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## CEPIS Member Update

Welcome to the February 2024 edition of the CEPIS member update. Check out the speakers and updated programme for the 'Stay in Tech' conference, read about different events and initiatives of our Member Societies, and find out about the latest EU policy developments. Discover all this and more below!

### News from CEPIS



#### **Check out speakers and programme for Stay in Tech conference!**

Several exciting speakers have been confirmed for the 'Stay in Tech: Policies and Practices of Attracting and Retaining Female Tech Talent' conference, which will take place in Berlin on 14 May. Join us to try to find solutions to the lack of meaningful progress in retaining female tech talent!

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### **BCS says professional licenses key to preventing ‘AI version’ of the Post Office scandal**

Every UK technologist working in a high-stakes AI role should be licensed and meet independent ethical standards, according to the professional body for computing. A public register of AI professionals, held to an ethical code of conduct, will make an ‘AI version’ of the Post Office Horizon scandal less likely, said BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT.

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### **Day of Hungarian Informatics held on 18 January**

On 18 January 2024, the John von Neumann Society (NJSzT), CEPIS member society from Hungary, held its traditional “Day of Hungarian Informatics” conference. The conference generated a lot of interest, and was sponsored by 4iG, one of the key players in Hungary’s ICT market.

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### **Women in UK are applying for Computing degrees in record numbers**

The number of young women in the UK applying to start computing degrees in 2024 has risen by 10% on last year, according to new research. In total there were 18,880 applications from UK 18-year-old women to study Computing at university this year, up from 17,140 in 2023.

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## ICS expert group holds event on Frontline Pharmacy Informatics

On 25 January 2024, The Irish Computer Society's expert group on Health Informatics (HISI) and the University of Galway co-hosted a Symposium on Frontline Pharmacy Informatics. The event covered both recent and established digital tools to support healthcare professionals in their clinical practice.

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## SI Will Hold an Online Evening Talk on 7 March

The Swiss Informatics Society (SI) will be hosting an evening talk on Thursday 7 March from 17:00 to 18:30 online. Titled "Bitcoin: The Perfect Currency?", the talk will feature [Michael Gauckler](#), former Chief Product Officer of Bitcoin Suisse and now an educator on Bitcoin.

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## Policy news



## EU AI Act Moves Closer to Adoption

The EU's new AI Act has been approved by EU Member States, clearing the way for its final vote in the European Parliament and eventual adoption over the coming years. The Act has been the subject of intense lobbying and debate, representing a distinct approach to regulating artificial intelligence.

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## **EU Member States and ENISA Release Report on Cybersecurity of Communications Infrastructure**

On 21 February, the EU Member States, in collaboration with the European Commission and EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), unveiled a comprehensive report addressing the cybersecurity and resilience of the EU's communications infrastructures and networks.

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