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Dear Readers,

The past month has reinforced a central reality: EU–India cooperation is entering a phase where strategic alignment must increasingly be matched by execution. The inaugural EU–India TTC Business Forum provided a valuable opportunity to hear directly from businesses, Member States, and innovators on where cooperation can deliver the greatest practical value. These insights, complemented by a month-long survey will feed into preparations for the upcoming EU–India TTC Ministerial in July in Brussels.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to contribute their perspectives. Meaningful cooperation is built through sustained engagement from the people and institutions working at the forefront of technology, trade, investment and innovation.

This month has also brought an important new policy signal from Europe. The EU Tech Sovereignty Package places renewed focus on resilience, competitiveness and capacity across critical technologies. As the EU and India advance their respective technology sovereignty agendas, our Digital Chai Chat on 30 June will provide a focused space to gather Member State perspectives on where these approaches may intersect, and on the opportunities and challenges they create for businesses operating across both markets.

The broader political momentum is equally notable. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visits to France and Slovakia this month underlined the growing strategic depth of India's engagement with Europe at a time when trusted partnerships, resilient supply chains and technological capability have become central to economic and geopolitical security.

This edition also features our latest episode of Tech-à-Tête, in which Stefania Benaglia reflects on the EU's Global Gateway and what an investable EU–India digital partnership could look like in practice. I hope you will take the time to listen, and we would be delighted to hear your reflections.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Warm regards from Delhi,
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In the works

Digital Chai Chat on the EU Tech Sovereignty Package

30 June 2026, 2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M. IST, 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM CEST | Virtual

The EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue will convene its next Digital Chai Chat to explore the [EU Tech Sovereignty Package](#) and what it could mean for EU-India technology cooperation.

Released earlier this month, the Package sets out Europe's approach to strengthening resilience, competitiveness and capacity across critical technologies—from AI, semiconductors and cloud to cybersecurity, open source and the digitalisation of strategic sectors.

As both the EU and India advance their own technology sovereignty and resilience agendas, the discussion will consider where these approaches can complement one another. It will also gather Member State perspectives on the opportunities and challenges for businesses operating across both markets, including investment, innovation, compliance and trusted cross-border technology partnerships.

Are you an EU Member State representative? Join the Digital Chai Chat to exchange perspectives on building stronger and more trusted EU-India technology partnerships by writing to us!

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Latest Project Developments

EU-India TTC Business Forum | June 4, 2026

On 4 June 2026, the EU-India Digital Policy Dialogue hosted the first-ever EU-India TTC Business Forum in New Delhi, together with the Delegation of the European Union to India and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, in partnership with the Federation of European Business in India and NASSCOM.

For the Dialogue, this marked a special milestone: our first event at this scale, bringing together more than 100 representatives from European and Indian industry, EU Member States, government, research and innovation communities to advance practical cooperation under the EU-India Trade and Technology Council.

Across a full day of discussions, participants explored the building blocks of a more resilient, competitive and trusted EU-India technology partnership. Sessions covered ICT talent cooperation, AI and compute ecosystems, 5G/6G and global standards, semiconductors, cybersecurity and data governance, as well as trusted Digital Public Infrastructure for cross-border business.

A clear message emerged throughout the Forum: the EU and India have complementary strengths to build on. India brings scale, talent, digital public infrastructure and dynamic technology applications, while Europe contributes advanced technologies, research, infrastructure, standards and regulatory expertise. The next step is to translate this complementarity into joint use cases, interoperable standards, stronger talent and credential pathways, coordinated research, testbeds and more predictable conditions for businesses to innovate across both markets.

The insights shared during the Forum, together with inputs gathered through a dedicated business survey, will help inform discussions at the upcoming EU-India TTC Ministerial in July 2026 in New Delhi. They will contribute to identifying where public- and private-sector collaboration can move most quickly from shared ambition to tangible outcomes.

We are grateful to the speakers, moderators, participants, Member States and industry partners who contributed their perspectives and helped make this first Forum a meaningful step towards turning EU-India technology cooperation into concrete outcomes.



EU-India Digital ID Interoperability Feasibility Workshop | June 5, 2026

On 5 June in New Delhi, the final workshop of the GIZ-commissioned feasibility study on interoperability between the EU Digital Identity (EUDI) Wallet ecosystem and India's digital identity systems brought together stakeholders to review findings and explore the path forward.

