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Dear Readers,

We welcome you to the October edition of the SESEI Newsletter – India, with an aim to bring you the latest developments from Europe on major policy initiatives, standardization activities, legislative updates, and regulatory announcements.

EU-India relations have advanced significantly. The European Council has approved [New Strategic EU-India Agenda](#) aimed at deepening cooperation in trade, innovation, and security.

Simultaneously, the EFTA-India Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement entered into force, targeting \$100 billion in investments and one million jobs over 15 years. Ongoing negotiations for an EU-India FTA are also progressing well with a hope of its closure by the year-end, promising to enhance bilateral trade, innovation, and sustainable growth.

Through [Global Gateway](#) initiative, EU is creating global partnerships to boost sustainable and high-quality infrastructure investments worldwide, promoting trusted partnerships that support green, digital, and inclusive growth. An investment of €306 billion has been mobilised successfully, meeting its €300 billion Global Gateway target two years ahead of the 2027 goal. This demonstrates EU's growing influence as a trusted global partner focused on sustainable, high-standard investments rooted in respect, mutual interest, and long-term commitment.

The European Quality Infrastructure Network (EQIN) celebrated World Standards Day 2025 by emphasizing the role of partnerships in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals especially SDG 17 on "Partnerships for the Goals." In the realm of science, technology, and innovation, the EU reaffirmed its leadership during the G20 Ministerial Meeting in South Africa, advocating for open, inclusive, and responsible research, highlighting EU-led initiatives in open science, biodiversity data, and gender equality in STEM.

The EU's AI Strategy for Science, supported by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), seeks to accelerate AI adoption in research, establishing a European AI Evaluation Hub. Complementing this, CEN-CENELEC have fast-tracked the development of European standards supporting the AI Act, ensuring inclusiveness and timeliness in shaping trustworthy AI frameworks.

In quantum technologies, ETSI have launched a Technical Committee on Quantum Technologies [ETSI- TC-QT](#), to develop standards for secure quantum communications, networks, and sensing. Similarly, [CEN/CENELEC/JTC 22](#) released its first deliverable— [a Layer Model of Quantum Computing](#) —providing a foundational framework for future quantum computing standards. EU despite holding 32% of the world's quantum companies, it accounts for only 6% of global quantum patents, prompting increased investments exceeding €2 billion to enhance competitiveness.

ETSI continues to strengthen EU-India collaboration in ICT standardisation through the InDiCo-Global project and the SESEI initiative. ETSI delegation's visit to India during the India Mobile Congress 2025, holding a Cyber Security Session and meeting with its Indian Partners & stakeholders have reinforced its commitment to collaborate on areas of mutual interest.

In sustainability, the EU unveiled a Global Clean and Resilient Transition Strategy, integrating climate diplomacy with industrial leadership under the [Clean Industrial Deal](#). Nearly half of EU electricity now comes from renewables, and clean energy investment has risen by 111% since 2015. Hydrogen remains central to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. The EU Cities Mission has also labelled 103 cities as on track toward climate neutrality by 2030.

Through these updates, we aim to provide our readers with valuable insights into Europe's evolving standardization landscape and its implications for India and global stakeholders. We hope that you will find this newsletter informative.

Happy Reading,

**Best regards,**  
**Dinesh Chand Sharma**

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### Team Europe Reaches €300 Billion Target for Global Gateway Investments Ahead of Time

At the opening of the Global Gateway Forum, **President von der Leyen** laid down her vision for strengthened partnerships in a radically changing global economy. With Global Gateway as the EU's external investment strategy, the EU has the power to lead this change. This determination is already delivering results and is outpacing its initial objectives. At the forum, the President announced that Team Europe – EU, Member States, and Development financing institutions - has mobilised over €306 billion in just four years, already meeting the target set in 2021. This was achieved two years ahead of the initial 2027 target.

