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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the **September 2026 edition of the SESEI Newsletter – India**, bringing you key developments from Europe across **standardisation, digitalisation, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence (AI), sustainability, and EU-India cooperation.**

We take this opportunity to welcome our **EU Ambassador H.E. Jean-Eric Paquet** to India at a time of growing momentum in the EU-India Strategic Partnership. The submission of the **EU-India Free Trade Agreement** to the European Council seeking authorization for its signature and conclusion marks an important development. European Parliament Committee delegation on Industry, Research & Energy (ITRE) visit and engagements under the **EU-India TTC and Connectivity Partnership** are being complemented by cooperation in AI, quantum technologies, research and innovation, resilient supply chains, and green and digital technologies, reinforcing the role of standards and innovation in enabling trade, competitiveness, and sustainable growth.

In **standardisation and quality management**, CEN published [EN ISO 9001:2026](#), updating the globally recognised quality management framework to address changing technological and market conditions, with greater emphasis on leadership, quality culture, ethics, risks, and opportunities. Standardisation continue gaining prominence in Europe's research and innovation agenda, with discussions on **FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund** highlighting the need to integrate standards into research programmes to accelerate market uptake of innovation.

Digitalisation and emerging technologies remained a major focus, with ETSI reaffirming its contribution to European competitiveness, technological sovereignty, and cybersecurity. Europe has further strengthened its AI and high-performance computing capabilities through the launch of [LUMI-AI supercomputer](#), expected to deliver a tenfold increase in AI capacity. The **European Cybersecurity Competence Centre have also launched a €96 million Digital Europe call** supporting AI-based cybersecurity, secure AI solutions for SMEs and preparedness for critical sectors.

Standardisation continued to support trustworthy AI and emerging technologies. ETSI has introduced [18 Data Quality Metrics](#) to assess the reliability, accuracy, fairness, privacy, and fitness of data used in AI and digital ecosystems. Similarly, CEN published [CWA 18398](#), **"AI Professional Role Profiles and Educational Profiles,"** providing a common reference for AI roles, skills, and proficiency levels. ETSI has also issued guidance addressing vulnerabilities in **Quantum Random Number Generators (QRNGs)** and advanced standards for **European critical communications**, including mission-critical communications and interoperability.

Green and Clean Technologies remained a key policy focus subject. In Europe, the European Commission adopted revised **European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS)** to simplify sustainability reporting while maintaining relevant disclosures. Sustainability of digital infrastructure also gained attention, with the Commission proposing a **common rating scheme for data centres above 500 kW** to improve transparency on energy and water use and promote sustainable integration into the energy system. A public consultation on **minimum performance standards for data centres** was also launched.

With **India and Europe pursuing common priorities in digitalisation and sustainability**, learning and sharing best practices can contribute to more **resilient, sustainable, and secure economies.** The **SESEI Project and this newsletter help bridging the two ecosystems**, fostering awareness, dialogue, and opportunities for deeper cooperation.

We hope you find this edition informative and engaging.

Happy Reading!!

Best regards,
Dinesh Chand Sharma

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Commission Adopts Proposal to Accelerate Standards Development and Improve EU Competitiveness

Standards are essential to the functioning of the EU economy. Harmonised European standards play a central role in helping businesses demonstrate compliance with EU legislation, reducing costs and enhancing quality and consumer trust. However, the current standardisation system faces challenges in keeping pace with rapid innovation and technological developments, which necessitate the timely development of standards.

The Commission is therefore proposing [a revision of the existing legislation](#) to modernise the European standardisation system to make it faster, increase the representation of small- and medium-sized enterprises, and better equipped to support the European Union's strategic interests.

- **Faster Standards Development:** Clearer deadlines, interim deliverables and targeted use of common specifications could reduce average standards-development time from **six to four years**.
- **Greater Flexibility:** Wider use of external technical specifications and contributions from other standards organisations for **urgent or highly specialised needs**.
- **Broader Participation:** Stronger involvement of **SMEs, civil society, academia and public authorities** in European standardisation.
- **Improved Access:** Proposal supports **free access to standards developed under EU law** through dedicated repositories.
- **Stronger Global Role:** Enhanced EU coordination in international standardisation to promote **European interests and global influence**, while respecting WTO principles.
- **Expert Centre:** Proposed **Expert Centre on European Standardisation** to strengthen strategic steering, cross-policy coordination and alignment with EU priorities.

