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Regulation of AI, Internet and Data

RAID 2026

Europe's New Age of Innovation

Monday 28 - Tuesday 29 September, Stanhope Hotel, Brussels

Confirmed Speakers include:

1. *Christel Schaldemose, Vice President, European Parliament*
2. *Axel Voss, Member, European Parliament*
3. *Tine A. Larsen, President, National Commission for Data Protection (CNPD) - Luxembourg*
4. *Brando Benifei, Member and AI Act co-rapporteur, European Parliament*
5. *Maija Celmiņa, Cabinet of the Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission*
6. *Valerie Hoess, Executive Director AI & Data Policy EMEA, JP Morgan Chase*
7. *Nicolas de Bouville, AI & Privacy Policy Manager, Meta*

*Invitations under consideration:
Henna Virkkunen, Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, European Commission*
Michael McGrath, Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, and the Rule of Law, European Commission*
Ekaterina Zaharieva, Commissioner for Startups, Research and Innovation, European Commission*
Eva Maydell, Member, European Parliament*
Minister of Digital Transformation*
Victor Negrescu, Vice President, European Parliament*
Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India*
Julie Inman Grant, eSafety Commissioner, Australia*
Louisa Specht-Riemenschneider, Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information, BfDI (German DPA)*
Des Hogan, Commissioner for Data Protection and Chairperson, Data Protection Commission – Ireland*
John Edwards, UK Information Commissioner, Information Commissioner's Office*
Prof. Christiane Wendehorst, Scientific Director, European Law Institute*

Day One, Monday 28 September

14:00 **Keynote Address**

14:15 **Panel 1: SETTING THE SCENE – The global technology landscape in flux**
- How are geopolitical uncertainty, supply-chain resilience and security concerns shaping technology policy priorities and investment decisions globally and in Europe?
- What does digital sovereignty mean in practice for Europe when digital ecosystems, R&D, capital and talent remain deeply interconnected across borders – and what do EU tech sovereignty ambitions mean for US priorities?
- How should Europe calibrate its technology, competition and industrial policies to strengthen resilience and competitiveness while preserving openness and international cooperation?

15:05 **Panel 2: GLOBAL ALIGNMENT – Europe's role in a multipolar digital economy**
- How can Europe engage constructively with diverse digital governance models while advancing its own regulatory priorities on data, AI and digital infrastructure?

- Where do differences in technology policy risk creating long-term fragmentation - and where can pragmatic alignment be achieved through standards, adequacy and regulatory cooperation?
- Can Europe use its regulatory and market influence to promote interoperability, adequacy and mutual recognition in global tech governance, rather than reinforcing fragmentation?

15:55 Refreshments & Networking

16:20 Panel 3: GROWTH & SIMPLIFICATION – The Digital Omnibus moment: can Europe simplify regulations to scale globally?

> **Workshop: Finance and Tech Policy**

- How can the Digital Omnibus, Innovation Act and 28th regime – as they move into implementation – reduce fragmentation and create predictable conditions for EU-wide and global scale?
- What regulatory approaches enable cross-border deployment of AI, data, and digital services for platforms and industrial sectors?
- How can compliance frameworks be designed for consistency across Member States and sectors, while remaining adaptable in practice?

17:10 Panel 4: INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPACITY – Building Europe's digital backbone: digital networks, cloud and AI development, data centres and energy

- How can policies such as the Digital Networks Act and the Cloud & AI Development Act accelerate deployment of connectivity, cloud and AI capacity — from foundational infrastructure to large-scale industrial use?
- How can energy policy, sustainability goals and permitting frameworks be aligned to enable timely delivery of data centres critical for AI, platforms and the real economy?
- How can Europe ensure safe, scalable deployment of cloud and AI — including through privacy-by-design and secure cross-border data handling — in regulated sectors such as healthcare, mobility and finance?

18:00-18:45   Cocktail

19:00   VIP Dinner (invitation only)

Day Two, Tuesday 29 September

08:30 Registration, coffee & networking

09:30 Panel 5: EU–US – Navigating regulatory differences in the digital economy

> **Workshop: Platform Compliance**

- How can the EU and US manage regulatory differences in AI and digital policy while maintaining open markets and interoperable digital ecosystems?
- Where do DSA, DMA, US state rules, and sector-specific frameworks create friction in practice for platforms and industrial users?
- How can cooperation on standards, safety and innovation support trusted, secure and efficient cross-border data flows?

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Brando Benifei, Member and AI Act co-rapporteur, European Parliament

10:20 Panel 6: IMPLEMENTATION – The EU AI Act, from law to practice

- To what extent is the Digital Package making AI Act compliance more practicable for companies operating across sectors?

- "How will US companies navigate the AI Act's 'high-risk' classifications, and what does this mean for cross-border data flows?
- How can regulators provide timely guidance that supports consistent implementation, legal certainty and effective privacy compliance for deployers as well as developers?

11:10 **Refreshments & Networking**

11:40 **Keynote Address**

11:55 **Panel 7: PLATFORMS – Governing the platform economy: trust, safety and accountability**
- How are platforms implementing the DSA's systemic risk, transparency and safety obligations in practice, and what lessons are emerging from early enforcement?
- What governance models work for content moderation, child safety, recommender systems and risk mitigation at platform scale?
- How can regulators and platforms build trust through audits, transparency reporting and proportionate oversight while preserving innovation?

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Axel Voss, Member, European Parliament

Moderator: Ceclia Alvarez, EMEA Privacy Policy Director, Meta

> **Workshop: Transport Tech Policy**

12:45 **Lunch & Networking**

14:00 **VIP Interview: THE FUTURE OF AI**
- Is the AI bubble bursting, and what does the shift from hype to adoption mean for policy and industry internationally?
- How can policy support sustainable AI adoption across regions and industries?
- How can regulatory and investment conditions, including privacy and cross-border data considerations, support sustainable AI ecosystems?

14:30 **Panel 8: FS – Finance as digital infrastructure: open finance, payments and the data economy**
- How can financial regulators and data protection authorities work together to improve mutual understanding and effective oversight for banks, fintechs and crypto firms operating across jurisdictions?
- How can open finance and FIDA enable competition, innovation and secure data-sharing across European financial services?
- How should digital wallets, crypto-assets and the digital euro fit into trusted, cross-border payments systems — and what does this mean for data governance and supervision?

> **Workshop: Healthcare Tech Policy**

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Maija Celmiņa, Cabinet of the Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission

15:20 **Refreshments & Networking**

15:50 **Panel 9: COMPLIANCE – Risk, responsibility and liability in AI and digital systems**
- How can liability frameworks support responsible AI use in healthcare, financial services, and mobility?
- How do new EU frameworks, including the Cyber Resilience Act, reshape security, risk and accountability across digital products and systems — and how can companies implement them at scale?

- How can regulators clarify responsibilities in complex, cross-border systems, including safety-critical uses?

16:40 **Panel 10: CONSUMERS & DATA – Interoperability, data flows and cross-border oversight**

- How should platform data governance evolve to support interoperability, innovation and competition while maintaining high standards of privacy and security?
- How can cross-border data flows and regulatory cooperation be made more predictable for platforms operating across multiple jurisdictions?
- What mechanisms can improve consistency of supervision and enforcement for global platforms without fragmenting digital services?
- Are EU-US data adequacy agreements at risk, and what's the fallback for businesses?

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17:30 Conference close

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