

Concept Programme D9+ Ministerial meeting 2025 Amsterdam

26-27 MARCH 2025



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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	Special informal Head of Delegation kick-off <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boat tour through the canals of Amsterdam• Drinks & dinner

Thursday 27 March 2025

D9+ Ministerial meeting

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Location: H'ART museum, Amsterdam

08.40 – 09.00	<i>Registration</i>
09.00 – 10.00	Opening D9+ Ministerial meeting Amsterdam 2025 Welcome and opening remarks Dirk Beljaarts , <i>Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs</i> Keynote Henna Virkkunen , <i>Executive Vice President for Technological Sovereignty, Security, and Democracy of the European Commission</i> Summary remarks regarding the B9+ Focco Vijselaar , <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 – 11.30	Session I – A comprehensive investment agenda for digital tech Short presentations on the European investment landscape on how to make better use of funding opportunities for digital technologies by Robert de Groot , <i>Vice President at European Investment Bank</i> and effective mobilisation of private capital by Anke Huiskes , <i>Managing Partner at NP Hard Ventures</i> . Afterwards each HoD gets the opportunity to make a statement of max 2 min.
11.30 – 12.15	Session II - Towards a strong and competitive European connectivity ecosystem 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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12.15 – 13.45	<i>Lunch break – separate lunch for Head of Delegations only</i>
13.45 – 14.30	Session III - The role of the digital government in enhancing the EU's competitiveness Short introduction by Zsolt Szabó , <i>Dutch Minister for Digitalisation and Kingdom Relations</i> . Afterwards each HoD gets the opportunity to make a statement of max 3 min.
14.30 – 15.15	Session IV - Bridging the innovation gap and making AI thrive in Europe Short presentation by Fabrizio Del Maffeo , <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.
15.15 – 15.30	Concluding remarks
15.30 – 16.15	<i>Informal cocktail reception</i>