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New Edition of EN ISO 9001: Supporting Quality Management in a Changing World



CEN has published a new edition of [EN ISO 9001 'Quality Management Systems – Requirements'](#) in parallel with ISO. As the European adoption of the world's most widely used quality management standard, EN ISO 9001:2026 supports organizations in applying a common, internationally recognized framework for quality management across Europe.

For almost four decades, EN ISO 9001 has helped organizations of all sizes and sectors build trust, improve consistency, and deliver products and services that meet customers' and regulatory requirements. The 2026 revision updates this framework to reflect today's business realities, including faster technological developments, increasingly complex market conditions, and evolving stakeholder expectations.

The revised standard helps organizations strengthen their quality management systems, improve operational consistency, and navigate change with confidence. Among the key updates are a stronger focus on leadership, the promotion of a quality-driven organizational culture, and greater consideration of ethics, risks, and opportunities in decision-making. It also includes additional guidance to help users better understand and apply its requirements consistently.

The publication of EN ISO 9001:2026 marks the latest step in the evolution of this internationally recognized standard, supporting organizations in their pursuit of quality, efficiency, and continual improvement.

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India–Denmark Strengthen Bilateral Cooperation in MSME Development, Innovation & Intellectual Property

The 4th Meeting of the India–Denmark Joint Working Group (JWG) between the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India, and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 24 to 28 August 2026, to strengthen bilateral cooperation in MSME development, innovation and intellectual property (IP).

The meeting provided a platform for India and Denmark to exchange perspectives on their respective MSME and innovation ecosystems and to explore opportunities for greater institutional cooperation. Discussions covered areas including technology adoption, innovation, intellectual property, technology commercialisation, entrepreneurship and cluster-based MSME development. Key Takeaways & Engagements:

- As part of the programme, the Indian delegation visited Aarhus University Innovation “Kitchen” and Agro Food Park to gain insights into Denmark’s innovation support and business cluster ecosystems. The engagements facilitated an exchange of experiences on mentoring, start-up support, industry–academia linkages and cluster-based approaches for supporting entrepreneurs and MSMEs.
- The delegation also engaged with the Danish Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs to exchange views on business development, innovation and the SME ecosystem in Denmark.
- The delegation, led by Dr. Rajneesh, Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME, also participated in the **Nordic–India Startup Summit 2026** by TechBBQ, a leading Nordic start-up event, which provided an opportunity to interact with stakeholders from the Nordic start-up and innovation ecosystem and share perspectives on India’s MSME sector.
- The concluding JWG discussions reviewed the outcomes of previous engagements and deliberated upon priorities for future collaboration and opportunities to expand cooperation under the existing JWG framework.

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CEPS Report Highlights the Role of Standardization in FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund

CEN and CENELEC are pleased to share the report from the joint CEPS event, "[From Research to Market: Standardization in FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund \(ECF\)](#)", held in Brussels on 10 September 2026. The event brought together policymakers, researchers, industry representatives, SMEs and standardization experts to discuss how standardization can strengthen the impact of EU research and innovation and support Europe's competitiveness. More than 100 participants attended the event.

Discussions highlighted the importance of integrating standardization more systematically into future EU funding programmes. Participants explored how standards can help bridge the gap between research results and market uptake, while supporting the development, deployment and scaling-up of innovative solutions. The event also examined how FP10 and the European Competitiveness Fund could work together to create a stronger and more coherent innovation ecosystem in Europe.

The report summarizes key messages and recommendations from policymakers and stakeholders, including the need to provide researchers and innovators with the incentives, resources and support required to engage effectively in standardization activities. It also underlines the role of standards in accelerating innovation uptake and creating competitive advantages for European industry.

The publication comes at a timely moment in the legislative process. The European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) is currently expected to vote on FP10 on 10 November 2026, with a first-reading plenary vote provisionally foreseen for 23 November 2026. The report therefore provides a valuable contribution to ongoing discussions on the future of European research, innovation and competitiveness.

