



European
Champions Alliance

The European Champions Alliance

Unite Europe's Innovators.
Empower Tech Champions.

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WELCOME FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Europe Needs More Champions. We Unite Europe's Innovators. We Empower Tech Champions.

The European Champions Alliance promotes European technology and values and strengthens Europe's strategic autonomy through smart collaboration.



50+

MEMBERS

300+

EXPERTS

5,300+

FOLLOWERS ON
LINKEDIN

4,500+

NEWSLETTER
SUBSCRIBERS

“Innovation is blocked at the next stage: we are failing to translate innovation into commercialization.”

MARIO DRAGHI, The Future of European Competitiveness, September 2024

The ECA initiates, connects and orchestrates real projects with a pan-European community of innovators. We bridge startups, scaleups, corporates, VCs and institutions across four pillars:

Shape the Future: a strategy room for innovation leaders. We walk the talk and bring new concepts to life.

Connect Business with Innovation: a dynamic pan-European community built on smart collaboration that supports scaleups.

Help Navigate Complexity: hands-on strategic and operational support, plus mentoring platforms and industry mappings.

Make You Shine: we amplify your voice on podcasts, at conferences and across our networks.

Alone, one cannot win. The network will reveal the power within.

With best wishes from the leadership team,



Andrea Vaugan

Founder & General
Manager ECA



Michel Sérié

President
ECA

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WHAT WE DO

The ECA initiates, connects, orchestrates collaboration & delivers real projects with a vivid community of pan-European innovators



EVENTS

ECA Tech Summit, online and industry events, trade fairs, shared booths.



COMMUNICATION

Social media, podcasts, newsletters and blogs keep our community connected.



RESEARCH

Whitepapers and community research on pressing challenges and opportunities.



INDUSTRY MAPPINGS

European start-up and scale-up mappings in core industries: cybersecurity, climate tech.



NETWORKING

Our networking app and internal events strengthen connections and collaboration.



PEER-2-PEER GROUPS

Corporate Peer Group and sectorial working groups.



MENTORING & COACHING

Expert matching for personalised support from our network.



EXPANSION SUPPORT

Mentoring and training for members on European expansion.



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WE CONNECT BUSINESS WITH INNOVATION

A High-Trust Network Across the European Innovation Landscape

The European Champions Alliance unites startups, corporates, public institutions and investors for structured collaboration, strategic dialogue and scalable growth — high-trust networks advancing Europe's technological leadership.

OUR STAKEHOLDER NETWORK

STARTUPS / SCALEUPS

European ventures tackling critical challenges, scaling to boost economic and technological resilience.

CORPORATES & SMES

Companies seeking innovation to stay competitive, access new technologies and engage emerging European players.

INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Recognised founders, executives and thought leaders sharing strategic insight and knowledge within our community.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

European and national government bodies and industry associations shaping policy, funding and regulation for a strong tech ecosystem.

FINANCING

Venture capital, private equity and institutional investors backing Europe's next generation of technology leaders.

RESEARCH & ADVISORY PARTNERS

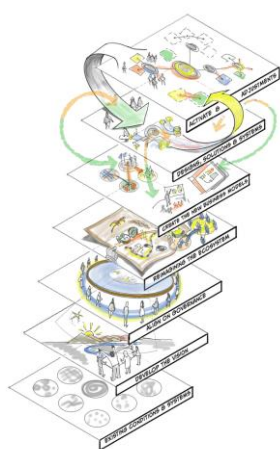
Specialised academia and technological, legal, financial and strategic professionals supporting cross-border operations.

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ECA STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Strategic Initiatives That Turn Networks Into Action

ECA initiatives connect strategic topics with concrete formats, visibility, and collaboration opportunities.



WE SHAPE THE FUTURE

EU AI Demand-Driven Initiative

Toward a European AI Infrastructure

Europe leads in many AI-relevant fields, yet these **pockets of excellence remain isolated** and their potential underleveraged.

- Connect strengths across industries and tech layers
- Create shared infrastructure for faster innovation and scaling
- Position European players to lead critical AI-driven sectors

This initiative addresses a strategic gap - not in innovation itself, but in **unlocking its full impact**. **Delivered with European Scale-ups & corporates: a positioning paper, available as a PDF at european-champions.org.**

WE SHAPE THE FUTURE

Institutional Dialogue & European Representation

Bringing the ECA mission into diplomatic and policy rooms

ECA builds ties with institutions shaping Europe's technological sovereignty — notably the meeting with **Ambassador H.E. François Delattre at the French Embassy in Germany**, or the **French Senator Vaina Paoli-Gagin**, missioned by the French President E. Macron to define a strategic recommendation on AI Systems alignment (July 2026)

ECA also represented its members at the Sovereignty Summit Berlin, the Summit on European Digital Sovereignty, the European Resilience Summit and Vivatech — a credible voice for European innovation leadership.



