



INVITATION

Breakfast Debate

Europe's Digital Economy: Embracing the Data Revolution

2015 International Forum on Cyber Security (FIC)

4 November 2014 - Brussels

from 9:00 to 11:30 at the Science 14 Atrium Centre

In the perspective of the upcoming [7th edition of the International Forum on Cyber Security \(FIC\)](#) - organised by the Nord-Pas de Calais Region, the French Gendarmerie and the European Company for Intelligence Strategy (CEIS) - the FIC Observatory invites you to attend our upcoming roundtable dedicated to **Europe's digital economy and the challenge of data governance at the EU level**.

Speakers:

Marietje SCHAAKE - Member of the European Parliament

Peter HUSTINX - European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

Beatrice COVASSI - Deputy Head of Unit "Data Value Chain", European Commission, Directorate-General CONNECT

Rosa BARCELO - Head of Sector, Digital privacy, European Commission, Directorate-General CONNECT

While steps have been taken by the European institutions to support [the emergence of a data-driven economy](#), Europe is still lagging behind other regions in the take-up of digitalisation. In addition to remaining legal, technical and market challenges, [the storage and exploitation of data](#) by political or economic actors reduce European citizens' [trust in the benefits of the digital economy](#) and hinders from reaching its full potential. The Microsoft case in Ireland in early 2014 emphasised the relevance of strengthening the [European data protection framework](#) currently under reform to boost Europe's digital economy.

With this breakfast debate to take place in Brussels, the wish of the FIC Observatory is to take stock of the European achievements and future plans in the field of digital economy and data protection: Which concrete actions are implemented at the EU level to support the emergence of a European "data sovereignty"? What are the main challenges and ambitions of the European Institutions with regard to cybersecurity and digital transformation? What are the European Union's priorities in terms of research, innovation and industrial growth to deal with these challenges? How could the EU Institutions help European cybersecurity market actors to compete with non-European cloud providers and data companies?

The debate will be followed by [an inter-cluster networking session](#) animated by the [Euratechnologies Cluster](#).

This event will be held at the Science 14 Atrium business center - [14b, Rue de la Science 1040, Brussels](#)

Please note that in order to attend this event, registration is required. For more information and to register [please contact us](#) (mdemaupeou@ceis.eu).