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EuroHPC JU Signs Contract to Deploy the LUMI-AI Supercomputer

The new LUMI AIF supercomputer will be located at [CSC – IT Center for Science](#)'s data centre in Kajaani, Finland, and hosted by the LUMI AI Factory consortium including Finland, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Norway, and Poland.

The LUMI-AI supercomputer will support next-generation AI workflows characterised by large-scale, dynamic, and often confidential datasets, while providing the computational capacity required for large-scale simulations and data-intensive scientific applications. The system will be built on next-generation AMD Instinct™ MI430X GPUs alongside state-of-the-art 6th Gen AMD EPYC™ 256-core processors. The system is expected to deliver a tenfold increase in artificial intelligence (AI) capacity compared to the current LUMI supercomputer, strengthening Europe's capabilities in AI, high-performance computing (HPC), and data-driven research.

Since April 2025, the LUMI AI Factory has been providing AI computing resources and services to European SMEs and startups, leveraging the [LUMI supercomputer](#) on the following strategic sectors:

- manufacturing,
- health and life sciences,
- communication technologies and networks.

It also serves other user communities, including those in climate research, materials science, and language technology.

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ETSI and EC Reaffirm Strategic Partnership to Strengthen Europe's Digital Leadership

Senior representatives from ETSI and the European Commission met at the ETSI Brussels Office on 22 September to discuss how standardisation will support Europe's ambitions for competitiveness, innovation, cybersecurity & technological sovereignty. Participants included Renate Nikolay, Deputy Director-General of DG CONNECT, and Valère Moutarlier, Deputy Director-General of DG GROW.

Opening the meeting, Bettina Funk, Chair of the ETSI General Assembly, stressed that while standards rarely make headlines, "beneath every digital question, there are standards questions". She described standards as the bridge between policy ambitions and real-world technologies, adding: "We're helping to build Europe maybe not brick by brick, but specification by specification".

ETSI Director-General Jan Ellsberger presented ETSI's vision around four principles: **innovate, standardise, compete and safeguard**. "We enable competition by leveraging partnerships and digital diplomacy for global impact," he said, underlining the need to engage innovators early while preserving ETSI's transparency, openness and trusted governance.

Discussions also covered the European Product Act package, the future of European standardisation and lessons from the Cyber Resilience Act. Valère Moutarlier described ETSI as a trusted pillar of the European standardisation system and stressed the need for standards to keep pace with rapidly evolving technologies. He called for greater flexibility, anticipation and simplification, noting that Cyber Resilience Act standards have reinforced ETSI's role in new technological domains and placed it at the centre of the growing cybersecurity landscape.

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ETSI Launches New Framework to Measure Data Quality, a Key Enabler for Trustworthy AI

ETSI announced the launch of its new Technical Report (TR) [ETSI TR 104 180: Data Solutions; Development and Identification of Data Quality Metrics](#), a standardised framework for quantitatively assessing the quality of data used across digital and AI ecosystems. The framework will help organisations determine whether data is fit for their intended purpose, while laying the groundwork for consistent, reproducible and standardised approaches to data quality testing.

The TR defines 18 'Data Quality Metrics', with formal definitions and mathematical measurement methods, designed to help organisations assess whether datasets are sufficiently reliable, complete, accurate, representative and trustworthy for their intended purpose.

As AI adoption increases, organisations are becoming increasingly focused on the quality of the data underpinning AI ecosystems. ETSI's 18 Data Quality Metrics enable organisations to determine potential quality, reliability and bias issues.

The eighteen identified metrics described in the document focus on:

- **Fundamental data quality:** including completeness, accuracy, reliability, consistency, precision, integrity, redundancy and uniqueness.
- **Usability:** including availability, coverage, lineage, traceability and timeliness.
- **Fairness:** including label quality, measurement bias and representation bias.
- **Privacy and responsible data use:** including anonymity and confidentiality.

