

CEPIS Council of European Professional Informatics Societies

Dear Member,

Welcome to this issue of our Member Update. This month find out about the DiversIT Charter's selection as a finalist in EDSA 2023, new initiatives from the European Commission on digital and cybersecurity, and an exciting webinar on the ethics of generative AI. Discover all this and more below!



Webinar: Ethics of Generative AI – 23 June, 12:00 CEST

Join CEPIS for a webinar on the exciting question of the ethics, risks, and potential benefits of generative AI tools like OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Bard.

CEPIS Board Member, Associate Professor Dr Eryilmaz will be joined by Dr Huma Shah of Coventry University for a discussion, followed by a question and answer session.

Register to Attend



2nd Workshop of "Your People, Your Potential" series to take place on 29/6

The CEPIS Women in ICT Expert Group is organising a workshop on "Empowering voices: the potential of inclusive language", in which we will delve into the transformative power of gender-inclusive language. The workshop is free to attend and will take place on June 29, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:00 CEST.

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DiversIT Charter chosen as finalist in EDSA 2023

The CEPIS DiversIT Charter has been selected as one of the finalists in the 2023 edition of the European Digital Skills Awards (EDSA). The evaluation process examined the applicants' impact, scalability, replicability, innovation, outreach, sustainability, and inclusion.



CEPIS President Attends EU-India Trade and Technology Council Meeting

CEPIS President, Luis Fernandez-Sanz, joined other key stakeholders at a high-level discussion on fostering technology investments and collaboration between the EU and India.

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Neumann Professorship Award Bestowed on Biochemist Katalin Karikó

Al is in the sights of regulators around the world, with major and diverse new legislation on Al rules being brought forward in the EU, USA, and China, amongst others. Individual countries have also brought in regulation of specific Al tools in response to the recent rapid development of Large Language Models.



CEPIS Board Member Presents at TEA TALK Event

Associate Professor Dr Meltem Eryilmaz, board member of CEPIS and its Member Society the Informatics Association of Turkiye, presented a comprehensive overview of the future of software at the 4th TEA TALK event, organised by the Middle East Technical University (METU) IAESTEA Turkiye community on 31 May.

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AICA appoints new President and National Representative

On 11 May, Antonio Piva was appointed President of AICA. Mr Piva is a computer engineer, entrepreneur, consultant in Quality, Security and Privacy sectors, university lecturer and Member of the Italian Council of Engineers.



EU's AI Act Moves Closer to Adoption with European Parliament Vote

The European Parliament voted this week on the AI Act, a major new set of regulations for artificial intelligence in Europe.

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€122 Million Investment in Digital Planned by EU

The EU plans to invest over €122 million in strengthening digital technologies and competences across the EU.



European Commission Announces Call for Proposals on Cybersecurity

The European Commission has announced €105 million in funding for cybersecurity projects. The funding, part of the Commission's Digital Europe Work Programme for 2023 and 2024, will be focused on projects that strengthen cooperation between Member States on cybersecurity issues and boost the security of businesses.

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Upcoming events

23 June, 12:00 CEST - Ethics of Generative AI Webinar

29 June, 10:00 CEST - Empowering Voices: the Potential of Inclusive Language