EVENT AGENDA

INNOPRO 2026

Partner Event of European AI Innovation Month

INNOPRO 2026 is part of European AI Innovation Month.

Pathways to Scaling Artificial Intelligence Across Europe: Secure Innovation, Collaboration and Impact

29 – 30 October 2026

Context and Vision

In previous editions, particularly in 2025, INNOPRO focused on digital transformation and innovation through theoretical presentations and the testing of pilot projects.

INNOPRO 2026 marks a strategic alignment with the priorities of European innovation ecosystems and Digital Innovation Hubs, focusing on strengthening regional innovation capacity in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

Our objective is to accelerate the transition from experimentation to real-world deployment, scaling, and commercialisation of AI-driven solutions. This evolution brings significant challenges and opportunities, including regulatory compliance, AI adoption across value chains and business models, the transformation of innovation advisory services, intellectual property protection, cybersecurity, trustworthy AI, and sustainable competitiveness.

Registration link to INNOPRO 2026:
https://146794337.hs-sites-eu1.com/innopro-2026-ai-digital-innovation-summit-supertree

Programme at a Glance

Day 1 · 29 October	Session I – Building the Foundations of Trustworthy AI
	Session II – Scaling AI Through European Collaboration (5 parallel workshops)
	Session III – Excellence, Impact and the Future of AI Innovation
	Innovation Matchmaking – one-to-one meetings
Day 2 · 30 October	AI in Action – 6 field visits and thematic events (choose one of the six options listed on the final page)

DAY 1 | Thursday, 29 October 2026

SESSION I

Building the Foundations of Trustworthy AI

Policy, Infrastructure, Data Governance and Security

09:30 – 09:50	**Opening Remarks & Strategic Vision** – Aligning the INNOPRO regional innovation strategy with the European AI Continent Action Plan and key European Commission initiatives. – Introducing the Summit, organizers and sponsors · **Costin Lianu**, President Wallachia eHub – Supertree Concept · **Gianina Crăciun** SPEAKERS ▪ **Costinel-Bogdan Dumitru** · Minister Delegate for Digitalisation and Artificial Intelligence ▪ **Representative of MIPE/ADR** *"Romanian policy support for EDIHs and DIHs"* ▪ **Adrian Georgescu** · Regional Vice President Romania & Moldova, UiPath *"AI Governance"*
09:50 – 10:30	**Navigating the New AI Regulatory Landscape** *AI Act, Data Protection and Regulatory Sandboxes* – Supporting SMEs in understanding and complying with European regulations. – Leveraging Regulatory Sandboxes for safe experimentation and innovation. – Defining protected assets (source code, AI algorithms, financial data and trade secrets) and establishing clear technology transfer boundaries. SPEAKERS ▪ **Representative, Digital Transformation Accelerator (DTA)** · European Digital Innovation Hubs Network ▪ **Ion Vaciu** · President of Digital Transformation (DX) Council ▪ **PhD Alexandru Georgescu** · Scientific Researcher, National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest ▪ **Costel Gîlcă** · Lawyer | Professor of Labour Law | Expert in Employment Relations ▪ **Dr. Beatrice Onica Jarka** · President of the European Court of Arbitration – Romania and Moldova Chapter
10:30 – 11:10	**Connecting Regional Innovation Ecosystems to Europe's AI Infrastructure** *From Local Innovation to European Networks* – Practical pathways for collaboration with Testing and Experimentation Facilities (TEFs), AI Factories, and European Data Spaces. **Moderator:** ***Costin Lianu*** · *President Wallachia eHub* SPEAKERS ▪ **Georgi Robev** · Chairman of the Board, Strategic Center of Artificial Intelligence – SCAI *"Conceptual model for cooperation between EDIHs and EU AI Factories"* ▪ **Alexandru Soare** · Executive Director, Cares Solutions ▪ **PhD Eng. Adrian-Victor Vevera** · General Director of ICI Bucharest ▪ **PhD Dragoș Catalin Barbu** · Technical Coordinator, BSC AI Factory and RO AI Factory ▪ **PhD Elena Anca Paraschiv** · Scientific Researcher, National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest
11:10 – 11:30	***Coffee Break & Networking***

SESSION II

Scaling AI Through European Collaboration

Testing, Validation and Market Adoption

11:30 – 12:30 | Parallel Thematic Working Groups

11:30 – 12:30
WORKSHOP 1

AI for Sustainable Agrifood Systems

Scaling AI solutions for the green and digital transition in agriculture and food production

Moderator: *Costin Lianu* · *President Wallachia eHub*

SPEAKERS

- **Stephen Barnes** · Senior MR Lab Manager - Project Manager at Walton Institute | Co-chair of the Agrifood TWG
- **Georgi Robev** · Chairman of the Board, Strategic Center of Artificial Intelligence – SCAI
  "Computer vision for precise and carbon-decreased AI-driven agriculture processes"
- **Ana Maria Stancu** · AI Literacy Expert | EU Robotics Coordinator TG Education | CEO Bucharest Robots | Founder RoboHub – AI & Robotics Center of Excellence
  "From Fields to the Future: How AI and Robotics Are Transforming Agriculture"
- **Elena Mateescu** · General Director, National Meteorological Administration
  "Agrometeorological Extremes in 2026 and Their Impact on Agriculture in Romania: Challenges and Solutions"
- **Marcel Ionescu** · Founder & CEO, AgriCloud | President, Romanian Association for Precision Agriculture
- **Viorel Marin** · President of DIH and ANAMOB Association