To validate the framework & showcase its applicability, ETSI has applied the metrics to two contrasting datasets —Industrial IoT sensor data and demographic data. This demonstrated how the metrics can be used across data contexts, and highlighted how different use cases require different combinations and weights of the Data Quality Metrics:

- **Industrial IoT sensor data:** where characteristics such as reliability, timeliness, accuracy, completeness, traceability and integrity are particularly important.
- **Demographic data:** representing human and social characteristics, considering completeness, anonymity, representation bias, label quality, confidentiality and coverage.

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ECCC Opens €96 Million Digital Europe Call to Strengthen EU Cybersecurity Capabilities

The European Cybersecurity Competence Centre has opened a new €96 million call for proposals under the Digital Europe Programme, aimed at strengthening Europe's cybersecurity technologies, deployment capacity and preparedness. Applications are open from 1 September 2026 until 14 January 2027.

The call funds seven priority areas, including €15 million for AI-based cybersecurity tools for public authorities, CSIRTs, Cyber Hubs and NIS2 entities, €20 million for cybersecure AI-powered solutions for SMEs, and €15 million for coordinated preparedness testing under the Cyber Solidarity Act, covering penetration testing, threat and vulnerability monitoring, exercises and training for critical sectors.

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Software Testing Event at ETSI: AI Inside Out



140 participants attended ETSI's Software Testing event, co-organised with Telecom Valley and All4Test, with the support of Mr Suricate and UpSkill4IT, the event brought together software testing experts and professionals for eight presentations and a panel discussion.

The presentations and experience-sharing sessions explored how artificial intelligence, the evening's main topic, is transforming quality assurance, automation and testing professions.

Most 4G and 5G smartphone models worldwide are certified using conformance tests developed in TTCN-3, a testing language standardised by ETSI. These standards and the associated tests are developed within 3GPP, a global partnership project of seven standards development organisations, of which ETSI is a founding member.

The key takeaways and valuable insights from the event for both the new generation of testers and experienced professionals are

1. **Go back to basics:** AI cannot replace domain knowledge, which is essential for contextualising requests and providing relevant input.
2. **Humans remain the "compass of wisdom":** critical judgement is crucial to ensuring the quality of AI-generated results.
3. **Human intelligence goes beyond a knowledge database and the amount of data generated by AI**
4. **Move from "I know" to "I can learn and act":** continuous skills development and curiosity will be essential.
5. **Prepare to manage AI agents:** professionals must learn to work with increasingly autonomous systems.

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ETSI Identifies Limitations of Quantum Random Number Generators

ETSI announces its Technical Report, [ETSI TR 104 171](#), which delivers much needed implementation guidance to mitigate weaknesses that could undermine the quality and security of Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG) outputs.

Random number generators are a critical feature of modern security as cryptographic systems rely on unpredictable random values to generate encryption keys and other security parameters. QRNGs exploit quantum phenomena as a source of randomness, offering an approach based on physical processes that are inherently unpredictable rather than deterministic algorithms. However, while output may appear statistically random an adversary with access to relevant side-information adds a layer of predictability which they can exploit, undermining its randomness.

The Report encapsulates the complete QRNG lifecycle, from modelling and validating the quantum entropy source and applying appropriate randomness extraction, through to monitoring entropy quality during operation and detecting drift, bias and hardware failures. In this context, entropy refers to the amount of unpredictability available to generate secure random numbers. The Report also highlights how to protect QRNGs against tampering and side-channel attacks, secure the path from the entropy source through to the consuming application, and establish the provenance, attestation and auditability needed to demonstrate that random outputs remain trustworthy throughout their lifecycle.

It introduces the idea of Entropy Zero Trust, a concept that reflects the need to treat every stage of the entropy pipeline as potentially vulnerable rather than assuming that any individual component can be inherently trusted. Under this approach, no part of the entropy pipeline is trusted without verification. It proposes layered controls spanning the quantum source, hardware platform, interfaces, operational monitoring and shared computing environments.

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A New CEN Workshop Agreement to Support AI Skills and Professionalism

Artificial Intelligence is transforming the way we work, learn, and innovate. At the same time, its rapid development raises important questions about the skills and ethical foundations needed to use AI effectively and responsibly.

A key part of this discussion concerns how people are educated and trained to become AI literate. While more highly skilled AI professionals are entering the labour market, Europe still faces a shortage of ICT specialists with the skills needed to develop, deploy and use AI systems responsibly.