European Commission **President von der Leyen** said: "With Global Gateway, Europe's investment strategy, we set an ambitious target of €300 billion by 2027. Along the way, it became clear that the world needs not just investments, but partnerships. Genuine partnerships based on respect, shared interests and long-term commitment. This is the essence and the success of Global Gateway.

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### The European Quality Infrastructure Network celebrates World Standards Day 2025

On World Standard Day 2025, [CEN](#), [CENELEC](#), [EA](#), [EURAMET](#), [EUROLAB](#), [PROSAFE](#) and [WELMEC](#) come together to celebrate the vital role of partnerships in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This year's theme, "Partnerships for the Goals" (SDG 17), highlights how collaboration is the key driver for progress across all other goals.

In Europe, this spirit of cooperation is embodied by the **European Quality Infrastructure Network (EQIN)**. Bringing together the seven Regional Quality Infrastructure Organizations, EQIN unites expertise across the **five essential pillars** of Quality Infrastructure: **standardization, metrology, accreditation, conformity assessment, and legal metrology**. By pooling their strengths, the members of EQIN ensure trust in products and services, safeguard consumers, and support businesses in thriving within the Single Market and globally.

Standards are at the heart of this effort. They are not just technical documents, but the outcome of partnerships between experts, industry, policymakers, and civil society. By providing a shared language, standards enable innovation, competitiveness, and resilience – helping Europe respond to global challenges such as the green and digital transitions.

The members of EQIN reaffirm their joint commitment to building a sustainable and resilient future for Europe. Through strengthened partnerships, they will continue to uphold the highest standards of quality, safety, and reliability – for the benefit of citizens, businesses, and society as a whole.

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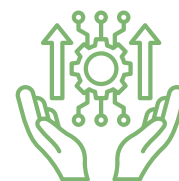
### EU's Leading Role Instrumental in Advancing Sustainable and Inclusive Science, Technology, and Innovation

The G20 Research, Science and Innovation Ministerial Meeting took place in Tshwane, South Africa, on 23 September 2025, bringing together ministers from G20 members and invited countries to reinforce international collaboration in science, technology, and innovation (STI) as a cornerstone for addressing global challenges.

The EU's contribution was particularly significant in advancing work on Open Innovation and science engagement, including recommendations on countering misinformation, strengthening trust in science, and enhancing access to biodiversity data. The Commission also co-led discussions on equity, inclusion, and ethical research cooperation, ensuring that these values were strongly embedded across all outputs.

Commissioner **Ekaterina Zaharieva**, representing the EU at the Ministerial meeting in Tshwane, reaffirmed the EU's commitment to open, inclusive, and responsible science. She underlined the importance of translating principles into action—highlighting the EU's initiatives on open innovation, biodiversity data sharing, closing the gender gap in STEM and science engagement as examples of EU leadership in global STI cooperation, while strongly advocating for science to be open, inclusive, and trusted.

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### New Delhi Declaration – Joint Statement Endorsing Principles for 6G: Secure, Open, Resilient, Inclusive, and Sustainable by Design



At the International Bharat6G Symposium 2025, held alongside India Mobile Congress 2025, leading global research alliances "Bharat 6G, 6G Smart Networks and Services Industry Association (6G-IA), ATIS' Next G Alliance, XGMF, 6G Forum, 6G Brazil, UKI-FNI, UK TIN, UK Federated Telecoms Hubs (CHEDDAR, HASC, JOINER & TITAN), and 6G Flagship " came together to issue a Joint Statement reaffirming a shared commitment to shape the future of 6G as a global public good.

By working together, they can ensure that 6G is secure, open, resilient, inclusive, affordable, and sustainable—a global public good that empowers every nation and citizen. Collaboration is essential to addressing pressing challenges and maximizing the opportunities available to the world for achieving our socio-economic and environmental goals.

