



9th 10th December 2021

AI4EU Stakeholder Forum: Project Outcomes and Future Roadmap

University of Bologna, Italy

Thursday 9th December 2021

Stakeholder Forum Day 1 Empowering SMEs with AI

Hotel I Portici, 09.00 - 17.30

9.00 - 9.15	Arrival
9.15 - 9.30	Welcome from University of Bologna
9.30 - 10.00	Europe's AI Strategy Coordinator and European Commission representative An insight into the European Commission's plans and views for Europe's AI Strategy including Horizon Europe, Digital Europe and the global perspective.
10.00 - 11.00	EU AI Ecosystem and Funding Opportunities Roi Rodríguez de Bernardo, Gabriel Gonzalez Castañé, Hina Sajid Ali Introducing the key players in the ecosystem of the AI on-demand platform and presenting the latest AI funding opportunities for SMEs, AI talents and more.
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break & Networking
11.30 - 13.00	Exploitation Channels and Services of the AI on demand Platform Jean-Marc Bonnefous, Sergio Gusmeroli, Vangelis Karkaletsis Andrea Micheli, Michela Milano, Spiros Mouzakitidis Chair: Gabriel Gonzalez Castañé Exploring the services and resources the AI on-demand platform has to offer as well as its future services and offerings and introducing AI4EU's exploitation channels for project results and connecting SMEs.
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Time

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Stakeholder Forum Day 1

14.00 - 15.00

AI4Pilots - Success Stories

Kerstin Bach, Svetla Boytcheva, Milad Botros, Arnaud Gotlieb, Tomas Pariente Lobo, Peter Schüller, Valerie Zapico

Chair: **Ilkka Lakaniemi**

Learn about how AI has been used to improve processes and services in the public sector and in the industry - especially in SMEs - through the AI4Pilots of AI4EU.

15.00 - 16:00

Regional Dimension

Mayte Carracedo, Susanne Kühner, Giovanna Galasso, Sabine Hafner-Zimmermann, Nuno Varandas

chair: **Natalie Cernecka**

Presenting the challenges and strategies for promoting and supporting the adoption of AI on a regional level and future developments and challenges of DIHs.

16.00 - 17.00

SME Needs and Boosting AI Uptake

SME and industrial representatives

Elisa Cahué, Ieva Martinkenaite, Françoise Soulié, Sonja Zillner

Chair: **Emilia Tantar**

Introducing the challenges faced with AI uptake in SMEs and strategies for assessing needs and boosting AI uptake in SMEs.

17.00 - 17.30

Wrap up and Next Steps

21.00 - 23.00

Networking Dinner



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Stakeholder Forum Day 2

The European AI Research Community

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9.00 - 9.15	Arrival
9.15 - 9.30	Opening Day 2
9.30 - 10.00	AI4EU concept and needs Joachim Köhler An overview of the AI4EU concepts and needs with focus on European AI research landscape and latest European policies in AI.
10.00 - 11.00	European AI Networks Fredrik Heintz, Yiannis Kompatsiaris, Silke Balzert-Walter, Paul Lukowicz, Bernhard Nessler, Holger Hoos, Introducing how the European AI Networks are supporting the European AI research community by connecting research and industry, building collaborations and providing a strategic research and innovation roadmap.
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break & Networking
11.30 - 13.00	AI4EU - Hands on the System Ioannis Mollas, Peter Schüller, Martin Welss Chair: Alessandro Saffiotti An insight into the technical components of the AI on-demand platform.
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Time
14.00 - 15.00	Education and Upskilling Nicolò Cesa-Bianchi, Mohamed Chetouani, Peter Flach, Barry O'Sullivan, Ioannis Pitas Chair: Michela Milano Introducing a European approach to AI education, the promotion of fundamental AI methodologies and AI upskilling initiatives.
15.00 - 16:00	Building an Ecosystem of Trust Emilia Gomez, Catelijne Muller, Teresa Scantamburlo, Sonja Zillner Chair: Àtia Cortès Learn about initiatives ensuring that Europe is the global hub for trustworthy Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the promotion of safe and trustworthy AI.
16.00 - 16.30	Closing Session

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