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Invitation to speak at the WELT AI SUMMIT on September 22, 2026, in Berlin

Dear Minister Pakosta,

We cordially invite you to the third WELT AI Summit 2026 on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at our publishing house in Berlin.

Artificial intelligence stands at a historic turning point – as perhaps the most powerful tool of our time and, at the same time, a key driver of growth for the global economy.

Estonia's long-standing digital-government experience gives you a particularly relevant perspective on how legal frameworks and AI can reinforce democratic resilience.

But what will the path forward look like? Is there a specifically German or European approach to leading the AI revolution? When will we succeed in harnessing industrial data treasures on a large scale and translating them into real value creation? Is agentic AI the next decisive step and do autonomous, AI-driven systems already mark the beginning of a new industrial revolution? What role do high-performance data centers and AI factories play as the backbone of this new era? And what breakthroughs are emerging at the intersection of AI and quantum computing?

To discuss these questions, the WELT AI Summit 2026 will once again bring together around 50 participants from politics, AI innovation, the digital economy, and science, as well as CEOs of leading companies. Since 2009, the WELT Summits have been among the foremost meeting places for business and politics, offering an opportunity for confidential exchange in an exclusive setting – the Chatham House Rule applies.

On the evening before the WELT AI Summit, Monday, September 21, 2026, we will host all participants for an exclusive reception followed by dinner at our JOURNALISTENCLUB. You are also cordially invited to attend.

We would be delighted if you could accept this invitation and enrich our circle with your perspectives.

Yours sincerely,



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Speakers: When scheduling your contribution between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. we will do our best to accommodate your preferences. You may arrive shortly before your contribution and leave the conference afterwards. Remarks and panel discussions usually last between 30 and 45 minutes (including question-and-answer session). Participants remain at the conference table throughout the day.

Media Coverage: The impulses and discussions in the conference room are subject to the Chatham House Rule. Taking this into account, POLITICO Deutschland, BUSINESS INSIDER Deutschland and WELT will report on the WELT Security Summit across platforms – on WELT.de, WELT TV and in a special supplement of WELT AM SONNTAG, via authorized interviews.

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Previous speakers at the WELT AI Summit include Sam Altman (Chief Executive Officer of OpenAI), Dr. Karsten Wildberger (German Federal Minister for Digital Affairs and State Modernization), Julia Klöckner (President of the German Bundestag), Dr. Philipp Herzig (Chief Technology Officer & Chief AI Officer of SAP SE), Dorothee Bär (German Federal Minister of Research, Technology, and Space), Rajat Taneja (President Technology at Visa), Dr. Markus Söder (Minister-President of the Free State of Bavaria), Peter Sarlin (Chief Executive Officer of Silo AI), Christoph Werner (Chief Executive Officer of dm drogeriemarkt), and Samer Abu-Ltaif (President of Microsoft EMEA).