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Invitation to speak at the WELT AI Summit on 11 September 2024 in Berlin

Dear Mr. Järvan,

In view of urgent requirements for European competitiveness, WELT is expanding the focus of its Summit series to embrace yet another key topic:

Artificial intelligence and European digital sovereignty.

One of its related challenges: Without a robust, sovereign European cloud and AI offering, Europeans risks non competitiveness and transatlantic dependencies in these fields.

The US 'Cloud Act' and 'Freedom Act' grant US authorities, under their own rules, access to data stored outside the US. Thus, European authorities, public institutions, companies, and organizations using US-American cloud services or software solutions can be monitored by US authorities without their knowledge and might lose control over their data.

But what could or should sovereign and competitive European cloud and AI options look like?

To discuss the way forward the WELT AI Summit invites a limited circle of 50 participants from politics, digital championship, social organizations, defense, as well as board members and CEOs of leading companies.

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The WELT Summits have taken place annually mostly in Berlin since 2009. The relevance of topics and the in-depth discussions provide attendees with valuable insights and unique perspectives. The Chatham House Rule applies.

Previous speakers of the WELT Summits include the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen (2019, 2024), Federal Chancellor, Olaf Scholz (2022, 2023, 2024), the Chairman & Senior Executive IAC & Expedia Group, Barry Diller (2024), the Founder and CEO Aleph Alpha GmbH, Jonas Andrulis (2024), NATO Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg (2015, 2023), the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Petr Fiala (2023), the Founder & CEO of Snap Inc., Evan Spiegel (2023), the President of the Central European Bank, Christine Lagarde (2022), the Prime Minister of Poland, Mateusz Morawiecki (2020), former U.S. Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger (2020), the Founder & CEO of Netflix, Reed Hastings (2019), the Federal President of Germany, Frank-Walter Steinmeier (2018), the Hungarian Prime Minister, Viktor Orbán (2018), the current President of France, Emmanuel Macron (2016, 2017).

The number of speakers and the duration of contributions and panels are limited to ensure there is sufficient time for debate. The arrangements for speakers allow you to arrive shortly before your contribution and to leave the conference shortly afterwards if desired. Should you have a preferred time slot, we will do our best to accommodate your wishes.

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On the eve of the WELT AI Summit on Tuesday, 10 September 2024, participants are invited to an exclusive reception (7.00 p.m.) and dinner. You are very welcome to join us for this event.

I would be delighted if you are able to accept this invitation and enrich our discussions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ulf Poschardt
Editor-in-Chief WELT

Address and information on the WELT AI Summit

DINNER on Tuesday, 10 September 2024

7.00 p.m.

Reception and dinner at the Axel Springer JOURNALISTENCLUB
with speeches and discussions

Axel-Springer-Straße 65 (Access via Zimmerstraße)
10888 Berlin

CONFERENCE on Wednesday, 11 September 2024

10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Conference at the Axel-Springer new building
Zimmerstraße 50

10117 Berlin

Participants attend the conference throughout the day.

Speakers are welcome to arrive shortly before their contribution and leave the conference shortly afterwards if desired.

The duration of speakers' contributions and panels vary between 30 to 45 minutes (including Q&A).

The Chatham House Rule applies. Statements made at the conference are only published by WELT with the explicit consent of the speaker.

Media coverage: The speeches and discussions in the conference room are subject to the Chatham House Rule. Taking this into account, WELT will report on the WELT AI Summit across all media, including in the form of authorized interviews on WELT.de and WELT-TV as well as for a special supplement in WELT AM SONNTAG.

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