To support these efforts, CEN has just published the **Workshop Agreement [CWA 18398](#) 'AI Professional Role Profiles and Educational Profiles'**. Developed through a collaborative process, the document provides a common reference for describing AI-related roles, skills and educational profiles, and for linking them to established education types and proficiency levels. This shared language can help stakeholders better understand the competences needed in today's workforce and support the further development of AI professionalism.

Rather than offering an exhaustive taxonomy, the CWA provides a seminal reference point for the ongoing codification and systematization process of the AI profession. It presents role and educational profiles for AI professionals, maps competences, levels and skills, and provides templates that can be used by different stakeholders. It also distinguishes between different types of users (including lay users, professionals, and AI professionals) and places **CWA 18398** in the context of other standardization deliverables and the AI Act. The document is based on the findings of the Artificial Intelligence Skills Alliance (ARISA) project.

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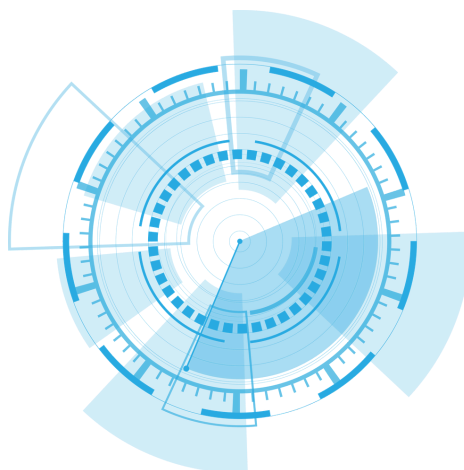
ETSI's Committee for Critical Communications Systems Elects Officials

The second meeting of the ETSI Technical Committee on Critical Communications Systems (TC CCS), developing both narrowband and broadband critical communications standards, closed on 17 September with its full leadership team in place.

The committee now stands ready to support the European Critical Communications System (EUCCS), whose deployment is planned for 2030. Several national authorities responsible for critical communications in their countries are participating in the committee, strengthening cross-country interoperability.

The committee's main leadership has now been completed by the Chairs of four working groups. The group in charge of security (WG6) is led by David Chater-Lea, one of the first members involved in TETRA standardisation and an ETSI Fellow. The working group in charge of user requirements (WG10) is led by Ms Sanja Holen from PSCE (Public Safety Communication Europe Forum).

The group working on the ETSI TETRA narrowband standard and its evolution (WG4) will be led by Kit Kilgour from Sepura Ltd, while WG11 is led by Renaud Mellies from the French Ministry of the Interior. This group is responsible for the development, maintenance and evolution of architectures, interfaces, protocols and interoperability frameworks supporting mobile broadband Critical Communications Systems (CCS), with a particular focus on broadband mission-critical services and EUCCS. Due to the large scope and expected amount of work in WG11, TC CCS also nominated Jukka Vialen from Airbus Public Safety and Security to a Vice Chair position.

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India and Germany Strengthen Cooperation for Sustainable Development



The Union Minister for Power and Housing & Urban Affairs held a bilateral meeting with the German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Climate Protection and Nuclear Safety in New Delhi. The meeting was held to review and further strengthen the ongoing cooperation between India and Germany in the energy sector.

The discussions covered a wide range of areas, including energy security, electrification, low carbon development, carbon markets and diversification of supply chains. Both sides exchanged views on ongoing initiatives and explored avenues to deepen collaboration in these areas, building on the strong momentum in India-Germany relations, which recently marked 75 years of diplomatic relations and 25 years of Strategic Partnership.

Both Ministers agreed that energy security, low carbon development and carbon markets are deeply interlinked, and that India-Germany cooperation across all three areas can be mutually reinforcing. They reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing a secure, affordable and sustainable energy future, and looked forward to continued engagement in the months ahead.

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EU Publishes Final Revised European Sustainability Reporting Standards in Official Journal

The European Commission announced the adoption of the finalized revised European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) for companies covered by the EU's mandatory Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and its voluntary reporting standard for smaller companies.