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### AI Is a Strategic Tool to Improve Scientific Research

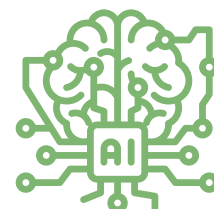
The Commission published "[A European Strategy for Artificial Intelligence in Science Paving the way for the Resource for AI Science in Europe \(RAISE\)](#)" to accelerate the adoption of AI by European scientists in all disciplines.

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) report "[Role of Artificial Intelligence in Scientific Research - A Science for Policy, European Perspective](#)" accompanies the Strategy, providing a detailed analysis on the use of AI in the scientific process and the landscape of AI in science. This report helps policymakers develop informed policies to unlock AI's full potential for EU research and paves the way for informed investment decisions.

The JRC will lead the future **AI Evaluation Hub**, announced in the Strategy, to monitor and evaluate AI models and systems in strategic scientific fields. The JRC studied the global distribution of AI players, including research institutes, government bodies and firms publishing scientific articles, filing for priority patents or having their core business in AI activities.

Until 2024, two in five global AI players had at least one research and innovation (R&I) activity, (i.e. had filed for a patent on AI or published a scientific article on the topic). The JRC finds that among the AI players with research activities, the EU has the biggest share of AI research players (13%, US 4%, China 1%).

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## Update On CEN And CENELEC's Decision to Accelerate the Development of Standards for Artificial Intelligence

CEN and CENELEC confirm their full commitment to delivering comprehensive, inclusive, and high-quality European Standards in support of the [Artificial Intelligence Act](#) (AIA).

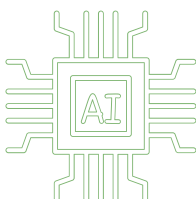
During the joint meeting of the BT (Technical Boards) between 14–16 October 2025, both CEN and CENELEC adopted an exceptional package of measures to accelerate the delivery of key standards developed under CEN-CLC/JTC 21 “Artificial Intelligence”, and the deliverables requested under Standardization Request M/593 (and its Amendment M/613).

These measures concern a set of work items that form the technical foundation of the future European standards supporting the AI Act. To ensure these standards are available by Q4 2026, the Boards agreed to allow, in the case of a positive Enquiry vote, direct publication of the drafts without a separate Formal Vote — a known and fully legitimate procedure, foreseen in the [CEN and CENELEC Internal Regulations, Part 2 \(Article 11.2\)](#); and request CEN-CLC/JTC 21 establish a small drafting group, composed of already-active experts, to finalize six of the most delayed drafts before their submission to the respective Working Groups for information and final comments.

This exceptional decision, taken in consultation with institutional partners and Annex III organizations, reflects the duty to balance timely delivery with inclusiveness, transparency, and consensus - principles that remain at the heart of European standardization.

Since its establishment in 2021, [CEN-CLC/JTC 21](#) has gathered the **widest participation of stakeholders** ever engaged in European AI standardization, including representatives from **industry, SMEs, academia, NGOs, and Annex III organizations**. Inclusiveness has been a defining feature of this work, further reinforced by the creation of a **Task Group on Inclusiveness**, which has produced dedicated materials, organized workshops, conducted surveys, and issued regular newsletters to ensure broad and meaningful engagement.

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## ETSI Creates New Committee on Quantum Technologies

The ETSI Board has recently approved the creation of a new Technical Committee on Quantum Technologies (TC QT) marking a significant milestone in ETSI's commitment to advancing the underlying framework of standards for quantum technologies across numerous quantum-related domains.

The primary objective of the technical committee is to develop specifications that address quantum communications and quantum networks across multiple sectors, deploying quantum-based solutions to lay the foundations for secure global communications networks.

The group aims to support European policy objectives, including contributions to the European Quantum Act and the European Chips Act. It will engage with European and international standards organisations to promote alignment and avoid duplication. TC QT's activities will include collaboration with regulatory bodies, treaty organisations, other standards organisations and also open-source initiatives such as ETSI Software Development Groups. Its standardisation work will integrate research outcomes from Horizon Europe and other frameworks. This wide collaboration will ensure that the output supports relevant global, regional, and national requirements.