RAPPORT
À MONSIEUR LE PREMIER MINISTRE
Paris, le 29 juillet 2026

Mission parlementaire sur
l'alignement des systèmes
d'intelligence artificielle (SIA)



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STAGES, SESSIONS & PEER NETWORK

Where Europe's Technology Agenda Is Shaped

WE MAKE YOU SHINE

European Stages & Expert Presence

Relevant where Europe's technology agenda is shaped

Members and leadership take the stage as speakers and moderators — carrying European digital sovereignty, cybersecurity, resilience, quantum and scale-up growth into the debate.

2025–2026: **European Resilience Summit, FDDay 2025 / CODE RED, Birthday G9+, French-German Quantum Dialogue in Paris, 5th Tech Awards Gala at Palais Messe Berlin, VivaTech, German-Indian Innovation Summit, Building Today the Quantum Future of Europe Together.**



WE HELP NAVIGATE COMPLEXITY

Online Events & Expert Sessions

Continuous access to European expertise

ECA delivered a focused 2025–2026 program to startups, scaleups, corporates and investors cross-border about European know-how: the **European Cybersecurity Mapping 2025 Webinar**, **CEFA “Cyberassurance”**, the **Cyber Accelerator Webinar**, the **Cybersecurity Startup & Scale-Up Mapping Webinar** and the **ECA Expert Sessions Cybersecurity Series**.



WE SHAPE THE FUTURE

Band4Transformation (B4T) Peer-to-Peer Network

A peer network for European leaders to align and act

B4T is a trusted, cross-sector peer group for CxOs and innovation leaders from Europe's leading corporates and scaleups — built on trust, not transaction.

- Facilitate **strategic alignment between European leaders**
- Build **joint roadmaps** for ecosystem-wide innovation shifts
- Turn **peer exchange** into **execution and transformation**

This is not just a working group - it's **Europe's strategy room for innovation leaders.**

Band 4
Transformation



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A STRATEGIC PLATFORM BUILT FOR REAL IMPACT

ECA Tech Summit 2027 — Barcelona

The ECA Tech Summit 2027 is not another conference: it is a purpose-driven, invitation-only forum for high-trust, outcome-oriented collaboration, bringing together **200-250 hand-picked leaders** from corporates, scaleups, startups and institutions.

Every attendee joins **working sessions**, not panels, so the Summit delivers partnerships and insights that drive concrete outcomes for innovation and market growth.



WE SHAPE THE FUTURE

Sets the agenda on Europe's most pressing tech topics: digital sovereignty, cybersecurity, AI and quantum.

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By invitation only: 200-250 hand-picked leaders from corporates, startups and scale-ups, academia, VCs and institutions.

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Guest speakers from across the value chains clarify shifting powers, emerging players and new technologies.

WE MAKE YOU SHINE

We share the stage with our sponsors and members.

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SIGNATURE PROGRAMME

WHERE ART IGNITES INNOVATION

The Art of the Possible

Where Art ignites Innovation

The bold frontier where art meets innovation.

An initiative of the European Champions Alliance, The Art of the Possible celebrates Europe's creative vanguard – artists, technologists and visionaries who use technology, science and new forms of collaboration to redefine what imagination can build.

From immersive installations to AI-generated performances, each story shows that innovation is also cultural, human and deeply European.



VIVATECH FESTIVAL | SYNE PERFORMANCE
Human Voice at the age of AI



THE ENSEMBLE — FOUR CREATIVE DIMENSIONS

PODCAST

A bi-monthly series of deep conversations with Europe's most innovative artists and thinkers.

LIVE

Immersive experiences that turn spaces into living labs of creativity and technology.

LAB

Experimental playgrounds where artists and innovators prototype the impossible.

CIRCLE

A curated community of creators, thinkers and patrons shaping Europe's cultural future.

LIVE AT VIVATECH 2026, PARIS

On VivaTech's giant screen, soprano Lola Volonakis turned her voice into a living universe of colour, every inflection painting the screen. She then held a dialogue with her own AI voice clone – in French, then in English – before her digital double performed an entirely new aria in her style. Beyond the technical feat, the moment asked what creation is really made of: emotion, sensibility, humanity. AI does not replace the human; it invites us to rediscover what makes us singular – the voice, the breath, the presence.



VIVA TECHNOLOGY
17-20 JUNE
2026 / PARIS

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OUR FOCUS GROUPS

Driving Strategic Collaboration: ECA Focus Groups

The European Champions Alliance mobilizes expert-led focus groups to tackle Europe's most pressing technology and sovereignty challenges, connecting corporates, start-ups, policymakers and experts to advance Europe's strategic capabilities.