11:30 – 12:30
WORKSHOP 2

Transforming Healthcare Through Artificial Intelligence

AI adoption in medicine, diagnostics and healthcare innovation

Moderator: *Nicoleta Capbun* · *IT&C Business Development Manager | BENE Cercetare*

SPEAKERS

- **Teodor Iamandi & Mihaela Ionica Crăciun** · Digitalisation Department | Romanian Ministry of Health
  National Health Digitalization Strategy
- **Prof. PhD Rocsana Bucea-Manea-Tonis** · National University of Physical Education and Sport
  "AI Agents for Smarter Sport Management: Connecting Urban Sports Facilities, Physical Activity, and Community Well-Being"
- **Carmen Mihai** · Manager of IMAGO-MOL Cluster
- **Cornelia Alexandru** · *BENE Cercetare*

11:30 – 12:30
WORKSHOP 3

Cybersecurity, Dual-Use Technologies and the AI Revolution

How artificial intelligence is reshaping civil and defence markets

Moderator: ***Cosmin Lianu*** · *Cluster Manager, Dual Use Cluster | Innovation and Internationalisation Expert, USH Pro Business | Wallachia eHub*

SPEAKERS

- **Aline Vugrincic** · Deputy Department Manager, Cybersecurity and Law Research Division| FZI Research Center for Information Technology, Karlsruhe
- **Vice Admiral Ion-Cristian Lișman** · Vice President, ROMDEF – Romanian Defence Industry Employers' Association | Vice President, STARC4SYS ROMDEF
- **Cosmin Lianu** · Cluster Manager, Dual Use Cluster
- **Andreea Damian** · Counsellor, National Cybersecurity Coordination Centre (NCC-RO), Romanian Authority for Digitalisation (ADR)
- **Marius Geru** · Co-founder & CEO, Thecon | Co-founder, OpenHub
  "Cybersecurity in the AI Era: Practical Steps for Resilient SMEs"
- **Victor Frimu-Pascu** · CEO, AiPathPro Solution
  "Hyperion SentinelAI – From CCTV to Intelligent Loss Prevention: Building AI that understands behavior in retail"
- **George V. Scripcariu** · BlackForge

11:30 – 12:30
WORKSHOP 4

Smart Communities Powered by AI

Applications in tourism, construction, logistics and urban development

Moderator: ***Irina Gabriela Rădulescu*** · *EDIH WEH Executive Board Member|Manager, Danube Engineering Hub*

SPEAKERS

- **Ovidiu Finta** · CEO, Art & Resturo Building | Technology Entrepreneur
  "Digital transformation in heritage business"
- **Prof. PhD Florin Băltăreț** · Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest (UTCB)
  "Smart City Pilot Projects: Ideas and Achievements"
- **Rodica Lupu** · General Manager, Technology Enabled Construction (TEC) Cluster
- **Prof. habil. PhD Cătălin Popescu** · Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiești
  "Smart Universities for Smart Communities: Responsible and Ethical AI in Higher Education"
- **Alina Popescu** · Chief Operating Officer (COO) | HEVECO Group, Romania
  "Satellite Data, AI and Digital Twins for Climate-Ready Communities"
- **Viorel Stoica** · President, Smart Villages Association | Coordinator, Smart Village Forum Romania

12:30 – 13:45 — ***Networking Lunch***

SESSION III

Excellence, Impact and the Future of AI Innovation

Building Europe's Next Generation Innovation Ecosystem

13:45-14:00

Keynote Speaker: SKOURAS Christos · Policy Officer, DG GROW

From Digital Innovation to European Market Opportunities: Connecting SMEs through the Enterprise Europe Network.

