



## TALENT. TECH. TRUST.

### Welcome to the latest edition of the 28DIGITAL newsletter!

This issue looks at a central question for Europe's digital future: how to ensure that innovation remains secure, trustworthy, and scalable as AI becomes increasingly embedded in products, services, and critical infrastructure.

The latest *Grow Digital Insights* explores how [the Cyber Resilience Act reflects a broader shift](#) in digital governance, moving cybersecurity compliance beyond static certification toward continuous oversight and accountability. In parallel, the European Commission's [consultation on AI transparency](#) obligations marks another important step as the AI Act moves from legislative framework to practical implementation.

Alongside these policy developments, we are partnering with [Dublin Tech Week](#) and [Bucharest Tech Week](#), taking part and organising side events, showcasing 28DIGITAL's pipeline of innovations and cybersecurity-focused EU projects. We are bringing together cybersecurity stakeholders from across research, industry, and public institutions, connecting expertise with action.

Alongside these developments, we continue to spotlight [practical opportunities](#) for skills development, ecosystem engagement, and collaboration across sectors ranging from healthcare innovation to AI-enabled science.

Taken together, these developments reflect Europe's growing focus on building the institutional, technical, and collaborative foundations needed to support long-term

digital resilience and competitiveness.

Thank you for being part of the 28DIGITAL community.



## Europe's New Cyber Rulebook Meets AI Reality

Software no longer behaves like a static product. It updates constantly, depends on countless external components, and increasingly runs critical infrastructure — from healthcare devices to cloud platforms. In [the latest Grow Digital Insights](#), Prof. Miroslav Baca and Dr. Jasmin Cosic argue that Europe's new **Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)** is a response to that reality.

### **The challenge:**

Traditional compliance was built for fixed products and one-off audits. Today's digital systems evolve continuously — meaning security and compliance have to evolve with them.

### **The twist:**

AI can help monitor vulnerabilities, scan documentation, and track compliance at scale. But there's a catch: regulation requires explainability. If an AI-driven decision determines whether a product reaches the market, someone needs to understand *why*.

### **Why it matters:**

Europe isn't trying to slow innovation. It's trying to make digital products safer, more transparent, and more trustworthy as complexity explodes.



## The EU Wants AI to Say When It's AI

**New move from Brussels:** The European Commission has opened a [consultation on draft guidelines](#) for the AI Act's transparency rules — with the first obligations kicking in from **2 August 2026**.

### What changes:

If you're interacting with an AI system, you'll need to be told. The same goes for exposure to certain AI-generated or manipulated content — including deepfakes, AI-generated public-interest content, and some emotion recognition or biometric categorisation systems.

### Why now:

The AI Act is moving from principle to implementation, and the Commission is now clarifying what these transparency obligations mean in practice for providers and deployers.

### The bigger picture:

This is about trust. As AI-generated content becomes harder to distinguish from human-created material, transparency is becoming a core rule of the game — not an optional extra.

**The ask:**

The Commission is **inviting input** from companies, developers, researchers, public authorities, and citizens before the guidelines are finalised.

□ **Deadline for feedback: 3 June 2026**



## **Dublin Tech Week, Meet Europe's Innovation Engine**

28DIGITAL is heading to **Dublin Tech Week** with a flagship ecosystem event exploring one big question: *what's next for European innovation?*

**What's happening:**

On **26 May**, founders, policymakers, researchers, investors, and ecosystem builders will gather in Dublin for an interactive 28DIGITAL-led event focused on Europe's competitiveness, digital talent, startup growth, and innovation ecosystems.

