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EXPERT ROUNDTABLE

Capacity Building for Competent Authorities on AI

28 May 2025

UNESCO HQ

Room IX



9.00 - 9.30

Welcome Coffee

9.30 - 10.00

Welcome and Setting the Scene

Opening remarks by UNESCO Ethics of AI Unit and the Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure (RDI)

10.00 - 10.45

Session 1 – Capacity Building across Competent Authorities

Moderator: Dafna Feinholz, Director of the Research, Ethics and Inclusion Division a.i. & Chief of Section for Bioethics and Ethics of Science and Technology, UNESCO

Speakers:

- John Derksen, Deputy Inspector General, RDI
- Judit Rozsa, Director for Coordination, Finance and Communication, SG REFORM, European Commission



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10.45 - 12.00

Session 2 – Implementation Models & Strategies for Competent Authorities

Discussion chair: Huub Janssen, Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure (RDI)

Speakers:

- Kevin Zandermann, Tony Blair Institute (TBI)
- Thomas Nortvedt, Nordic-Baltic Working group on regulatory issues (Nobareg)
- Andrea Renda, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

This session aims to explore various organizational structures and resource allocation strategies for supervisory authorities of different sizes. It will also address peer-to-peer collaboration networks and effective frameworks for institutional design within the AI governance landscape.

12.00 - 13.00

Lunch

13.00 - 15.00

Session 3 – Policy Dialogue: AI Sandboxes and Other Evidence-Based Testing for Competent Authorities

Discussion chair: Meindert Kamphuis, Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure (RDI)

Speakers

Part I:

- Bertrand de la Chapelle, Datasphere Initiatives
- Urs Gasser, Technical University of Munich (TUM)
- Lucas Anjos, Brazil National Data Protection Authority (ANDP)

Part II:

- Håkan Burden, RISE Sweden
- Fabio Seferi, EUSaIR
- Lauriane Aufrant, NoLeFa (pilot EU Testing Facilities)

This discussion will focus on practical examples and case studies relating to the role of AI regulatory sandboxes in enabling constructive dialogue between authorities and stakeholders and other testing methodologies and approaches available that support a more responsive supervisory ecosystem.

15.00 - 15.30

Coffee Break



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15.30 - 16.30

Session 4 – Innovation through Supervision

Moderator: Max Kendrick, AI Strategy Coordinator, UNESCO

Speakers:

- Meindert Kamphuis, Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure (RDI)
- Hans Hedin, Swedish Telecom Post Authority (PTS)
- Tereza Zoumpalova, The Future Society

This session will bring together representatives from competent authorities and civil society to explore how AI supervision can support innovation.

16.30 - 17.30

Session 5 – Fireside Chat: Cross-Sectoral Coordination Mechanisms

Moderator: Peggy Valcke, KU Leuven and Belgian Institute for Postal Services and Telecommunications

Speakers:

- Marc Rotenberg, Center for AI and Digital Policy (CAIDP)
- Maria Avramidou, European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)
- Thomas Giacoletto, European Commission, SG REFORM

In this in-depth fireside chat, two key experts will explore how authorities across sectors, like data protection and market surveillance, can effectively share information and coordinate enforcement. The conversation will highlight lessons learned and what's needed to build strong frameworks for AI oversight.

17.30 - 18.00

Session 6 – Key Insights & Next Steps

Discussion Chairs: Irakli Khodeli and Angelica Fernandez, UNESCO

This session will interactively present the day's key insights for expert discussion and validation. Outcomes will contribute to the final deliverables of the project Supervising AI by Competent Authorities.

18.00 - 19.30

Cocktail and Networking Reception

Closing remarks by project partners followed by networking and drinks



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