



The Tallinn Digital Summit (TDS) 2024, an annual event hosted by Estonian Prime Minister Kristen Michal, will gather leaders from the most digitally innovative countries. Happening for the seventh time, this year's TDS has invited representatives from international organisations, academia, and the private sector who will help shape the future of digital innovation.

The TDS 2024 takes place on 19-20 November at the Tallinn Creative Hub and offers two days full of discussions and opportunities to network. The Summit will open with a speech by Prime Minister **Kristen Michal**. Minister of Education and Research **Kristina Kallas**, Minister of Justice and Digital Affairs **Liisa-Ly Pakosta**, Minister of Health **Riina Sikkut**, Minister of Economy and Industry **Erkki Keldo** and Minister of Foreign Affairs **Margus Tsahkna** will also contribute as speakers, offering the Estonian perspective.

Among our honourable foreign guests from over 60 countries are **Harry Coker**, the National Cyber Director (Office of the National Cyber Director, ONCD) at the White House; **Dr Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u**, Minister of Information, Communications, and Digital Economy (MICDE) of Kenya; **Hristijan Mickoski**, the Prime Minister of North Macedonia; **Vestergaard Knudsen**, the Deputy Secretary-General at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); and **Kian Vesteinsson**, Senior Research Analyst for Technology and Democracy at the Freedom House.

The private sector will be represented by distinguished speakers, such as **Sandra Joyce**, the Vice President at Google Cloud; **Nicola Villa**, the Executive Vice President at Mastercard; and **Arnaud David**, the Director of Public Policy at Amazon Web Services, among others.

You can find our list of speakers here: <https://tds.icds.ee/speakers>

Building upon the foundation laid by previous summits, we will focus on **"Securing the Digital Tomorrow."** The TDS 2024 will focus on the need for states and other global stakeholders to unite in order to promote security. Recent years have brought major international changes — from the conflict in the Middle East to Russia's aggression against Ukraine — that require sharing knowledge and best practices, as well as the ability to develop strategic cooperation. To pioneer digital security strategies for tomorrow and beyond, closer coordination among allies and partners is critical today. At the TDS 2024, we hope to connect states, innovators, and experts to foster such collaboration.

Themes

The TDS 2024 will give opportunities to build and strengthen partnerships between decision-makers in governments and industries in the fields of AI, digital infrastructure, data protection, and education.

Programme

The 2024 Tallinn Digital Summit's program includes panels such as **"Global Leadership Lens: Political, Technological, Financial, and Regulatory Landscapes in the Digital Age"** with global experts line Dr Margaret Nyambura Ndung'u; Sandra Joyce; and Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl. We are honoured to have **"OECD Launch of OECD Digital Economy Outlook Volume 2: Keynote and Discussion"** with Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen and Paul N. Wagner. We also turn our attention to healthcare: **"Revolutionising Healthcare: Bridging the Digital Divide and Advancing Global eHealth Innovation"**. The second day focuses on foreign policy and collaboration with the panel **"EU Global Gateway: Accelerating the Digital Infrastructure Investment Agenda Through Global Partnerships"**. But we also ask the important questions on controlling these technological advancements in the panel **"Internet Freedom: Here's to 2025! In Partnership with Freedom House"**.

Learn more about our programme here: <https://tds.icds.ee/programme>

The Tallinn Digital Summit timeline

TDS 2023

Tallinn Digital Summit 2023 took place on 5 September 2023 at the Tallinn Creative Hub. The main theme of Tallinn Digital Summit 2023 was Democracy and Technology. Digital leaders gathered all over the world to hear keynote speeches and panel discussions. A welcome dinner was held at the Port of Tallinn Cruise Terminal at the end of the first day.

TDS 2022

Took place on 10-11 October 2022 at the Tallinn Creative Hub. The fifth TDS focused on Trusted Connectivity as a shared conceptual framework for like-minded democracies to consolidate and amplify connectivity initiatives while highlighting the nexus between cross-border infrastructure, geopolitics, and digital technologies.

TDS 2021

Took place on 6-7 September 2021. Its main theme was Trusted Connectivity, which encapsulates a range of vital activities and initiatives, from ensuring transparent and inclusive infrastructure investments to supporting geopolitical stability and economic growth driven by innovation.

TDS 2019

Took place on 16-17 September 2019 and explored the benefits and risks of AI. The conference held conversations on how AI is understood and applied in government, business, and society — through operational, regulatory, and ethical lenses.

TDS 2018

Tallinn Digital Summit 2018 took place on 15-16 October 2018. The focus of the summit was on how artificial intelligence and free-moving data can be wielded in the service of our digital states, economies and societies. Discussions revolved around the following themes: Opportunities for AI; Diffusing the risks and challenges of digitalisation; Cross-border access, use and trade of data.

TDS 2017

The first Tallinn Digital Summit, was held in September 2017 as part of the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU. Having brought together the heads of state and government from 28 EU member states, it succeeded in establishing a much-needed highest political level debate on the digital future.

Find more information about the TDS and its history: <https://www.tds.icds.ee/about>

Practical information

Journalists can register for the event: press@digitalsummit.ee. Accreditation is open until 14 November. Information about the press centre and practical details will be sent to the accredited journalists no later than 3 days before the event.

For media inquiries and requests for interviews, please contact press@digitalsummit.ee

Photos and videos for free use (during and after the event) will be available via Flickr: <https://flickr.com/photos/tallinndigitalsummit>

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