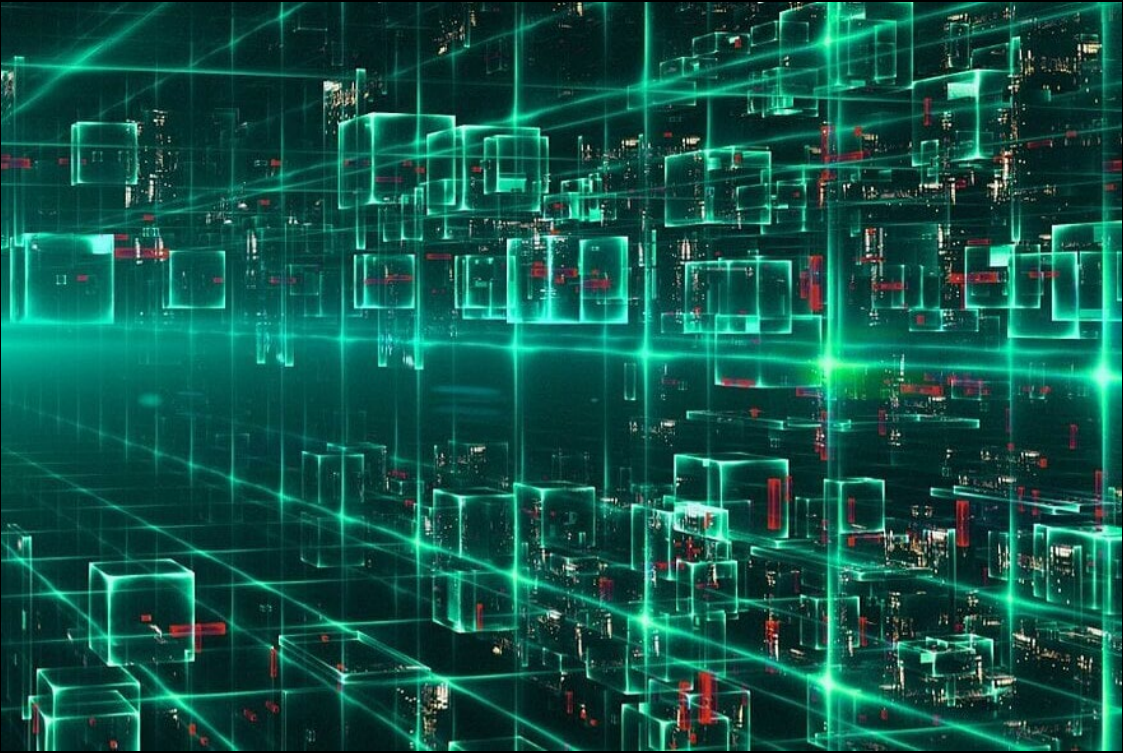
**Why it matters:**

As Europe debates competitiveness, sovereignty, and scale, this is about turning policy into practical connections — bringing the people building innovation together with the institutions shaping its future.

**In Dublin that week?**

Join us for an afternoon of discussion, fresh perspectives, and networking with Europe's innovation community.

[Register here and save your spot](#)



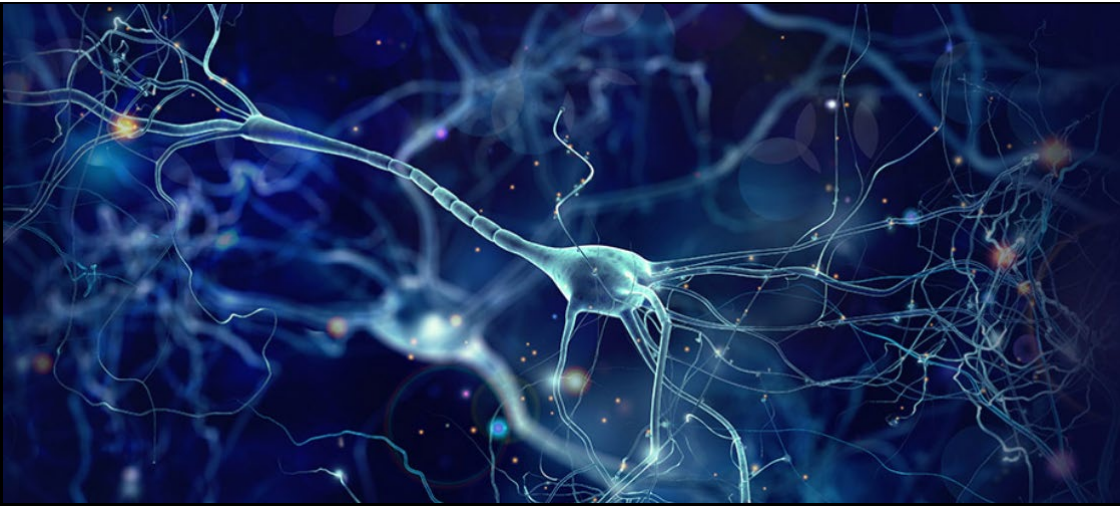
## Europe's Cybersecurity Ecosystem Meets At Bucharest Tech Week

**Cyber threats are evolving fast — so Europe's response has to move faster.** That's the thinking behind **CYNERGY 2026**, 28DIGITAL's **flagship cybersecurity event**, taking place on **16 June in Bucharest** alongside Bucharest Tech Week. The event is co-organised by 28DIGITAL and the COcyber project, funded by the European Union and supported by the European Cybersecurity Competence Centre.

The event will focus on the big cybersecurity questions shaping Europe right now and will spotlight some of 28DIGITAL's leading cybersecurity initiatives, including work on the Cyber Resilience Act, cybersecurity certification, cyber skills development, SME training, and next-generation threat detection.

**Planning to be in Bucharest?** Admission is free, and it's a strong opportunity to connect with Europe's cybersecurity community at the intersection of policy, research, and deployment.

[Register here](#)



## In Other News: AI Skills, Circular Healthcare & Free Deep-Tech Learning

### Speed Master Lite — AI in Practice

Looking to get more hands-on with AI? **Speed Master Lite** continues with practical sessions on generative AI tools, prompt engineering with ChatGPT, and the ethics and privacy challenges shaping AI adoption. Designed as an accessible introduction to real-world AI applications.

[Register here](#)

### Join the REHEAL Followers Community

The **REHEAL Followers Community** is open to healthcare providers, startups, SMEs, procurers, researchers, policymakers, investors, and others interested in circular healthcare innovation. Participation is free and offers a way to connect with peers, understand emerging healthcare needs, and stay informed about future procurement and innovation opportunities.

[Join the community](#)

### 60+ Free Deep-Tech Courses Available

Want to build your skills in AI, cybersecurity, robotics, and other deep-tech fields? A growing catalogue of **60+ free online courses**, developed through EU-funded education initiatives, is now available from leading European institutions and experts. Learn at your own pace and join a wider deep-tech learning community.

[Start learning today](#)

## AI in Science Pledge — A New Opportunity for Corporates

The European Commission is inviting companies to join its new AI in Science Pledge, a voluntary initiative aimed at accelerating AI-powered scientific discovery across Europe. For corporates in the 28DIGITAL ecosystem, this is an opportunity to contribute through AI resources, talent development, or financial support — while gaining visibility, connecting with top research institutions, and helping shape Europe's AI innovation agenda.

[Interested in getting involved? Get in touch with us](#)

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