The adoption of the new standards may form the final major step in the Commission's initiative to simplify sustainability reporting requirements for companies under its Omnibus I initiative, launched early last year. The delegated acts underlying the new standards will be transmitted to the European Parliament and Council and enter into force if neither legislative body objects.

The finalized adopted ESRS, while largely unchanged from a draft submitted by the Commission in May, contains a few meaningful clarifications, including one indicating that asset managers are not required to disclose sustainability information on investments managed on behalf of clients.

The Omnibus package was approved by EU lawmakers earlier this year, dramatically reducing the number of companies covered by the EU's mandatory sustainability disclosure regulation, the CSRD, by 90% by removing companies with less than €450 million in revenue and 1,000 employees, compared to the prior 250 employee threshold. For companies under the CSRD threshold, the initiative introduced a limit on sustainability-related information requests from larger companies to information included in a planned new voluntary reporting standard, to be based on the Voluntary Standard for SMEs (VSME) endorsed last year by the EU Commission.

For companies remaining within the scope of the CSRD, the Omnibus initiative sought to significantly simplify and scale back sustainability reporting requirements through the introduction of a revised ESRS. The Commission mandated the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG), the preparer of the initial ESRS, with developing technical advice to revise the ESRS in line with the proposals simplification objectives.

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Commission Enhances Energy Efficiency and Sustainability of Data Centres in the EU

The European Commission proposed a **common rating scheme for data centres** aimed at increasing transparency on their energy use and supporting their **sustainable integration into Europe's energy system**.

Data centres are essential to Europe's digital future. Increasing computing capacity in Europe is important for strengthening Europe's technological independence and digital sovereignty. This is why the EU wants to [triple its data centre capacity](#) over the next five to seven years. Still, this growth brings challenges which need to be addressed. In addition to using more energy, an increase of data centres could put extra pressure on electricity grids and the use of natural resources, such as water, and contribute to increasing carbon emissions. To limit these impacts, it is essential that data centres are highly energy- and water-efficient and sustainably integrated into the energy system.

With the common rating scheme proposed, the Commission will help ensure that there is **transparent information about the actual use of resources** (energy, water) by data centres. The rating scheme will cover individual data centres with a capacity above 500 kW. It will also cover data centres' contribution to the grid, such as the reuse of waste heat, the addition of clean energy generation capacities as well as flexibility. A striking example: reusing around half of all waste heat from European data centres is the equivalent of the total heating demand of 4 million households in Europe. Sustainable, flexible and well-designed data centres that can adjust their electricity use to the grids conditions, can help lower the overall cost of the electricity system, improve grid stability, and integrate more renewable energy.

To create lead markets for sustainable digital assets and services across Europe and further support the integration of sustainable data centres in the energy system, the Commission has launched [a call for evidence and public consultation](#) on **minimum performance standards for data centres** operating in Europe.

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European Commission Presents Landmark India Trade Deal to Council for Signature



The EU Commission has put forward its proposals to the Council for the signature and conclusion of **FTA between the European Union and India**, seeking authorization for its signature and conclusion. If authorized by the Council, this will be the largest trade agreement ever concluded by both the EU and India.

Once adopted and entered into force, the agreement will **improve market access, reduce tariffs, tackle unnecessary barriers to trade**, as well as provide predictable rules for trade and investment between the EU and India. The EU and India already trade over €180 billion worth of goods and services per year, supporting close to 800,000 EU jobs. This deal will eliminate or reduce tariffs on 96% of EU goods exports to India. Overall, the tariff reductions will save around €4 billion per year in duties on European products. It will make it easier for European companies to access the Indian market and compete on a more level playing field, while it will ensure consumers can benefit **from increased choices and more competitive prices**.

The proposal put forward represents a key step towards ensuring that consumers and businesses can start reaping the benefits of this deal as soon as possible. This is in line with the fast-track procedure laid out by Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, Maroš **Šefčovič** earlier this year. The procedure aims at speeding up the implementation of FTA's, which is crucial at a time of geopolitical uncertainty and growing pressure on the global trading system.

