



Alliance for IoT  
and Edge Computing  
Innovation



**Session: Shaping the EU's next strategic tech agenda**


**Moderator: Nicola Ciulli, Nextworks, AIOTI Co-Chairman WG Policy**

**Event Sponsors**



# Moderator and Panelists

Speaker	Photo	Bio
<b>Simonetta Cook</b>		Deputy Sherpa in the Cabinet of the European Council President Charles Michel
<b>Philipp Runge</b>		Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG GROW
<b>Riccardo Masucci</b>		Managing Director EU Affairs Intel

Moderator	Photo	
<b>Nicola Ciulli</b>		AIOTI Policy WG co-chair; Head of R&D (Nextworks)

# Scope of the session

Including but not limited to:

- Report “The future of European competitiveness” (Draghi Report)
- White Paper “The future of European competitiveness”
- Cybersecurity Act (and around)
- AI Act (and around)

# Some topics/questions for discussion [1]

- *“The EU suffers from limited capacity to benefit from ‘winner takes most’ dynamics, network effects and economies of scale in key technologies”* – Should we change this approach (applicable to market, education, research, etc.)? How can we do it, still retaining the key EU values for balance and equality?
- *“Regulation and competition policy in the telecom sector have in fact disincentivised consolidation, favouring a multiplicity of smaller players in each market”* – To what extent should we drop hard **ex-ante regulations** in favour of softer ex-post ones?
- Do you already see a similar risk in some aspects of current regulations? (e.g. **GDPR, AI Act**)
- Should EU try to nurture **cloud service champions, edge champions**, or is it too late for both?
  - Or just go through the defensive route, and focus on **“sovereign cloud”**?
- What about **computing and AI**? What can we save? Defend? Regain?
- What should be the approach/scope of the future **Digital Networks Act / EU Telecoms Act**?

# Some topics/questions for discussion [2]

- What can we expect from **standardization** (either *de iure* or *de facto*)? Should the EU develop specific bodies to drive the process?
- What about **large-scale-pilots**? Are these an effective first step to start or reinforce thematic ecosystems (e.g. telco-edge-cloud, AI, cybersec)
- What about using **HPC** (where EU is still strong) to fight back, e.g., on the AI terrain (or at least at the level of models and datasets)?
- What are the key issues with **R&D public funding** (i.e. lower TRLs): e.g. fragmentation at MS level? EU-level funding too small for the breadth of topics/instruments covered?
- To what extent should the EU **fund R&D** in those fields where there is little hope to regain competitiveness?
- How can EU replicate the **success stories of large R&I infrastructures** (e.g. CERN, EuroHPC) to build successful pan-EU innovation hubs and value chains? Here too, should we apply a winner-takes-all approach? If so, can we still respect all positive EU values?