Key discussion areas included the UIDAI sandbox — which supports Aadhaar VC usage, authentication, QR-code interactions, and high-assurance data sharing — though access currently remains restricted to India and would require ministerial approval to open internationally. Trust list interoperability emerged as a critical unresolved issue, with Aadhaar and DigiLocker currently maintaining separate lists and a federated model potentially required for cross-border use. On the technical side, Aadhaar VC technology supports JSON-LD, SD-JWT, and mDoc formats, while the DC API was flagged as a potential interoperability mechanism worth exploring further.

Candidate use cases discussed spanned trade facilitation and trade finance, talent and student mobility, B2B payments, power of attorney and delegation, air travel, and healthcare — with cross-border credential verification and trust architecture identified as foundational prerequisites across all sectors.

The project now moves toward a sandbox-pilot-live deployment roadmap, with interest in trilateral and broader DPI cooperation models for future phases.



Tech-à-Tête Podcast | Episode 4 Out Now

The latest episode of *Tech-à-Tête* examines how the European Union's Global Gateway strategy can support the implementation of EU-India digital cooperation priorities.

Host Akriti Bopanna speaks with [Stefania Benaglia](#), Foreign Policy Expert and rapporteur of the 2025 CEPS Task Force Report on the Global Gateway, about the strategy's potential role in advancing the next phase of the EU-India digital partnership.

The discussion considers how the Global Gateway can complement the political direction provided by the EU-India Trade and Technology Council, particularly in areas related to digital connectivity, high-performance computing and emerging technologies. It also highlights the relevance of resilient infrastructure, including subsea connectivity and 6G, in supporting long-term digital cooperation.

A further focus of the episode is the role of private sector actors in translating strategic priorities into practical projects. The conversation explores the opportunities and remaining challenges for businesses, SMEs, startups and civil society to engage more meaningfully in Global Gateway initiatives and the wider EU-India digital partnership.

Tune in to the episode to explore how investment, connectivity and stronger public-private partnerships can help translate shared digital priorities into practical cooperation.

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Unlocking EU-India Digital Partnership through the Global Gateway

GUEST SPEAKER



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Team Europe Spotlight

Strengthening Europe's Tech Sovereignty

Europe's ability to develop, deploy, and secure critical digital technologies will be central to its future competitiveness, resilience, and strategic autonomy.

On 3 June, the European Commission presented the European Technological Sovereignty Package—a new set of initiatives designed to strengthen Europe's capacity in semiconductors, artificial intelligence, cloud and open-source technologies. The package brings together the proposed [Chips Act 2.0](#), the [Cloud and AI Development Act](#), a new [Open Source Strategy](#), and a [roadmap for the digitalisation and use of AI in the energy sector](#).

As the EU and India each advance their own approaches to technological resilience, the package will also serve as an important policy backdrop for the next phase of EU-India cooperation on trusted technologies, innovation and investment.

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Henna Virkkunen and Dan Jørgensen at the presentation of the EU Tech Sovereignty Package, 3 June 2026.

News Update

EU-India Space Cooperation Moves Further Up the Agenda **2 June 2026, European Commission**

A European Commission article highlights space as an increasingly important area of EU-India engagement, alongside the Trade and Technology Council, ongoing FTA discussions and the shared Vision 2030 agenda. The piece points to growing scope for cooperation as both partners strengthen their capabilities in a strategically important and increasingly competitive domain.

India Looks to AI-Enabled, Machine-Readable Standards **4 June 2026, Economic Times**

India's Consumer Affairs Ministry is exploring the use of artificial intelligence to develop machine-readable SMART standards, with the aim of reducing compliance burdens for industry and enabling more automated verification processes. The initiative forms part of a broader effort to modernise India's standards ecosystem and strengthen quality infrastructure.

T-Mobile Opens Global Capability Centre in Hyderabad **4 June 2026, Reuters**

T-Mobile has opened a new technology centre in Hyderabad and plans to employ close to 1,000 people in India by 2027. The centre will build capabilities across software engineering, DevOps, product development, data analytics and cybersecurity, adding to India's growing Global Capability Centre ecosystem.

India and France Launch Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice **14 June 2026, Euronews**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron jointly inaugurated the first edition of Bharat Innovates 2026 in Nice, bringing together Indian deep-tech startups, higher education institutions, investors and global innovation stakeholders. The three-day showcase featured technologies and innovation across sectors including AI, semiconductors, biotechnology, healthcare, energy, advanced manufacturing and space.

India and Slovakia Deepen Trade and Technology Cooperation **15 June 2026, DW**

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Slovakia, India and Slovakia elevated their relationship to a Comprehensive Partnership, signalling a stronger focus on trade, investment, digital technologies and advanced manufacturing. The visit also underscored India's growing engagement with Central and Eastern Europe.