14:00 – 14:40	**Financing AI Scale-Up and Innovation Growth** *Funding instruments, investment opportunities and support mechanisms for AI deployment* **Moderator: *Emanuela Modoran*** · *Innovation Director, TRYAMM | Executive Board Member, Wallachia eHub | Business Angel & Startup Mentor* SPEAKERS ▪ **Representative of the Romanian Ministry of Finance** *"Presentation of the TechUp Romania Programme"* ▪ **Representative of BCR** ▪ **Ana Maria Paraschiv** · Project Manager, Unbox Management Solutions *"Funding Innovation and Digitalisation: POCIDIF 1.1.2 and ADR București–Ilfov 1.7"* ▪ **Roxana Lupașcu** · Innovation & Business Development Expert, Măgurele Science Park *"From Innovation to Impact: Unlocking EEN2EIC Synergies for Regional Growth. Case Study: Connecting EEN and EIC support to help innovative companies access funding, partnerships, investment, and scaling opportunities, while strengthening regional innovation ecosystems"* ▪ **Ana Dumitrescu** · Co-Founder & Sales and Operations Director, Procurement Performance *„Ready, Compliant, Funded: How to Fund Your AI Investments"* ▪ **Mihai Anton** · Founder, AI Flow | AI Automation and Business Digitalisation *"How AI Is Transforming Regulatory Monitoring, Reporting and Audit Readiness"*
14:40 – 15:10	**From Innovation Hubs to AI Experience Centers** *EDIH Excellence and Best Practices Across Europe* – Building cross-border innovation partnerships and soft-landing opportunities. – Facilitating connections with investors, corporates, and innovation ecosystems. **Moderator: *Irina Gabriela Rădulescu*** · *EDIH WEH Executive Board Member|Manager, Danube Engineering Hub* SPEAKERS ▪ **Smita Singh** · Doctoral Researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin | AI in Education Researcher | Brain City Berlin Ambassador *"From AI Training to Everyday Practice: Keeping People in Control"* ▪ **Alexandru Bobe** · President, RODIH Association and Coordinator of EDIH CiTyInnoHub ▪ **Enzo Faloci** · Founder, Faloci & Partners | Internationalisation Expert, Umbria Digital Data (UDD EDIH) ▪ **Ion Bodrug** · President of ACETI & Coordinator of EDIH "DIH of Moldova" ▪ **Alexandre Yurchak** · Executive Director, Ukrainian Cluster Alliance | General Director, APPAU | Coordinator, EDIH Kyiv HiTech

15:10 – 15:40	**WEH-Driven Romanian Success Stories** *Showcasing Digital Innovation and AI Adoption in Romania* **Moderator:** ***Cosmin Lianu*** · *Cluster Manager, Dual Use Cluster | Innovation and Internationalisation Expert, USH Pro Business | Wallachia eHub* ▪ **Giacomo Beccani CEO** · Lavder Enterprise SRL *"The context window is dead"* ▪ **Robert Popa** · CEO & Managing Partner, Geseidl Consulting Group | Senior Business Analyst & Financial Auditor ▪ **Alexandru Andrei Petrescu** · Chief Executive Officer, TOBC | Digital Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation ▪ **Anatol Oprea** · Founder & CEO, T2 SRL | IT Innovation and Digital Transformation Expert ▪ **Mihai Grădinaru** · Founder, PeachART & Tejas Development | Technology Entrepreneur and Innovation Consultant
15:40 – 17:00	**Innovation Matchmaking** *One-to-One Meetings for Partnerships, Projects and Investment Opportunities*

DAY 2 | Friday, 30 October 2026

Participants choose one of the following parallel programmes.

09:00 – 13:00 | AI in Action – Infrastructure, Entrepreneurship and Real-World Adoption

09:00 – 13:00 **OPTION 1**	**Visit to UiPath** Participants will explore the future of operational efficiency through live demonstrations of agentic AI and advanced automation technologies directly at UiPath's headquarters. Registration link: https://forms.gle/f5QkEV9W2HJbWqMu8
09:00 – 13:00 **OPTION 2**	**Forbes 30 Under 30 Forum** – *Limited places available* *The Next Generation of AI Entrepreneurs and Innovators* Fireside discussions with Forbes 30 Under 30 alumni, founders, investors, and technology leaders. Exploring pathways from innovation to scale-up, internationalisation, and investment readiness while connecting young innovators with European ecosystems. Registration link: https://forms.gle/3VPaBQkEydbx5rE38
09:00 – 13:00 **OPTION 3**	**AI in Action: Field Visits and Ecosystem Networking** *Digitalization of the Agrifood Sector, Test before Invest through TEF Agrifood* Visit to **INDAGRA** Fair exploring practical applications of digital technologies and AI in agriculture, meeting clients, stakeholders, and developing cross-border projects under the Test before Invest through TEF Agrifood framework. **Workshop on transition and new agrifood business models** Networking and matchmaking with participants Registration link: https://forms.gle/H2RMLqu3MAohC21v5
09:00 – 13:00 **OPTION 4**	**European AI Infrastructure in Practice** *Visit to the AI Factory at ICI Bucharest* Demonstrating advanced AI capabilities, computing infrastructure, and applied innovation support services linked to the national BSC AI Factory Project pipeline. Registration link: https://forms.gle/dafecH3svc7UaUoGA
09:00 – 13:00 **OPTION 5**	**Extreme Light Infrastructure** *Exploring Europe's World-Class Research Infrastructure* Visit to the Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP), one of the world's most advanced research facilities in high-power lasers and photonuclear physics, showcasing cutting-edge technologies and opportunities for research-industry collaboration and innovation. Registration link: https://forms.gle/YcoyQMfT1NbdndbRA
09:00 – 13:00 **OPTION 6**	**Cybersecurity and Digital Resilience** *National Coordination Centre (NCC) Special Event* Special session on advanced threat protection, infrastructure resilience, and secure AI deployment frameworks. Registration link: https://forms.gle/1t86tMgdirmxzBwt5