



## Briefing Note and Agenda EU-INDIA DIGITAL INVESTMENT FORUM Thematic Events

The Leela Palace, New Delhi/Hybrid

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 9:30-14:00 CEST / 13:00-17:30 IST

Lunch will be served for invitees participating physically 12.00-13.00 IST

### **Background:**

At the EU-India Summit 2020, the leaders agreed to organize a **Digital Investment Forum (DIF)** to explore associated opportunities and challenges with stakeholders from both countries. DIF is a platform that offers opportunities for achieving some of the goals outlined in the EU-India Roadmap 2025 and the EU-India Connectivity Partnership. In April 2022, during the visit of the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen to New Delhi, the President and Indian Prime Minister announced the establishment of the **EU-India Trade and Technology Council (TTC)**. DIF is envisaged to be organised on the margins of the first TTC Meeting, which is scheduled to take place on the **16<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 in Brussels (Belgium)**.

To prepare for the DIF, the EU Delegation to India has been organizing a series of events since November 2020, collecting inputs from different stakeholders. An EU-India Digital Business and Investment Roundtable was also held in July 2021. The inputs from the Roundtable led to the identification of four thematic areas – **Cybersecurity, Digital Health, Smart Cities and Microelectronics**, as potential priority areas of focus. The EU Delegation commissioned studies and consultative focus group meetings, leading to mapping respective ecosystems' strengths, gaps, initiatives, activities and opportunities for EU-India business and investment. These topics are also expected to remain prominent in the policy discussions between the EU and India, either as such or as use-cases or support of new technologies (5G/6G, internet of things, standardization, artificial intelligence, digital connectivity, high performance and quantum computing, semiconductors, cloud systems, cybersecurity, digital skills, and digital platforms)

### **Format:**

These events will be organized in a hybrid format along with a possibility of in-person participation in New Delhi. The planned four events will include a presentation on the findings, followed by deep-dive discussions with the stakeholders for further input. These inputs could be in the form of feedback on the report outcomes, new proposals on concrete activities, and recommendations on the way forward.

**Audience:** Businesses (Corporates, SMEs, Start-ups, Investors), Universities, R&D, Ecosystem Stakeholders, Experts from EU & India, Policymakers are invited to join to learn about the findings and opportunities, and to validate and complement the conclusions of the Thematic Report



**The schedule of the events is as follows:**

| Date                            | Time                                      | Thematic Sector         |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b> |   |                         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023       | 09:30 – 11:30 CEST /<br>13:00 – 15:00 IST | <b>Microelectronics</b> |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2023       | 12:00 – 14:00 CEST /<br>15:30 – 17:30 IST | <b>Cybersecurity</b>    |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b> |   |                         |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023       | 09:30 – 11:30 CEST /<br>13:00 – 15:00 IST | <b>Smart Cities</b>     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023       | 12:00 – 14:00 CEST /<br>15:30 – 17:30 IST | <b>Digital Health</b>   |

**Draft Agenda:**

The agenda applicable to both the 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> May events is as follows.

| Time*                                 |                      | Topic  | Speaker   |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| CEST                                  | IST                  |  |   |
| <b>8:30 – 9:30</b>                    | <b>12:00 – 13:00</b> | <b>Registration and Lunch (in-person participation)<br/>Login Access (Online Participants)</b> |   |
| 9:30 – 9:40                           | 13:00 – 13:10        | Context Setting and opening remarks  | European Commission /<br>Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) |
| 9:40 – 10:00                          | 13:10 – 13:30        | Presentation on the outcomes of the mapping study  | Leena Pishe Thomas-<br>Study Author, Director –<br>Global Business Inroads (GBI)    |
| 10:00 – 11:00                         | 13:30 – 14:30        | Interactive Roundtable discussion to deliberate on the outcomes of the study                   | EU/Indian Expert - TBS (Moderator)  |
| 11:00 – 11:30                         | 14:30 – 15:00        | Summarizing the outcomes of the interaction  | Leena Pishe Thomas-<br>Study Author, Director –<br>Global Business Inroads (GBI)    |
| <b>End of 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop</b> |                      |  |   |

\*Time changes as per the four thematic topic schedules



| <b>Workshop 2</b>                     |                      |   |  |
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| <b>Time*</b>                          |                      | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Speaker</b>   |
| <b>CEST</b>                           | <b>IST</b>           |   |  |
| <b>11:30 – 12:00</b>                  | <b>15:00 – 15:30</b> | <b>Registration and High-Tea (in-person participation)<br/>Login Access (Online Participants)</b> |  |
| 12:00 – 12:10                         | 15:30 – 15:40        | Context Setting and opening remarks   | European Commission / Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) |
| 12:10 – 12:30                         | 15:40 – 16:00        | Presentation on the outcomes of the mapping study   | Leena Pish Thomas-Study Author, Director – Global Business Inroads (GBI)         |
| 12:30 – 13:30                         | 16:00 – 17:00        | Interactive Roundtable discussion to deliberate on the outcomes of the study                      | EU/Indian Expert - TBC (Moderator)   |
| 13:30 – 14:00                         | 17:00 – 17:30        | Summarizing the outcomes of the interaction   | Leena Pish Thomas-Study Author, Director – Global Business Inroads (GBI)         |
| <b>14:00 – 14:30</b>                  | <b>17:30 – 18:00</b> | <b>High-Tea &amp; Networking</b>  |  |
| <b>End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop</b> |                      |   |  |

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