

## Press release

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### IDSF 2025: DIGITAL SECURITY BETWEEN SOVEREIGNTY AND GLOBAL COOPERATION

The 4th International Digital Security Forum invites leading players from politics, research and industry to Vienna for a dialog on digital resilience, cybersecurity and technology diplomacy

Vienna (AIT) - The 4th International Digital Security Forum (IDSF) 2025 will again make Vienna the center of global discourse on digital security, technological sovereignty and international cyber resilience from June 4 to 6. Under the motto "Balancing Sovereignty and Solidarity in the Digital Age", IDSF25 invites an international multi-stakeholder community of leading experts from diplomacy, politics, business and science to discuss current challenges and opportunities of digital transformation as well as solutions for a secure, resilient and sustainable digital age. The conference will take place in the cultural hotspot MuseumsQuartier Vienna. It is organized by the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology with the support of the Federal Ministry of European and international Affairs, further major Austrian ministries and in partnership with the Austrian Security and Defence Industries Group of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, the Competence Center Secure Austria (KSÖ) and the Austrian Agency for Economic Cooperation and Development (AED) as well as in cooperation with international partner organizations.

#### Focus on digital sovereignty and global cooperation

Digital transformation challenges states to maintain their open strategic autonomy and sovereignty while fostering global solidarity in leveraging the benefits and addressing risks and cyber threats. Digital sovereignty emphasizes control over national data and infrastructure, while digital solidarity relies on international cooperation to develop common security standards and share knowledge. IDSF25 examines this tension between independence and international cooperation from different technological, political and economic perspectives.

#### High-level program addresses major challenges

Following the great success of IDSF 2023 with over 500 participants and more than 100 speakers from 35 countries, the organizers are planning a high-profile program for 2025 that addresses the key balance between technological innovation, digital sovereignty and international cooperation. The conference will highlight new security risks at the intersection of AI, quantum 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 such as the Indo-Pacific. Other focal points address digital resilience in smart cities, 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. Information on the current program content can be found at

<https://idsf.io/sessions/>.

The programme will be complemented by a dedicated high-level social science track organized by IDSF programme partner Vienna Centre for Societal Security (VICESSE) under the title "Sovereignty and Solidarity in the Digital Age - a critical View", which will take place on June 5, 2025 at the IDSF. This special program focus underlines the organizers' vision of enabling an in-depth, well-founded discussion of the social challenges of digital transformation and combining this with practical technological and security policy issues.

#### Workshops, exhibition and registration

In order to provide participants with practical insights into the challenges of digitalization and innovative technological solutions, interactive workshops will also be offered as part of #IDSF25. The forum is also organizing an accompanying exhibition in which innovative companies (SMEs), leading IT organizations and research institutions will present their latest solutions and developments.

Further information on the program and tickets are now available on the website of the International Digital Security Forum (IDSF): <https://idsf.io/>

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