

Dear Readers,

As November comes to a close, our Dialogue continues at full speed, marked by meaningful exchanges and strengthened partnerships across the EU–India digital ecosystem. The past weeks have demonstrated how actively our community is shaping this space through concrete engagement.

From our participation at the Bengaluru Tech Summit, where we explored emerging opportunities in the semiconductor value chain, to the AI Skills and Mobility Workshop, which convened EU and Indian stakeholders to address talent challenges, these activities underline the impact of bringing the right people into the right rooms.

We also continued to deepen collaboration with think tanks and academia through a virtual read-out session following the October workshop in Brussels—further proof that multi-stakeholder cooperation remains essential to shaping a trusted and forward-looking digital partnership.

Looking ahead, December will be equally dynamic. We look forward to welcoming many of you to our Digital Chai Chat on 11 December, where we will reflect on the European Commission's new Digital Package and begin early coordination for the AI Summit in 2026. At the political level, preparations for the upcoming EU–India Summit will also be an important focus for the months ahead.

As always, thank you for reading, sharing, and shaping this space with us. Your collaboration continues to be the foundation of this Dialogue.

Warm wishes from Delhi,  
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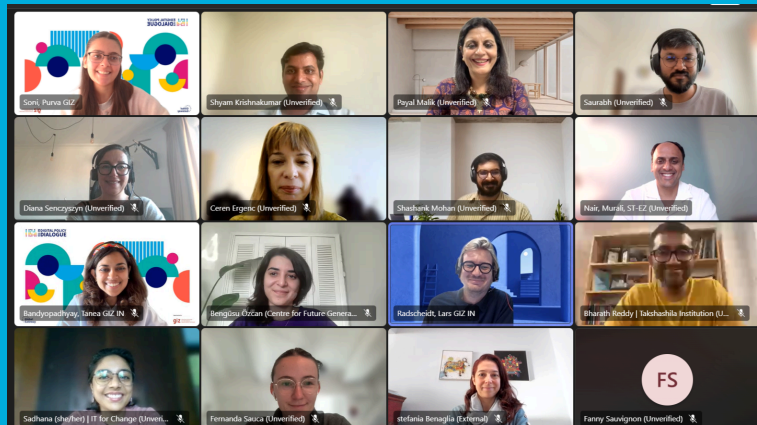
# Latest Project Developments

## Think Tank Virtual Readout | 7 November 2025

On 7 November 2025, the Secretariat of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue convened a virtual read-out session with European and Indian think tanks to reflect on insights from the inaugural workshop held in Brussels in October and explore concrete pathways for continued collaboration.

Participating institutions also shared perspectives on their current research priorities, thematic areas of expertise, and opportunities to contribute to the evolving EU–India digital cooperation agenda.

This exchange marked an important step toward establishing a sustained think tank network under the Dialogue, one that supports evidence-based, and forward-looking contributions to strategic technology policymaking between the EU and India.



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Opening remarks were delivered by Sonia Prashar, Secretary General of the Federation of European Business in India (FEBI), and Archana C, General Manager at the Department of Electronics, IT, Biotechnology, and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka.

The session featured a spotlight address by Mr. Pranay Kotasthane from [The Takshashila Institution](#), who offered an insightful analysis of "[Siliconpolitik](#)", examining how the geopolitics of semiconductors is influencing global technology partnerships.

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## EU–India AI Skills and Talent Mobility Workshop | 20 November 2025

On 20 November, the Secretariat of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue hosted the AI Skills and Talent Mobility Workshop, under the framework of TTC Working Group 1. The workshop aimed to align the EU’s growing demand for AI expertise with India’s strong and expanding digital talent pool, focusing on certification, recognition of qualifications, and practical pathways for trusted mobility.

Opening remarks were delivered by representatives from the EU AI Office, DG CNECT, and IndiaAI Mission at MeitY.

The session featured two focused presentations. From MeitY, Mr. Pankaj Shukla (NIELIT) and Mr. Kartik Suri (IndiaAI Mission) shared insights on India’s AI skilling and certification landscape, including current training programs, and ongoing efforts to address skill gaps.

From DG CNECT, Mr. Juha Heikkilä and Ms. Rehana Schwinninger-Ladak outlined the EU’s AI talent needs, and current barriers to international recruitment. They also shared details about the Legal Gateway pilot project that was announced in the EU-India Strategic Agenda 2025.

The workshop facilitated an open and interactive dialogue on the concrete demand and supply of AI skills, key barriers to talent mobility, and mechanisms to enhance mutual recognition of training and certifications. It also introduced the concept of a potential trust and certification framework, supporting TTC Working Group 1’s goal of advancing structured EU–India cooperation on digital talent and AI readiness.



## In the works

### Digital Chai Chat | 11 December 2025

Our final Digital Chai Chat of the year will take place on 11 December 2025, offering EU Member States an opportunity to reflect on key developments and align priorities for 2026. The session will begin with an overview of the European Commission’s **newly announced Digital Package**, which introduces three initiatives: the Digital Omnibus, the Data Union Strategy, and European Business Wallets, each designed to simplify rules, unlock data for innovation, and support cross-border business.

This will be followed by a **spotlight presentation by the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)** on their upcoming report examining the future of EU–India digital cooperation. CEPS’ insights will help strengthen Member State awareness of emerging themes and stimulate early alignment ahead of the **EU–India Summit** in 2026.

The session will close with an open exchange among Member States on preparations for the AI Summit 2026, including anticipated ministerial visits and coordination needs.

If you're an EU Member State representative and would like to join, please register below or get in touch with the Secretariat.

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## Team Europe Spotlight

### [Simpler EU digital rules and new digital wallets to save billions for businesses and boost innovation](#)

In November, the European Commission unveiled a comprehensive Digital Package aimed at boosting innovation and reducing administrative burdens for European businesses. The initiative introduces three core elements; Digital Omnibus, which streamlines existing rules on AI, cybersecurity, and data; A new Data Union Strategy to increase access to high-quality datasets; and the European Business Wallet, providing companies a secure digital identity to simplify cross-border operations.

This package marks an important step in shaping a more agile and innovation-friendly digital regulatory environment in Europe, benefiting startups and SMEs while ensuring alignment with Europe's values on privacy, fairness, and digital sovereignty.

## News Update

India

**SICSem begins India's first end-to-end chip manufacturing project in Odisha**  
**1.11.2025, Business Standard**

On 1 November, Silicon Integrated Systems (SICSem) began construction of India's first fully integrated semiconductor facility in Odisha. The project marks a major step towards domestic chip production and aims to boost India's position in the global semiconductor value chain.

**India-EU FTA Negotiations Held in New Delhi from 3rd to 7th November 2025**  
**7.11.2025, Press Information Bureau India (PIB India)**

From 3–7 November, EU and Indian negotiators met in New Delhi to advance discussions on the India–EU Free Trade Agreement. Stocktake meetings reviewed progress on key issues, with both sides reaffirming their commitment to a balanced, forward-looking agreement.

**MeitY Unveils India AI Governance Guidelines under IndiaAI Mission to Ensure Safe, Inclusive, and Responsible Adoption of Artificial Intelligence across sectors.**  
**5.11.2025, Press Information Bureau India (PIB India)**

MeitY has released the India AI Governance Guidelines under the IndiaAI Mission, outlining ethical principles, governance pillars, and practical steps for responsible AI adoption. The launch marks a milestone ahead of the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

**DPDP Rules, 2025 Notified**  
**17.11.2025, Press Information Bureau India (PIB India)**

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has officially notified the DPDP Rules, 2025. These rules operationalise the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, establishing clearer procedures for data fiduciaries and reinforcing individual data rights.

**Global**

**Singapore to set up first quantum computer for commercial use in 2026 | The Straits Times**  
**06.11.2025, The Straits Times**

Singapore will set up its first quantum computer for commercial use in 2026, in partnership with Quantinuum. The Helios system will support sectors like drug discovery and finance, expanding quantum research and development capabilities under the National Quantum Computing Hub.

**Commission launches market investigations on cloud computing services under the Digital Markets Act**  
**18.11.2025, European Commission**

The EU launched market investigations into Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure to assess their designation as gatekeepers under the Digital Markets Act. A third inquiry will examine whether existing DMA obligations sufficiently address fairness and competition in EU cloud services.

**Women In Tech - Payal Malik**

**Payal Malik** is a public policy economist, her areas of expertise are competition law and policy, digital markets, antitrust litigation, technology policy, and economic regulation of network industries.

She has been an Economic Adviser and Head of the Economics Division at the Competition Commission of India for ten years between 2012-2023, where she played a key role in advising the Commission on the economics of competition law across an expansive range of markets and led interfaces between the CCI, sector regulators, government, industry and the international competition community.



She has several years of research and economic consulting experience in network Industries such as power and telecommunication, ICTs, Innovation systems, and Infrastructure. She was on the team that drafted the Electricity Act of India ushering competition into the sector.

Payal has published in peer reviewed international and Indian journals in the area of competition law and policy. She is a regular columnist and writes op-eds in the field of regulation and competition for reputed business and daily newspapers.

## Upcoming Events

### Global Technology Summit Innovation Dialogue 2025 | 11 December 2025 | New Delhi

Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly being applied to improve outcomes across critical sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, education, and public service delivery. In the lead-up to the AI Impact Summit 2026, the Innovation Dialogue, organised as part of the Global Technology Summit, will take place on 11 December 2025 in New Delhi.

Co-hosted by Carnegie India and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the session will bring together policymakers, experts, and innovators to examine practical use cases, share lessons on implementation at scale, and explore key challenges around infrastructure, data quality, and digital readiness.

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### India Digital Summit 2025 | 16–17 January 2025 | New Delhi

Now in its 19th edition, the India Digital Summit (IDS) is the flagship annual conference of the [Internet and Mobile Association of India \(IAMAI\)](#), and one of the country's most prominent platforms for digital dialogue. The 2025 Summit will take place in New Delhi, and is set to bring together policymakers, regulators, industry leaders, and innovators from across sectors.

Over two days, participants will engage in keynotes, panels, and workshops across 17 dedicated tracks, including AI, data and security, gig economy, healthtech, rural tech, and digital public services, offering a comprehensive view of the opportunities and challenges shaping India's digital future.

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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.



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He currently serves as Senior Policy Advisor for the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue in New Delhi. In this role, he supports the EU-India cooperation through multi-stakeholder engagement, evidence-based advice, and strategic dialogue formats.

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