The EU-India FTA reflects the EU's commitment to strengthen economic ties with key partners in the Indo-Pacific region. With its proposals, the Commission is seeking Council's approval to sign the agreements which will then require European Parliament's consent, before conclusion and entry into force. The Indian authorities are in parallel going through their own internal ratification procedures.

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European Union Ambassador Presents Letters of Credence to the President of India

H.E. Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union (EU) to India, presented his Letters of Credence to the Honourable President of India, at an official ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Describing the **EU-India Strategic Partnership** as "one of the most defining relationships of the 21st century", Ambassador Paquet emphasized its role in shaping global economic, technological, & geopolitical dynamics. "With unprecedented momentum across trade, defence and security, research and innovation, it is an honour to represent the EU Union in India at such a transformative juncture. Our shared agenda is not merely aspirational, it is a tangible commitment to future generations, one that will drive job creation, innovation, prosperity and resilience for citizens on both sides."

The Ambassador's tenure begins as EU-India relations enter a decisive phase, with significant advancements in multiple areas. The **EU India Free Trade Agreement** has gained critical momentum, following the European Commission's putting forward its proposal to the Council of the European Union on 11 September, seeking authorization for its signature and conclusion. "This landmark agreement, often called the 'mother of all deals,' will be the largest trade pact ever for both sides, covering nearly 2 billion people and a quarter of global GDP," Ambassador Paquet noted. "Once finalised, it will unlock unprecedented opportunities for trade, investment, and economic growth."

Parallel negotiations are also underway for the Investment Protection and Geographical Indication Agreements.

Through the [EU-India Joint Comprehensive Strategic Agenda](#), [EU India Trade and Technology Council](#), [EU-India Connectivity Partnership](#) and its flagship [Global Gateway](#) programme, the EU is partnering with India to drive sustainable development, diversify supply chains, and enhance access to goods, services and investments for citizens and businesses.

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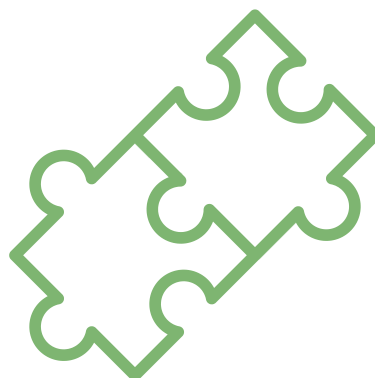
India-EU Partnership Opens New Avenues for Cooperation in AI, Quantum Technologies, Semiconductors & Advanced Research

European Parliament Committee delegation on Industry, Research & Energy (ITRE), called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space and held a wide range discussion, with focus on effective implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and deeper cooperation with the European Union in science, technology, research and, critical and emerging technologies.

The India-EU strategic partnership offers significant opportunities for closer collaboration in areas of mutual priority, with science and research forming an integral part of the partnership.

India is a key strategic partner for the European Union. The delegation's visit was aimed at gaining a deeper understanding of India's industrial and technology policies and identifying areas for closer cooperation. She referred to shared interests in strengthening industrial competitiveness, ensuring secure and resilient critical supply chains, and advancing the green and digital transitions, while welcoming continued dialogue between India and the European Parliament on these issues.

The discussions were on, the early and effective implementation of the India-EU FTA should remain a collective priority and expressed India's expectation of continued support from the European Parliament for its early signing and ratification. The FTA would open new opportunities for businesses, consumers and skilled professionals and provide further momentum to the multifaceted India-EU strategic partnership.

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ENISA Threat Landscape 2026

To shape our understanding of the cyber threat landscape and the dynamics at work, ENISA collected and analysed incidents and events observed from 1 January to 31 December 2025 for this new edition of the Threat Landscape. The 2025 cyber threat landscape affecting the European Union remained shaped by a combination of threats, sometimes driven by geopolitical developments, and the growing interconnectedness of digital ecosystems.

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ETSI Work Programme 2026

The ETSI work programme 2026 provides an overview of our current standardisation projects. These include the development of technologies which have had a major global impact. But at the same time ETSI is exploring the latest emerging areas to keep in step with – and even ahead of – market demand.

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EU 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 and help deliver key objectives to build a strong, secure, and prosperous Europe.

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New Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-27

The European Commission Work Programme for 2026-2027 sets out the R&I funding opportunities under Horizon Europe.

