

D9+ Conference

B9+ Joint Statement

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An **open, inclusive, green, competitive, resilient and integrated Digital Europe** that enables conditions and capacities in:

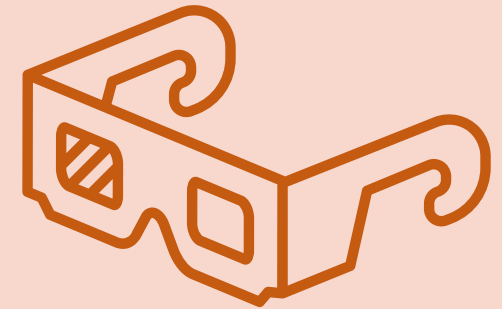
- Member States,
- A strong and effective Internal Market,
- Business, Innovators and Individuals,

to

- **Develop and Harness trusted digital tools and data,**
- **Connect, Innovate and Trade**

to

- **Meet the challenges of the 21st century,** enhancing our competitiveness, prosperity and resilience.



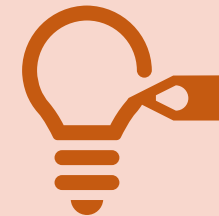
1. D9+ to be an **Authoritative & Collaborative Platform & Voice**

For an Outward-looking, Secure, Competitive & Pro-enterprise EU

Work together on a **Shared Strategy** to shape EU built on these principles

Develop & Deepen enhanced **Structures & