

SPECIAL ISSUE FOR THE AI-IMPACT SUMMIT

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Dear Readers,

As we look ahead to the India AI Impact Summit 2026, this gathering comes at a particularly meaningful moment. Across the world, AI is no longer discussed only as a technological advancement, but as a force that is already reshaping economies, public services, and daily life. The question today is not whether AI will have an impact, but how we ensure that this impact is responsible, inclusive, and aligned with the needs of our societies.

For the European Union and India, the Summit could not come at a more substantial time. The month of January marked a watershed moment in our partnership, with the 16th EU-India Summit in New Delhi and the finalisation of the long-awaited Free Trade Agreement. Together, the two economies are poised to deepen their cooperation across the digital domain. AI has emerged as a defining area of shared interest, where the two regions' approaches converge strongly in purpose: advancing responsible, human-centered, and innovation-driven pathways.

Against this backdrop, the India AI Impact Summit offers a unique platform to translate this momentum into concrete collaboration. In this special edition of *The Brief*, you will find an overview of the Secretariat's events at the Summit, insights into EU Member State representation and their planned engagements, and updates designed to help navigate the week ahead.

The EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue will be hosting several engagements throughout the Summit, and we invite our readers to reach out should you wish to participate or learn more about our planned sessions. Your perspectives and contributions remain essential to advancing this partnership.

We look forward to seeing many of you in New Delhi next week!

Warm Regards from Delhi,
Oezlem Buran
Head of Secretariat
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In the Works | EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue
at the AI Impact Summit 2026

Panel at the AI Impact Summit 2026: “Opportunities for EU-India Collaboration for Twin Transition” (co-organized with FEBI)

18 February 2026 | 9:30–10:30 IST

Location: Room No. 17, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Together with FEBI, the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue will convene European and Indian industry leaders for a high-level on how AI can power the green and digital transitions. The session will explore how AI can strengthen sustainability and competitiveness by improving operational efficiency, supporting the green and digital transitions, and enabling scalable deployment of advanced technologies. Participants will present real-world applications, identify regulatory and market bottlenecks, and explore how closer EU-India cooperation can accelerate trusted and responsible deployment at scale.

A short outcome brief will be prepared following the session to capture key insights and recommendations emerging from the discussion.

If you are interested in participating, please register using the link below.

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Think Tank Breakfast Side-Event | AI Governance in the EU and India

18 February 2026 | 9:00 – 12:00 pm IST

Location: The Metropolitan Hotel, Sector 4, Gole Market, New Delhi – 110001

The EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue, together with the ICRIER Prosus Centre for Internet and Digital Economy, will host a closed-door working breakfast between leading European and Indian Think Tanks.

Discussions will compare approaches to AI regulation, inclusion, and digital competition, identify areas of convergence, and explore priorities for deeper cooperation on safe and trusted AI. The session will bring together leading EU and Indian think tanks to analyse AI governance frameworks across three domains: regulatory strategies, inclusive policymaking, and approaches to digital competition. Key insights will feed into a joint synthesis and contribute to ongoing EU–India policy processes.

If you are interested in participating, get in touch with the organising team.

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Business Roundtable Side-Event | Pathways for EU-India AI Skills and Talent Mobility

18 February 2026 | 16:30–17:30 IST

Location: The Metropolitan Hotel, Sector 4, Gole Market, New Delhi – 110001

On the margins of the AI Impact Summit, the Secretariat of the EU–India Digital Policy Dialogue will convene C-suite executives from leading European and Indian multinational companies to advance cooperation on AI skills and talent mobility. The session will be opened by EVP Henna Virkkunen.

Building on the EU–India virtual workshop held in November 2025, the roundtable will examine priority skills gaps across sectors including manufacturing, mobility, health, and public services. Discussions will focus on practical pathways for deploying talent, strengthening competitiveness, and enabling industry-led implementation. Key takeaways will feed into a short outcome brief to inform EU and Indian partners.

Please note that participation in this roundtable is by invitation only and the session is now fully booked.

Organisations interested in receiving the key outcomes are welcome to contact the organising team below.

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Team Europe Spotlight

From Brussels to New Delhi: Europe’s leadership at the AI Impact Summit

Following January's milestone EU–India Summit and the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement, the European Union will maintain strong visibility at the India AI Impact Summit (18–20 February). **Executive Vice President Henna Virkkunen**, **Roberto Viola**, Director-General of DG CONNECT, and **Lucilla Sioli**, Director of the EU AI Office, will engage across the programme. Their participation highlights the EU's commitment to advancing trustworthy AI, strengthening competitiveness, and deepening EU–India cooperation.

As the Summit unfolds, we invite you to follow their engagements closely, to learn more about the EU and India's collaboration on AI.



European Union at the India AI Impact Summit 2026



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Upcoming Events at The Summit

AI governance in the Age of Powerful AI - International Perspectives and the Code of Practice

20 February 2026, 12:30 PM
Location: L1 Meeting Room No. 6, Bharat Mandapam

This panel brings together global leaders and innovators to examine the transformative potential of AI within the public sector. The discussion will delve into the roles of AI developers and governmental bodies, focusing on how their collaboration can translate trustworthy AI principles into tangible public services and policy-making results. The event will spotlight actionable strategies, visionary ideas and ways to deploy AI systems that can deliver social and economic value.

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Applying AI: How AI Innovators and Governments Reshape the Public Sector

20 February 2026 | 3:30 PM
Location: Bharat Mandapam, L1 Meeting Room No. 8

This panel explores how German–Asian cooperation bridges AI skill gaps to drive SME productivity and innovation. Experts will discuss strategic partnerships between government, industry, and academia to integrate vocational training with AI-led ecosystems. By showcasing collaboration models like the AI Academia Innovation Partnership, the session offers actionable pathways for preparing a future-ready workforce and securing long-term competitiveness in an AI-driven global economy.

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Member State Representation at the Summit

EU Member States are actively shaping the programme of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 through a range of events, high-level engagements, and thematic contributions. Below is an overview of the key initiatives and activities led by Member States during the Summit.

Lithuania

Networking | Women's Digital Empowerment in AI, the Digital Economy & Cybersecurity

18 February 2026 | 14:00 - 16:30 IST

Location: Embassy of Lithuania, New Delhi

In the context of the AI Impact Summit, the Embassy of Lithuania, together with the Data Security Council of India (DSCI), will host a high-level discussion on advancing women's leadership across AI, the digital economy, and cybersecurity.



The event also marks Lithuania assuming the role of EU Gender Champion in India. Policymakers, industry representatives, and experts will exchange on pathways toward inclusive digital futures, gender-responsive innovation, and secure digital ecosystems. A networking lunch will precede the working session.

For participation or further information, please contact Mr. Lukas Kisielius, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania in New Delhi at lukas.kisielius@urm.lt

Germany

AI Impact Summit: Strengthening Data and AI Collaboratives for Economic Growth and Social Good

18 February 2026 | 09:30 IST

Location: Room 6, Bharat Mandapam

With participation from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), this multi-stakeholder session will explore how trusted, interoperable data ecosystems can enable inclusive innovation, better governance, and responsible AI deployment.



AI Impact Summit: Empowering Policymakers: Futures Literacy for Tech-Informed Foreign and International Digital Policy

16 February 2026 | 12:30–13:30 IST

Location: Room 18, Bharat Mandapam

Organised with the German Federal Foreign Office, the session will explore how futures literacy can support governments in navigating technological change and strengthening informed, resilient approaches to international digital policy and diplomacy.

Industry Roundtable: Side Event | Indo-German AI Business Opportunities

18 February 2026 | 13:00–14:30 IST

Location: Metropolitan Hotel, New Delhi

Germany will feature prominently at the India AI Impact Summit with a high-level visit led by Federal Minister for Digital Transformation and Government Modernisation Karsten Wildberger, accompanied by a C-suite business delegation and German media.

A central moment of the programme will be the Minister-led industry roundtable bringing together German and Indian companies to identify high-impact AI cooperation areas, strengthen B2B partnerships, and advance implementation under the Indo-German Digital Dialogue.

Please note that participation in this roundtable is by invitation-only and the session is now fully booked.

Organisations interested in receiving the key outcomes are welcome to contact the organising team [here](#).

German Pavilion at the India AI Impact Summit

Location: Summit Expo, Bharat Mandapam

Germany will be prominently represented through the German Pavilion, organised by the German Chamber of Commerce. The pavilion will serve as a showcase and networking hub, highlighting German excellence in artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, digital infrastructure, and industry-driven innovation.

A delegation of leading German companies will present solutions spanning industrial AI, smart production, secure digital technologies, and applied research.

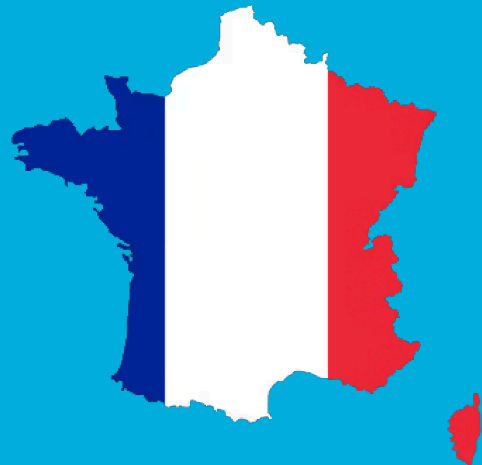
France

AI Impact Summit: Protecting Children in the Age of AI

18 February 2026 | 12:15–13:00 IST

Location: AIIMS Main Auditorium, Bharat Mandapam

France will convene partners for a focused discussion on safeguarding children in digital environments. Minister Delegate Anne Le Henanff and Ambassador-at-Large for Digital and AI Clara Chappaz will participate in the exchange.



AI Impact Summit: Smaller Footprint, Bigger Impact: Advancing Resilient and Efficient AI Models for a Sustainable Future

20 February 2026 | 14:30–15:25 IST

Location: Room 10, Bharat Mandapam

France, together with UNESCO and the Sustainable AI Coalition, will host a high-level roundtable on reducing the environmental footprint of frontier AI and promoting energy-efficient, resilient models. The session will be chaired by Minister Delegate for AI and Digital Affairs Anne Le Henanff and will feature senior representatives from UNESCO, the Government of India, Kenya, Google-Alphabet, Mistral AI, and Tata Consultancy Services.

Live Demo and Fireside Chat | Linguistic Diversity in AI: Making AI Work for Everyone

20 February 2026 | 15:30–16:25 IST

Location: Meeting room 7, Bharat Mandapam

This session will be split across four segments, which will include a live demo of a prototype handheld multilingual device along with a video projection of the prototype being used by different user groups, a fireside chat between Current AI and Bhashini leadership, and a high-level dialogue between senior French and Indian government officials. Ms. Anne Bouverot, Special Envoy of France for Artificial Intelligence, Co-chair of the French Council for AI and Digital Affairs, has confirmed her participation.

A key moment will be the launch of the Resilient AI Challenge, a global initiative supporting innovation in resource-conscious AI.

Kindly get in touch with French Embassy in India for further details.

Slovakia

ESET at the India AI Impact Summit

Location: Summit Expo, Bharat Mandapam



Slovakia will be represented by ESET, a global leader in cybersecurity. ESET will host a dedicated booth at the AI Summit Expo, showcasing its advanced security solutions and contributions to safeguarding digital ecosystems.

Delegations and partners interested in engaging with ESET's team may reach out to the Slovakian Embassy for facilitation and further information.

Italy

Italian Pavilion at the India AI Impact Summit

Location: Summit Expo, Bharat Mandapam



Italy will be prominently represented through the Italian Pavilion, organised by the Italian Trade Agency (ITA). The pavilion will serve as a multimedia showcase and networking hub, highlighting Italian excellence in artificial intelligence, industrial automation, advanced manufacturing, and AI-enabled enterprise solutions.

A delegation of innovative Italian companies will present technologies ranging from digital twins and energy optimisation to generative AI, blockchain applications, and neurotechnology.

Delegations and partners interested in connecting with Italian innovators are encouraged to reach out to colleagues at the Italian Trade Agency: newdelhi@ice.it

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