### Key Areas of Activity:

- **Quantum Communications:** Secure data transmission using quantum principles like superposition and entanglement.
- **Quantum Networking:** Connecting quantum systems for distributed computing and cryptography.
- **Quantum Sensing:** Enabling ultra-precise measurements for quantum communication networks.
- **Satellite Quantum Communications:** Standardising beacon signals, interfaces, and security for space-based quantum systems.
- **Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNGs):** Generating true randomness for secure applications.
- **Quantum Security:** Establishing methodologies to assess hardware vulnerabilities and side-channel attack risks.

TC QT will also play a key role in supporting the European Quantum Communication Infrastructure, reinforcing ETSI's position as a key player in Europe's quantum strategy. The collaboration of ETSI's wide ecosystem will ensure that the output of the TC will support relevant global, regional, and national requirements.

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## CEN/CENELEC/JTC 22 'Quantum Technologies' Publishes Its 1st Deliverable: Layer Model of Quantum Computing

CEN/CENELEC/JTC 22 'Quantum Technologies' have published their first ever deliverable in the form of a Technical Report (TR). The document covers the universal gate-based quantum-computing model, also known as a digital or circuit quantum-computing model, on multiple physical systems. [TR 18202:2025](#) slices down the overall complexity of quantum computing into two main groups of layers, summarizing theoretical and practical approaches with state-of-the-art definition.

After receiving many European contributions over the past two years, [CEN/CENELEC/JTC 22 'Quantum Technologies'](#) (estd in 2023) published its deliverable in the [Work Programme: 'Layer model of Quantum Computing'](#) (CEN/CLC/TR 18202:2025) on 3 Sept. 2025.

The work was led by [CEN/CENELEC/JTC 22/WG 3 'Quantum Computing and Simulation'](#), with written contribution from our [CEN Members](#) and [CENELEC Members](#). The TR is focused on a **high-level** (functional) description of the 'layers' in quantum computing involved where the individual layer definition details are undoubtedly crucial for other future standards.

The scope of the document is restricted to a **universal gate-based quantum-computing model**, also known as a digital or circuit quantum-computing model, on multiple physical systems, such as transmon, spin-qubit, ion-trap, neutral-atom, and others. This document does not apply to technologies like the universal adiabatic quantum-computing model and its heuristic form quantum annealing if they do not correspond to a gate-based quantum circuit. Due to major architecture differences in lower layers, it does not apply to the universal photonic one-way quantum computing model either, even though it is fully compatible with the gate-based quantum-computing model. Moreover, quantum computing models that are not universal, such as quantum simulators and special purposes, are also out of scope.

Limiting the scope to a universal gate-based quantum computing model is justified by **expected commonalities at the higher layers**, mainly above the hardware abstraction layer (HAL), up to the service layer. These commonalities imply a market for software products usable for a wide range of quantum computing technologies.

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## Quantum Technology: 32% Of the World's Companies, But Only 6% Of Patents are from the EU

The JRC policy report "[Future Directions for Quantum Technology in Europe](#)" provides background data that informed the [EU Quantum Strategy](#) unveiled recently.

The JRC experts found that the EU is well-positioned in the quantum sector, with its strong research and innovation ecosystem, and significant investments. The EU boasts 32% of the world's quantum technology companies (compared to about one-quarter in the US and 5% in China), more than half of which were created since 2018. Intra-country/region and cross-country/region flows of VC investment values (2012-2024)

The EU has recently seen a significant increase in patent applications, with the compound annual growth rate in patenting more than doubling in 2021-2024. In the same period, global patent filings slowed.

The European Commission has invested more than €2 billion in quantum technology between 2012 and 2024, on top of large investments from Member States and private venture capital. Worldwide, quantum technology received around €6 billion of private venture capital, and a growing trend towards investing in more established companies was observed.

