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#IDSF25 IS UPCOMING: JOIN OUR GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON DIGITAL SECURITY

In less than 2 weeks, the 4th International Digital Security Forum (IDSF) Vienna will open its doors with a top-tier programme discussing the major challenges of digital transformation

Vienna (AIT) – In 13 days the **4th International Digital Security Forum (IDSF)** will open its doors at **MuseumsQuartier Vienna** – **from June 4 to 6, 2025**, the Austrian capital will be the center for global discourse on digital security, technological sovereignty and international cyber resilience. Under the motto "**Balancing Sovereignty and Solidarity in the Digital Age**", #IDSF25 will examine new **security risks at the interface of AI**, **quantum technology** and **biotechnology**, the role of **tech diplomacy** in an increasingly digitalized world and the transformation of **global cyber security strategies**, particularly in geopolitically sensitive regions. Also, it will address **digital resilience**, the **protection of critical infrastructure**, **trustworthy data spaces** and **human-centered digital governance** and **data sovereignty for peace and security**, as well as the impact of **disinformation** and **digital manipulation** on democracies.

Special programme items on AI, peace building, disinformation and modern digital solutions

- Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Workshop by **Vienna Business Agency** and **SBA Research** on **"Digital Sovereignty in a Connected World: Navigating Between Openness and Control"**
- Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm: Workshop by **CMI — Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation** on **"AI for Peace: The Promise and Peril of AI-Powered Engagement in Conflict Zones"**
- Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 09:45 am (all-day): Social Science Track **"Sovereignty and Solidarity in the Digital Age - a critical View"**, organized by **Vienna Centre for Societal Security (VICESSE)**
- Thursday, June 5, 2025, 9:45 am - 11:00 am: Workshop by **Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation (VCDNP)** on **"Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security of High-Risk Critical Infrastructure"**
- Thursday, June 5, 2025, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Exclusive film screening: **"How to Build a Truth Engine"** with introductory words by Austrian filmmaker and journalist **Friedrich Moser**
- Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:15 pm: **Exhibitor Innovation Pitches** by innovative **companies (SMEs), leading IT organizations and research institutions**.

Further information and registration options are available here: https://idsf.io/.
Note: Representatives from public organizations will be granted free access to the conference.

International guests and prominent speakers

Following the great success of IDSF´s last edition with over **500 participants** and more than **100 speakers from 35 countries**, the organizers have created a **top-tier programme**, aimed at international **experts and representatives from the fields of diplomacy, politics, business and science**. High-ranking speakers from the national and international field will shed light on the tension between digital sovereignty and international cooperation from **various technological, political and economic perspectives**. Alongside the high-level panel discussions, there will be high-caliber keynotes and expert briefings, including from **Michal Krelina** (SIPRI - Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Stockholm), **Renata Ávila Pinto** (CEO Open Knowledge Foundation, UK), **Detlef Eckert** (author of the book "40 Years of European Digital Policies"), **Bethany Allen** (Australian Strategic Policy Institute - ASPI; video message), **Guilherme Maia de Oliveira Wood** (Head of the Department of Neuropsychology and Neuroimaging at the Karl-Franzens-University Graz), **Max Schrems** (Law, Privacy and Politics Expert; video message), **Senadin Alisic** (Strategy Advisor at Combitech AB, Sweden), **Philipp Budka** (Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria), **Pavlina Pavlova** (Cyber Policy Expert, Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Austria), **Anna Malec** (ESDC - European Security & Defense College), **Augusto Lopez Claros** (Executive Director, World Governance Forum, Spain), **Philipe Reinisch** (Founder SILKROAD 4.0, Austria), and **Filimon Peonidis** (University Professor for Philosophy at the Aristotle University Thessaloniki, Greece).

Information on partners and contribution options can be found here: https://idsf.io/partners-2025/
Information on the full programm is available here: https://idsf.io/programme/

About #IDSF25

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