

## Invitation

The **Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)** is hosting a **roundtable discussion** on:

### **Europe's AI strategy: challenges and the way forward**

Recent advancements in the field of artificial intelligence promise massive economic and productivity benefits, while at the same time raising fundamental questions about the future across a variety of dimensions, from the economy, the labour market, education and skills, to geopolitics, balance of power, and warfare, including the possibility of loss of human control over technology.

For the EU, the challenge is existential: according to some of the worst scenarios, lagging behind the US and China exposes the EU not just to enduring relative economic decline (growing less than other economies), but to a bleak future of absolute impoverishment, social strife, economic and security dependence, strategic vulnerability, and eventually loss of sovereignty in the face of military aggression.

Should this risk be taken seriously, or dismissed as tech hype? And, if the former, what can Europe – at national and EU level – do to avert it? Our roundtable discussion brings together experts from academia, industry, and policy making, to explore what needs to be done, whether it can realistically be done, and how.

#### Speakers

**Michail Bletsas**, Governor, National Cybersecurity Authority, Greece; Research Scientist and Director of Computing, MIT Media Lab

**Gosia (Malgorzata) Nikowska**, Head of Unit, Artificial Intelligence Innovation and Policy Coordination, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect), European Commission

**Asad Ramzanali**, Director of AI & Technology Policy, Vanderbilt Policy Accelerator, Vanderbilt University

**Giorgos Verdi**, Policy and Advocacy Lead, Open Markets Institute Europe

#### Moderator

**Manos Matsaganis**, Professor, Polytechnic University of Milan; Head, European Economy Programme, ELIAMEP

The event will be held **online** in **English**.

**Tuesday 14 July 2026**  
**16:00-17:30 (CEST) | 17:00-18:30 (EEST)**

Live streaming will be available on the [ELIAMEP website](#) and on ELIAMEP's official accounts on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Please submit your questions before and during the roundtable discussion at: [events@eliamep.gr](mailto:events@eliamep.gr)