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## GDSO Registered as Liaison Organization With CEN-CENELEC JTC 24 On Digital Product Passport

The Global Data Service Organization for Tyres and Automotive Components (GDSO) has been formally registered as a Liaison Organization with the [CEN-CENELEC Joint Technical Committee 24 \(JTC 24\) – Digital Product Passport – Framework and System](#).

This agreement, signed on 17 September 2025, recognizes GDSO's role as a key actor in the development of data-driven standards for the tyre and automotive sector. As a Liaison Organization, GDSO will be able to contribute its expertise and knowledge to the work of JTC 24, supporting the creation of a consistent and interoperable framework for Digital Product Passports across Europe.

JTC 24 is tasked with developing the standards and system architecture for the DPP, a central element of the EU's Circular Economy Action Plan. The DPP will provide a harmonized way to make product-related information digitally available throughout the value chain, transparency, and innovation in European industry.

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# Green and Clean Technologies

## EU's New Strategy to Shape a Global Clean and Resilient Transition



The [new EU global climate and energy vision](#) presents the EU's offer to the world: using diplomacy to protect core interests, promoting standards for a fair transition by assisting our partners to develop theirs, and addressing the new security threats and challenges that endanger both European interests and those of our partners.

The EU is actively contributing to the ongoing clean industrial revolution across the world. The vision adds an **external dimension to the [Clean Industrial Deal](#)** and sets a new strategy to **strengthen existing partnerships and forging new, mutually beneficial ones**. To fully reap the benefits of the clean transition, the EU must be the industrial powerhouse supplying and providing clean tech and adaptation solutions to countries around the world and create new business opportunities for its own clean tech industry.

As a market still dependent on fossil energy imports, renewables will remain at the heart of the EU's clean transition. Almost half of EU electricity was generated by renewables in 2024. This significantly increases the EU's energy independence and security. The EU has also seen an increase of 111% in the share of clean energy investments since 2015. **The vision proposes to ramp up the EU's clean technology manufacturing capacity** to reach 15% of the global tech market, while improving its industrial competitiveness, in line with the Clean Industrial Deal.

The vision also reaffirms the EU's commitment to a rules-based international order. The **EU's message to global partners is clear**: we are working to fulfil the goals set out in the Paris Agreement; we are a reliable partner that plays by the rules; and we are open for business and cooperation.

The EU will continue fostering bilateral partnerships and multilateral alliances – existing and new ones - at international fora and at different levels, ranging from Free Trade Agreements to Just Energy Transition Partnerships to Green Alliances. The EU is committed to its promotion through various initiatives, including supporting other countries in developing robust carbon pricing policies through a [dedicated taskforce](#).

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## In Focus: Hydrogen

The EU is determined to achieve its goal of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in all sectors of the economy by 2050.

However, some sectors such as energy-intensive industries and transport can be difficult to directly electrify. This includes steel and cement production, obtaining ammonia for fertilisers, as well as heavy duty vehicles like trucks, airplanes and ships. This is a challenge that must be addressed to deliver a clean, secure and affordable energy future for Europe.

**Renewable and low-carbon hydrogen** and its derivatives can help replace the use of fossil fuels in heavy industry and transport. From less than 2% of our consumption in 2022, by 2050, hydrogen is estimated to account for around 10% of the EU's energy needs.

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## EU Cities Mission Marks Milestone: 103 Cities Now Labelled on the Path Towards Climate Neutrality

The [EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities](#), one of the five EU Missions under Horizon Europe, has exceeded its objective of supporting 100 cities in their plans to become climate neutral by 2030. With eleven additional cities awarded the EU Mission Label by Ekaterina Zaharieva, European Commissioner for Startups, Research, and Innovation, the total of labelled cities has now reached 103.

The eleven cities that received the label are: Munich (Germany), Angers Loire Metropole (France), Zagreb (Croatia), Rome (Italy), Differdange (Luxembourg), Amsterdam, Eindhoven & Helmond, Groningen, Rotterdam (Netherlands), Bratislava (Slovakia). The Mission Label was handed over to the selected cities at the [European Week of Regions and Cities 2025](#), taking place in Brussels.

