



# Final Conference: European Ecosystem of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence

**Date:** Monday, 3 November 2025

**Time:** 14:00 - 18:00 (followed by a networking cocktail)

**Location:** Place du Congrès 1, 1000, Brussels (CEPS)

## Background:

CEPS launched its European Ecosystem of Excellence in AI project in January 2024 to develop practical ideas, recommendations, and actions for building a European approach to AI. The project set out to provide better evidence and data for future EU policy, helping to boost Europe's sustainable competitiveness through coordinated initiatives at the EU, national and regional level, while exploring pathways towards future high-quality jobs and skills.

Over the course of two years, CEPS developed key outputs, laying the foundations for a ground-breaking, future-proof industrial strategy on AI, encompassing infrastructure and compute, technological sovereignty, talent and skills, as well as ideas for the deepening of AI uptake in key industry verticals. Our work also led us to developing a comprehensive, interactive and constantly updated Atlas of AI ([aiworld.eu](https://aiworld.eu)), which maps global landscapes and leading global AI hubs. Throughout the project, we have disseminated our findings through papers, explainers, reports, conferences and podcast episodes.

The final conference will present these project findings and policy recommendations, as well as explore ideas for future steps to boost Europe's competitiveness in the age of AI. The discussion will focus on how industrial policy, skills development, and labour market changes can work together to make Europe a global AI leader without undermining job security or social stability.

## Agenda:

| Time          | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 13:30 – 14:00 | Arrival, registrations                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 14:00 – 14:15 | <b>Welcome and framing of the event</b><br><i>Welcoming words and framing of the event:</i> Andrea Renda, Director of Research                                                                                                 |
| 14:15 – 14:50 | <b>Stock-taking: What does the data tell us and how to re-design the European industrial strategy</b><br><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>Andrea Renda, Director of Research<br>Pierre-Alexandre Balland, Chief-Data Scientist          |
| 14:50 – 15:35 | <b>Discussion: Competing in the AI Era: Europe's Industrial Policy and Strategic Advantage</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Andrea Renda                                                                                           |
| 15:35 – 15:50 | Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15:50 – 16:20 | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 16:20 – 16:50 | <b>Stock-taking: What does the data tell us about AI jobs, skills and careers?</b><br><br><b>Speakers:</b><br>Laura Nurski, Head of Programme on Future of Work at CEPS<br>Elena Magrini, Head of Global Research at Lightcast |



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| 16:50 – 17:35 | <b>Discussion: Beyond tasks &amp; skills: how AI is transforming organisations and what that means for workers</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Laura Nurski |
| 17:35 – 17:50 | Q&A                                                                                                                                                      |
| 17:50 – 18:00 | <b>Closing: From ideas to impact, Europe's AI execution plan</b>                                                                                         |
| 18:00         | <b>Networking cocktail</b>                                                                                                                               |