative expands secure access to Europe’s AI supercomputing infrastructure, advancing the AI Continent Action Plan and fostering cross-border innovation.

News Update

India

[12 MoUs announced In Semicon India 2025](#) Press Information Bureau India (PIB) | 2 September 2025

India marked a major milestone at Semicon India 2025 with the unveiling of its first Made-in-India chips and the signing of 12 MoUs. The agreements aim to boost indigenous semiconductor design, manufacturing, and talent development, supported by a \$1 billion Deep Tech Alliance.

Global

[Europe enters the exascale supercomputing league with JUPITER](#) European Commission | 5 September 2025

Europe entered the exascale era with the inauguration of JUPITER, its first supercomputer to surpass one quintillion operations per second. Powered entirely by renewable energy, JUPITER will drive breakthroughs in climate research, AI development, and policymaking, reinforcing Europe’s digital and scientific leadership.

Joint Communication On A New Strategic EU-India Agenda **The Diplomatic Service of the EU | 17 September 2025**

The EU has unveiled a Joint Communication on a New Strategic EU-India Agenda, marking a renewed commitment to strengthen ties across economic, digital, climate, and security domains. Building on the College of Commissioners' landmark visit to India earlier this year, the agenda sets out a comprehensive framework structured around five strategic pillars to deepen cooperation, enhance coordination, and deliver tangible benefits for both regions. Emphasizing shared democratic values and strategic autonomy, the new roadmap aims to boost trade and innovation, advance the green and digital transitions, and reinforce joint action on global governance, security, and sustainable development.

Women In Tech

Anitha Gurumurthy, Co-Founder and Executive Director, IT for Change

Anitha Gurumurthy is a founding member and Executive Director of IT for Change where she leads research and advocacy on data and AI governance, platform regulation, and feminist frameworks on digital justice. She is a Visiting Fellow at the UN University International Institute for Global Health and serves as an expert on various bodies – including the T20's digital transformation track and the UN CSTD's Working Group on Data Governance.



Anitha has been part of the High Level Committee of the NetMundial+10 under Brazil's leadership, the UN Secretary-General's 10-Member Group on Technology Facilitation, and the Paris Peace Forum's working group on algorithmic governance. Anitha is also a Board member of global justice organizations such as the ETC Group, and University centers such as the Tech & Policy Lab at the University of Western Australia. Anitha contributes regularly to academic and media spaces.

Upcoming Events

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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Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 | 18–20 November

The Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) returns from 18–20 November 2025 as a key platform for international dialogue on emerging technologies and innovation-driven collaboration. Organised by the Department of Electronics, Information Technology and Biotechnology, Government of Karnataka, in partnership with industry stakeholders, this year's edition focuses on strengthening global engagement, fostering public–private partnerships, and supporting India's digital leadership. The theme for 2025, Futurise, will spotlight advancements in areas such as AI, quantum computing, space technology, and healthtech.

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Join Our Team

The Secretariat for the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue is hiring! Are you someone—or do you know someone—who would like to play a key role in shaping digital policy collaboration between the EU and India? Please feel free to share this opportunity.

We are looking for motivated individuals who want to make an impact, work with a diverse team, and contribute to meaningful projects. Open positions include:

- **National Digital Policy Advisor** – [More information](#)
- **Junior National Digital Policy Advisor** – [More information](#)

Don't miss the chance to be part of a team driving the EU–India digital policy dialogue forward!

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.



Tanea Bandyopadhyay is an advisor at the Secretariat for the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue, where she leads the Secretariat's work on artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and think tank engagement between European and Indian stakeholders.

Recently, she was in Brussels for the EU–India Think Tank Workshop, aimed at bridging the gap between digital development thinkers and policymakers from both regions. She is also coordinating the EU's engagement at the AI Impact Summit, advancing cooperation on responsible and inclusive AI.

Over the past decade, Tanea has contributed to digital policy research and implementation with organisations such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Bank, and India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

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She studied international affairs and is passionate about leveraging digital innovation for equitable development and global cooperation.

In her words, “The success of digital cooperation is exemplified in the systems we build together - interoperable, inclusive, and resilient enough to serve citizens on both sides of the world.”

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