EU and India Target Formal Signature of Free Trade Agreement by Year-End **17 June 2026, Reuters**

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced that the EU and India aim to formally sign their Free Trade Agreement by the end of 2026. The agreement is expected to strengthen bilateral trade and create more favourable conditions for investment and business cooperation between the two markets.

Jio Platforms Eyes Landmark IPO **19 June 2026, Reuters**

Reliance Jio Platforms is reportedly preparing for a Mumbai listing that could raise around USD 3.8 billion, potentially making it India's largest-ever IPO. The company's portfolio spans telecoms alongside AI, cloud and enterprise network businesses, highlighting the scale of India's fast-growing digital economy.

India Highlights its Emerging Technology Ecosystem **22 June 2026, PIB India**

A new Government of India backgrounder outlines the country's growing capabilities across Digital Public Infrastructure, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum technologies, high-performance computing, cloud and cybersecurity. It positions mission-driven public investment, skilling and innovation ecosystems as central to India's ambition to become a globally competitive technology partner.

Women in Tech



Katja Muñoz
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Dr. Katja Muñoz, a senior research fellow at DGAP's Center for Geopolitics, Geoeconomics, and Technology, delves into the intricate interplay between social media and politics. Her expertise lies in understanding the mobilization potential of social media influencers, the dynamics of disinformation, and platform regulation.

Her research also encompasses the intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and democracy, with a particular focus on emerging AI trends that reshape online information integrity. She holds a special interest in mapping and monitoring AI's impact on the electoral process, including campaigning, voter sentiment analysis, and governance systems.

Prior to her current role, Muñoz served as a scientific consultant at the nexus of technology and politics, providing insights into contemporary events and contextualizing them to enhance the accessibility of digital policy. Her work focused on the risks and potential of emerging technologies, early warning systems and predictive intelligence, and the interplay between democracy and digital politics.

Upcoming Events



Nasscom People Summit 2026:
Reimagining Work in the Age of AI
14 July 2026 | Bangalore, India

The Nasscom People Summit 2026 will bring together business leaders, CHROs, CIOs, founders, policymakers, academics and technology practitioners to examine the future of work, workforce and workplace. Across three thematic pillars—Talent in Transition, Leadership Rewired and Anchoring the Change—the Summit will bring leaders together to tackle AI-native roles, skills and talent mobility, human-machine collaboration, responsible leadership, organisational redesign and the governance of AI-augmented work.

For our stakeholders working at the intersection of digital transformation, skills and labour-market change, the Summit offers a timely space to exchange practical insights and explore how technology can deliver meaningful, inclusive and scalable outcomes for people and organisations.

Learn more about the programme and register to join the conversation.

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CyberCon India will spotlight the intersection of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, deep tech, industrial IoT, robotics, automation, cloud and data intelligence—alongside keynote conversations, expert panels, startup showcases, live technology demonstrations and opportunities to connect across the ecosystem.

A key programme highlight will be an industry roundtable with CERT-In and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), creating space for direct exchange on the opportunities and challenges shaping India's evolving cybersecurity, technology and industrial innovation landscape.

For stakeholders working on secure, scalable and innovation-driven digital transformation, CyberCon India offers a valuable forum to explore how emerging technologies can strengthen industrial competitiveness and digital resilience.

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SEMICON India 2026: Building the Next Chapter of the Global Chip Ecosystem

17–19 September 2026 | Yashobhoomi, New Delhi



This September, the global semiconductor ecosystem will once again converge in New Delhi for SEMICON India 2026—a flagship platform bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, investors, researchers and innovators from across the value chain.

Under the theme **“Building Trusted and Resilient Semiconductor Ecosystems,”** the event will spotlight the partnerships, technologies and talent needed to shape the next phase of India's semiconductor journey—from chip design and manufacturing to packaging, equipment, materials, testing and advanced research.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and senior representatives from the India Semiconductor Mission are expected to participate, underlining the strategic importance of the event for India's growing role in the global semiconductor landscape.

European participation will be strongly represented. Sweden and the Netherlands have confirmed country pavilions and will bring government and business delegations to the event.

Are you interested in showcasing your country's semiconductor ecosystem at SEMICON India 2026? EU Member States exploring a country pavilion can contact Mr. Dharmendra Yadav, Director of Government Relations and Policy, India Electronics and Semiconductors Association (IESA) at dharmendra.yadav@iesaonline.org for further information.

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Discover the ideas and partnerships driving collaboration across AI, Digital Public Infrastructure, semiconductors, digital skills, connectivity and more.

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