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## EU/EFTA-India

### ETSI-India Cooperation Bridging Europe and India Through Standardisation



Following the mission on October 2024 by ETSI's Director General, Mr. Jan Ellsberger, an ETSI Delegation visited India to further engage with institutional and private partners and to take part in the [India Mobile Congress 2025](#) in the context of the [InDiCo-Global](#) project.

**ETSI shares EU and India's common ambition** to foster open, secure, and human-centric innovation through strengthened collaboration at policy, research and technical levels.

ETSI's longstanding involvement in India, notably **through the SESEI since 2013**, has allowed for the development considerable insight and access with a network of trusted institutional and private partners.

Led by ETSI on behalf of the project partners and with a team on ground at ETSI's Liaison Office in New Delhi, SESEI provides direct **insight into Indian standardisation programmes, help reduce technical barriers to trade, promote the adoption of European standards, and support the competitiveness of European businesses in India.**

Through the current InDiCo-Global project, its predecessor InDiCo and the former EU-India ICT standardisation bilateral project, **ETSI has enabled synergies with SESEI** and boosted its impact with events and capacity building activities **strengthening cooperation with Indian stakeholders.**

#### Key achievements:

- **Local Presence:** SESEI expert in India; database of 3,000+ contacts, engagement with ministries, administrations, standards stakeholders and industry.
- **Structural Cooperation:** MoUs with [BIF](#), [COAI](#), and agreements with [TSDSI](#) & [BIS](#); study visits for BIS officials in EU/EFTA, etc.
- **Information Flow:** Monthly Newsletters, Sectorial Reports, Thematic Webinars, Presentations on 5G/6G, AI, IoT, Smart Cities, Clean & Green Tech (more than 160 participations to EU-INDIA conferences promoting EU-India cooperation on standardisation since March 2023).
- **Standards Adoption:** Indian SDOs adopting ETSI standards: 3GPP, oneM2M, NFV, IoT, Energy Efficiency, ESI (Digital Signature), Accessibility standards, etc.

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### New Strategic EU-India Agenda: Council Approves Conclusions

The Council approved conclusions on a [new strategic EU-India agenda](#), in which it welcomes the strong impetus in relations between the European Union and India.

The conclusions endorse the Joint Communication on a "[New Strategic EU-India Agenda](#)" by the High Representative and the European Commission, and its objective of deepening EU-India ties, including **prosperity and sustainability, technology and innovation, security and defence, and connectivity and global issues.**

The Council welcomes in particular efforts to conclude a balanced, ambitious, mutually beneficial and economically meaningful free trade agreement, which the European Commission and the Indian government aim to finalise by the end of the year. Such agreement must include enhanced market access, removal of trade barriers, and provisions on sustainable development.

Against the backdrop of an increasingly complex geopolitical outlook, the Council also welcomes **closer collaboration between the EU and India on security and defence matters** based on the principles of mutual trust and respect. The Council takes note of the intention to pursue work towards the establishment of a Security and Defence Partnership, which could also facilitate defence industrial cooperation when appropriate.

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## EFTA-India Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement Enters into Force - Joint Communiqué

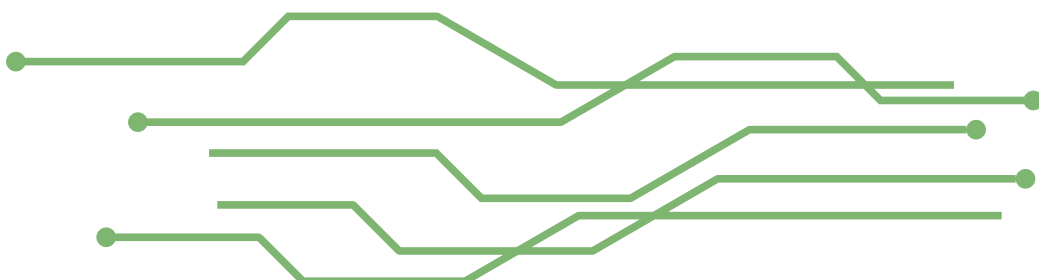
The landmark Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) between India and the EFTA States (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) entered into force on 1 October 2025, representing a significant milestone in the trade and economic relations between the parties. India is the fastest-growing large economy and is on course to become the world's third-largest economy. The EFTA States collectively rank among the global leaders in both merchandise and services trade. Together India and the EFTA States represent a combined GDP of about USD 5.4 trillion, providing the scale for deeper integration.

