

# Concept Programme

## D9+ Ministerial meeting

### 2025 Amsterdam

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26-27 MARCH 2025



## D9+ | Ministry of Economic Affairs

**Wednesday 26 March 2025**

**Special informal Head of Delegation kick-off** | HoD + 1

16.45	Gather in the lobby of Hotel Apollo
17.00 – 22.00	<b>Special informal Head of Delegation kick-off</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boat tour through the canals of Amsterdam</li><li>• Drinks &amp; dinner</li></ul>

**Thursday 27 March 2025**

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| HoD + 2

Location: H'ART museum, Amsterdam

08.40 – 09.00	<i>Registration</i>
09.00 – 10.00	<b>Opening D9+ Ministerial meeting Amsterdam 2025</b>  Welcome and opening remarks <b>Dirk Beljaarts</b> , <i>Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs</i>  Keynote <b>Henna Virkkunen</b> , <i>Executive Vice President for Technological Sovereignty, Security, and Democracy of the European Commission</i>  Summary remarks regarding the B9+ <b>Focco Vijselaar</b> , <i>The Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers</i>
10.00 – 10.05	A 'family photo' of the D9+ Heads of Delegations
10.05 – 10.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.30 – 11.15	<b>Session I – A comprehensive investment agenda for digital tech</b>  Short presentations on the European investment landscape on how to make better use of funding opportunities for digital technologies by <b>Robert de Groot</b> , <i>Vice President at European Investment Bank</i> and effective mobilisation of private capital by <b>Anke Huiskes</b> , <i>Managing Partner at NP Hard Ventures</i> . Afterwards each HoD gets the opportunity to make a statement of max 2 min.
11.15 – 12.00	<b>Session II - Towards a strong and competitive European connectivity ecosystem</b>  Reflection on four dilemmas regarding the future of connectivity. Each HoD gets the opportunity to deliver a short statement on the separate dilemmas. We hope this format can lead to a fruitful discussion.

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12.00 – 13.30	<i>Lunch break – separate lunch for Head of Delegations only</i>
13.30 – 14.15	<b>Session III - The role of the digital government in enhancing the EU's competitiveness</b>  Short introduction by <b>Zsolt Szabó</b> , <i>Dutch Minister for Digitalisation and Kingdom Relations</i> . Afterwards each HoD gets the opportunity to make a statement of max 3 min.
14.15 – 15.00	<b>Session IV - Bridging the innovation gap and making AI thrive in Europe</b>  Short presentation by <b>Fabrizio Del Maffeo</b> , <i>CEO at Axelera AI</i> , on AI adoption and infrastructure to boost the European AI ecosystem. Afterwards each HoD gets the opportunity to make a statement of max 2 min.
15.00 – 15.15	<b>Concluding remarks</b>
15.15 – 16.00	<i>Informal cocktail reception</i>