International Conference on Digital Sovereignty

ICDS 2026 Industry Day

Programme

Wednesday 25 November 2026 · Oslo Science Park, Oslo

Programme for speakers and panellists

- 31 speakers and panellists
- 8 plenary sessions
- 6 parallel sessions in two tracks

Opening plenary

07:45–09:50 · Registration, welcome, ministerial opening and keynotes

07:45–08:30 **Registration**

08:30–08:40 **Welcome**

Petter Kvalvik Head of Digital Sovereignty – IFE

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08:40–09:00 **Opening address**

Ingvild Strand von Krogh Head of tech policy - Abelia

09:00–09:10 **The total defence year and digital sovereignty**

Bjørn Axel Gran Vice President R&D Nuclear – IFE

09:10–09:30 **Balancing operational agility with democratic accountability, equity and data sovereignty**

Hallstein Bjercke Vice Mayor for Finance – City of Oslo

09:30–09:50 **Break and move to parallel sessions**

Parallel sessions I and II

09:50–12:30 · Two parallel rounds, networking and lunch

09:50–10:30

TRACK A · PANEL

Being disconnected from the digital world

Sanctions, digital manoeuvrability and the impact on societal preparedness

Ivar Friheim Forensic Investigator and Cyber Security Analyst – Sikt
Olav Lysne Professor and Simula Fellow, Cyber Security – Simula
Harald Kristian Næss Head of Advisory, National Cyber Security Centre – NSM
Jon Grunnan CTO – Amedia

10:30–10:55 Coffee, networking and 1:1 meetings

10:55–11:35

TRACK A · PANEL

AI in the boardroom

Strategic use of AI, business sovereignty and sovereign AI as a driver of business value

Bram Timmermans Professor, Dept. of Strategy and Management – NHH
Clint Sookermany Partner – BDO
Magnus Sahlgren Head of Research, NLU – AI Sweden
Annette Mellbye Director strategy Innlandet Science Par

11:35–12:30 Lunch, matchmaking and 1:1 meetings

TRACK B · PANEL

The marketplace

Who are the vendors? Where is the funding?

Jørgen Schüren, CSO - ITX
Jonas Erraia Partner – Menon Economics
Joel Pihlajamaa CEO - UpCloud
Tom Even Mortensen Managing Partner – Sandwater

TRACK B · PANEL

Public procurement

Purchasing as a strategic tool for digital manoeuvrability

Sidsel Nordhagen, CEO – KS Digital
Sverre Christian Stoltz Programme Director (MPS) – DFØ
Jannicke Daae Tønjum Director – Sykehusinnkjøp
Anders Austlid Taskén Co-founder – Vidd

Keynote and parallel sessions III

12:30–14:15 · Buy European keynote and the third parallel round

12:30–13:20

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Buy European

From EU spending to EU investment

Cristina Caffarra Economist and Antitrust Expert – EuroStack

13:25–14:00

TRACK A

The AI Act is coming – what will be the impact for businesses?

Alexander Moltzau Senior AI Policy Adviser – Norwegian Government AI Unit
Christian Bendiksen Partner – BULL Advokatfirma

14:00–14:15 Coffee, networking and 1:1 meetings

TRACK B · CASE

Breaking open the gatekeeper

What it took to launch the first alternative to Apple Pay on iPhone – and what it means for European challengers

Alf Thomas Nilsen Head of App – Vipps

Closing plenaries

14:15–16:00 · Technology stack, European perspectives and closing

14:15–14:50

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Are we really in control of the technology stack?

What would it take to replace one layer of the stack within twelve months – and what would it cost?

Audun Strand Digital platforms and infrastructure, previously NAV
Daniel Melin Business Developer – Teracom
Christopher Frenning Microsoft Norway
Kristian Foss Advokat, Partner, Advokatfirmaet Bull

14:50–15:55

Regaining control of the technology stack in Europe

Schleswig-Holstein Alexander Rosenthal
OpenProject Gina Plat

15:55–16:00

Summary and closing

Petter Kvalvik Head of Digital Sovereignty – IFE