The occasion was marked by a high-level event, the Prosperity Summit, India hosted by Minister of Commerce & Industry of India. EFTA was represented by Helene Budliger Artieda, Swiss State Secretary at the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs; Ragnar Kristjánsson, Director General of External Trade and Economic Affairs at the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Christine Lingg, Deputy Director of the Office for Foreign Affairs of Liechtenstein; May-Elin Stener, Ambassador of Norway to India; and Markus Schlagenhof, Deputy Secretary-General of EFTA. The event also brought together a range of business representatives from all parties, providing an opportunity to establish new ties and strengthen existing partnerships. Business engagement will facilitate co-production in precision manufacturing and clean technologies, as well as scaling services through predictable mobility and recognition of qualifications.

The dignitaries welcomed the shared objectives to mobilise USD 100 billion of investments in India over fifteen years and to support the creation of one million direct jobs, with an investment facilitation mechanism to monitor delivery.

The parties note that trade in goods has increased steadily over time and trade in services has roughly doubled in the last decade. The parties will strive to increase total two-way trade substantially.

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## India, EU Conclude 14th Round of Talks for Free Trade Agreement in Brussels

Senior officials of India and the European Union (EU) concluded its 14th round of talks for a proposed FTA in a five-day talk which began on October 6 to iron out differences on different issues related to goods and services for the early conclusion of the negotiations.

Ministry of Commerce and Industry expressed hope that the two sides will sign the agreement soon. The minister is expected to visit Brussels to meet his EU counterpart Maros Sefcovic to review the progress. Both sides have targeted to conclude negotiations by December.

Besides demanding significant duty cuts in automobiles and medical devices, the EU wants tax reduction in other products like wine, spirits, meat, poultry, and a strong intellectual property regime.

Indian goods' exports to the EU, such as ready-made garments, pharmaceuticals, steel, petroleum products, and electrical machinery, can become more competitive if the pact sails through.

The India-EU trade pact negotiations cover 23 policy areas or chapters, including trade in goods, trade in services, investment, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, trade remedies, rules of origin, customs and trade facilitation, competition, trade defence, government procurement, dispute settlement, intellectual property rights, geographical indications, and sustainable development.

Meanwhile, the **European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA) concluded an intensive three-day visit to New Delhi, India on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025.**

Over the course of the visit, Members of the European Parliament met with Indian Ministers, with discussions focussed on a comprehensive and mutually beneficial EU-India Free Trade Agreement.

The delegation also met with representatives from the Indian Parliament, as well as Indian and European businesses and civil society groups. The main goal of the mission was to increase the mutual understanding amid intensive trade negotiations between the EU and India.

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## Whitepaper/Publication

### *REPORT ON – DIGITALISATION IN INDIA*

Project SESEI released its Sector Profile Report on “Digitalisation” in September 2025, highlighting India’s digital transformation. The report covers government-led infrastructure efforts and initiatives to build a secure, inclusive, and future-ready digital ecosystem. Providing overview of emerging technologies such as 5G/6G, AI, satellite communications, IoT/M2M, blockchain, cybersecurity, and quantum technologies that are driving India’s digital growth.

It also outlines policy measures under Atmanirbhar Bharat aimed at boosting domestic manufacturing, reducing import dependency, and developing a competitive tech ecosystem. The report concludes with an overview of major EU–India cooperation initiatives in digital infrastructure, connectivity, standards, innovation, and digital governance.

