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07-08 September 2026



Breakfast Policy-roundtable

Is technology moving too quickly? Developing policy frameworks that can evolve alongside technological development

Date: Tuesday 8 September 2026

Location: ETH Zurich, IFW E 42, Haldeneggsteig 4, 8092 Zürich

Upon invitation only

Artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies such as quantum, neurotech and robotics are developing at a pace that increasingly challenges established approaches to policymaking. While these technologies offer considerable opportunities to improve public services, widen access to justice and strengthen democratic participation, they also raise important questions concerning security, accountability, human rights and the rule of law.

This roundtable will explore how policy frameworks can remain effective in such a rapidly evolving environment. Bringing together experts from the Steering Committee for New and Emerging Digital Technologies (CDNET) of the Council of Europe, Swiss government, ETH Zurich, industry and civil society, the discussion will consider how governance principles can be translated into resilient policies and adaptable oversight mechanisms that enable innovation while anticipating and mitigating emerging risks.

CDNET conducts and coordinates the intergovernmental work of the Council of Europe in the field of new and emerging technologies. It also serves as custodian of the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law (CETS No. 225) until the Conference of the Parties is established.

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Programme

8.00am **Arrival of guests and breakfast**

8.30am **Welcome**

Prof Dr Tobias Schmidt, Director of the Albert Einstein School of Public Policy

8.35am **Expert inputs**

Prof Dr Mario Hernandez Ramos, Chair of CDNET, Council of Europe

Ambassador Thomas Schneider, Vice-Director of OFCOM, Vice-Chair of CDNET,
Council of Europe

Prof Dr Stefan Bechtold, Professor of Intellectual Property and Associate Vice President
IP Policy, ETH Zürich

8.50am **Roundtable discussion**

9.45am **End of policy roundtable**

Moderated by Prof Dr Tobias Schmidt, Director of the Albert Einstein School of Public Policy