CYBERSECURITY

We help navigate the complexity of a crowded cybersecurity ecosystem, shape the future through consolidation, and connect business with innovation across borders, uniting vendors, corporates and policymakers behind European digital sovereignty.

<https://european-champions.org/eca-focus-group-cybersecurity>



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

We connect innovators, regulators and industry leaders on responsible AI in Europe: governance, use-case scaling and the competitiveness of European AI ecosystems.

<https://european-champions.org/eca-focus-group-ai-data>



QUANTUM

Part of the Franco-German Quantum Dialogue, our Post-Quantum Cryptography focus group secures Europe's digital infrastructure with quantum-resistant cryptography.

<https://quantum-dialogue.eu>



SUSTAINABILITY & GREENOPS

We promote circular tech and digital sustainability, working with technology leaders on actionable GreenOps strategies aligned with Europe's sustainability goals.

<https://european-champions.org/eca-greenops-focus-group-driving-it-sustainability>

Please note: This is a living portfolio of initiatives. Our focus areas evolve continuously in response to emerging trends and member needs. In addition to the groups listed above, we are actively exploring topics such as Quantum Technologies, Digital Infrastructure & Sovereignty, Smart Industry, and Legal & Regulatory Frameworks.

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CYBERSECURITY AS AN EXAMPLE

From Mapping to Matchmaking to Market Activation

At the European Champions Alliance, focus groups turn shared European ambitions into structured action. The Cybersecurity Focus Group shows how we drive value through insight, visibility and real-world engagement.

- **From insight to influence:** real data and engagement through trusted European events
- **From network to market:** connect scale-ups with corporates and investors across borders
- **From mapping to matchmaking:** we don't just analyse the ecosystem, we activate it

WE HELP NAVIGATE COMPLEXITY

Cybersecurity Mapping

More than a directory, the ECA Cybersecurity Mapping is a strategic mission to grow a connected, competitive European ecosystem. Mapping vendors, investment gaps and national clusters shows where Europe must bridge fragmentation and scale.

We unite vendors, decision-makers and partners around a common agenda, backed by expert groups and curated networks.



WE CONNECT BUSINESS WITH INNOVATION

InCyber Forum as a Strategic Platform

The annual **InCyber Forum** (formerly FIC) is Europe's leading event for digital security and trust. Since 2022, ECA has showcased ■ 20+ cybersecurity vendors across 3 countries and 5 consecutive editions (2022–2026), ■ ECA Cybersecurity Booth for curated scale-up visibility, ■ Expert Workshops on IT/OT security, Quantum, Sovereignty, ■ B2B networking between vendors, investors and integrators, and our Cybersecurity Mapping Conference for decision-makers.



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Unite Europe's Innovators. Empower Tech Champions.

Where challenges meet opportunity and vision becomes execution.

Europe's time to lead - by doing, not talking.

ABOUT US

ECA is a non-profit strengthening Europe's tech position through innovation-driven collaboration and shared values.

OUR MISSION

ECA connects startups, corporates, investors and ecosystems to accelerate tech growth.

OUR VISION

European champions leading critical innovation under European ownership and democratic values.

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MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDED BENEFITS AND OPTIONAL ACTIVATION MODULES

Why companies join the ECA

The alliance turns fragmented European contacts into trusted access, visible leadership and concrete collaboration.

BE VISIBLE WHERE IT MATTERS

Showcase your company, experts and innovation agenda across ECA publications, webinars, podcasts and flagship events.

ACCESS A TRUSTED EUROPEAN NETWORK

Reach corporates, startups, scale-ups, investors, institutions and experts without starting from zero in every market.

JOIN STRATEGIC FOCUS GROUPS

Work in ECA workstreams on Cybersecurity, AI & Data, GreenOps and related sovereignty topics.

MOVE FROM TALK TO EXECUTION

Curated networking, pop-up advisory, co-innovation sprints and matchmaking turn priorities into concrete action.

DEVELOP PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP

Connect employees, experts and top talents to mentoring, coaching and peer-to-peer learning formats.

STRENGTHEN EUROPE TOGETHER

Help build a more connected European technology ecosystem based on competitiveness, ownership and democratic values.

How the offer is structured

- 1. Choose the baseline membership:** an annual fee by member type and company size, giving access to the ECA community, resources, member formats and selected visibility.
- 2. Use the included benefits:** a defined package of visibility, event and network access, focus group participation, introductions and knowledge resources.
- 3. Add activation modules where needed:** paid or configurable add-ons such as innovation workshops, curated advisory, podcasts, mentoring or research sponsorship.
- 4. Build a strategic partner role:** large organisations combine membership, summit involvement, events, research, focus group activation and custom visibility in one scope.

Baseline membership fee: mandatory, depending on company size or turnover. Contracts and services run on a 12-month basis.

Optional add-ons: custom modules, co-branded communication support or country-specific activations can be scoped separately.



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