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CEN and CENELEC Work Programme 2026

CEN and CENELEC announced the Work Programme 2026, outlining the key priorities and actions that will shape European standardization in the year 2026.

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Upcoming Events

ESTIMED Hackathon #2: Building a Scalable Cross Industry Solution by Bridging IoT and Edge

When: 05 October - 27 November 2026

Where: Online

ETSI is pleased to invite you to the ESTIMED Hackathon #2, a joint hackathon taking place as part of the 6th oneM2M International Hackathon, virtually from 5 October to 27 November 2026. The project called ESTIMED (Enabling Standardized IoT deployments in MEC Environments for advanced systems) is co-funded by the European Commission and EFTA. It brings together open standards from ETSI ISG MEC (Multi-access Edge Computing) and oneM2M into a horizontal platform for interoperable and scalable IoT systems.

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Network X

When: 13-15 October 2026

Where: Vienna, Austria

ETSI is pleased to support and participate in Network X 2026. Meet our experts, join our conference sessions, and discover how ETSI is driving the development of standards for next-generation networks, AI, cloud, satellite communications, network automation and digital infrastructure. Network X takes place 13–15 October 2026 at VIECON, Vienna, bringing together 5,500+ attendees, including 1,500+ telcos and 300+ visionary speakers.

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TelecomTV Cloud-Native Telco Summit

When: 14 October 2026

Where: Online

ETSI is pleased to actively support TelecomTV's Cloud-Native Telco Summit, returning for its eighth year on 14 October. The event will bring together leading industry experts to examine how communications service providers are translating cloud-native ambition into operational reality. As cloud-native adoption becomes a strategic imperative across global networks, this year's summit continues the conversation – exploring the strategies, challenges and real-world success stories defining the next phase of telco transformation.

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Upcoming Events

Trusted Economy Forum 2026

When: 14-15 October 2026

Where: Poznan, Poland

ETSI is pleased to support and participate in the Trusted Economy Forum (TEF) 2026, an international conference on trust services, digital identity and electronic signatures. The event brings together trust service providers, public administrations, regulators and businesses that use these services in their daily operations.

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ETSI Security Conference 2026

When: 19-22 October 2026

Where: Sophia Antipolis, France

The 20th edition of the ETSI Security Conference, one of ETSI's flagship events and a unique annual opportunity for the global security community to meet face to face, exchange with an experts' audience, and explore the most relevant topics in cybersecurity standardisation.

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PEMEA Plugtests™ 2026

When: 02-05 November 2026

Where: Heraklion, GR

ETSI is organising, with the support of ETSI (TC) EMTEL and the PEMEA Consortium, the second PEMEA (Pan-European Mobile Emergency Application) PLUGTESTS™ event which will take place from 02 to 05 November 2026. This event will be hosted by the Hellenic Mediterranean University at Heraklion, Greece in the premises of the Pasiphae Research and Development of Telecommunications System's Laboratory.

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Upcoming Events

13th Annual European Cybersecurity Conference

When: 04 November 2026

Where: Brussels, Belgium

ETSI is pleased to support and participate in the **13th Annual European Cyber Security Conference. Cybersecurity** has become a defining issue for Europe's security, economic resilience and technological competitiveness. As cyber threats grow more sophisticated, artificial intelligence transforms both attack and defence, and geopolitical tensions reshape global technology supply chains, Europe faces a critical moment in strengthening the resilience of its **digital economy**.

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5th Indo-European Conference on Standards & Emerging Technologies

When: 15-16 February 2027

Where: India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

The 5th Indo-European Conference on Standards & Emerging Technologies established by the SESEI Project will continue to serve as a platform for dialogue among policymakers, industry, and technical experts on priority areas, aiming to strengthen synergies on issues of mutual importance, identifying new areas and scope for collaboration and bridge gaps to ensure advancement through dialogue, discussion and sharing of best practices. The conference will be a two-day high-level event bringing together stakeholders from India and Europe, focusing on "Artificial Intelligence including Cyber Security" and "Digital Product Passport (Batteries)", "Digital Identity, Digital Signatures incl. e-Invoicing"

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