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### *European Commission work programme 2026*

The 2026 Commission work programme sets out the key strategies, action plans and legislative initiatives that will lay the foundation for the work ahead during this mandate and help deliver on our ambition to build a strong, secure, and prosperous Europe.

The Commission aims to building a more sovereign and independent Europe and reduce its dependencies with regard to critical technologies. Therefore, the Commission plans to propose the Cloud and AI Development Act, the Chips Act 2.0 and the Quantum Act in the first half of 2026. Simplification agenda holds significant relevance for the innovative digital sector, with upcoming initiatives including 28th Regime, a European Research Area Act, and a European Innovation Act to facilitate business and access to financing for all innovative companies, including SMEs.

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### *ETSI Work Programme 2025*

The ETSI Work Programme 2025 provides an overview of our current standardisation projects.

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### *CEN and CENELEC Work Programme 2025!*

CEN and CENELEC Work Programme 2025 is setting out the priorities and most important actions in European standardization for the year ahead.

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### *New Horizon Europe Work Programme 2025-26*

The European Commission Work Programme for 2025-2026 sets out the R&I funding opportunities under Horizon Europe.

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## Upcoming Events

### Plenary of the Industrial Symbiosis Standardization Roadmap Working Groups

**When: 12 November 2025**

**Where: Brussels / Online**

The RISERS 'Plenary of the Industrial Symbiosis Standardization Roadmap Working Groups' aims to validate and consolidate the preliminary recommendations developed by the Industrial Symbiosis Standardization Working Groups and present the next steps towards the development of the IS Standardization Roadmap.

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### Webinar 'Drafting for compliance: best practices in standards in support of the Low Voltage Directive'

**When: 18 November 2025**

**Where: Online**

We are pleased to invite you to this webinar jointly organised by CEN and CENELEC, and Ernst & Young, with the participation of the European Commission Desk Officer, who will deliver the opening remarks.

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### Green Electricity Systems and Beyond: From Climate Goals to Systemic Resilience

**When: 24 November 2025**

**Where: CEN and CENELEC Management Centre**

Given the rapid pace of change, how can Europe's **electricity system meet climate goals** while staying **resilient**? How can policy, market design, and standardization work together to **strengthen our energy system** for the future? Join industry leaders and experts to explore these critical questions at our upcoming hybrid workshop, **"Green Electricity Systems and Beyond: From Climate Goals to Systemic Resilience."**

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## Upcoming Events

Webinar 'Drafting for Compliance: Best Practices for Standards in Support of The Toy Safety Directive and General Product Safety Regulation'

**When: 25 November 2025**

**Where: Online**

This webinar is jointly organised by CEN and CENELEC, and Ernst & Young (EY), with the participation of the European Commission Desk Officer, who will deliver the opening remarks. This session will focus specifically on the Toy Safety Directive and General Product Safety Regulation. Additional sector-specific webinars will follow in the coming months.

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5th mWT Plugtests

**When: 10-14 November 2025**

**Where: Sophia Antipolis, France**

ETSI, with the support of TC ATTM TM mWT (millimetre Wave Transmission), is organising the fifth ETSI mWT SDN (Software Defined Networking) Plugtests™ event, which will take place from 10 to 14 November 2025 at ETSI in Sophia Antipolis, France. This event is co-funded by the European Union (EU) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

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TFS#8 Hackfest

**When: 18-24 November 2025**

**Where: Online**

The ETSI TeraFlowSDN (TFS) community is organising the TFS#8 Hackfest from 18 November afternoon to 21 November 2025 midday. This Hackfest will be held remotely and will focus on the newest features of TFS Release 6.

The Hackfest will highlight the latest features of TFS Release 6 and focus on their testing and validation. In this regard, the Hackfest will foster collaboration among both new and experienced TFS users and developers, with a particular emphasis on those who are new to TFS.

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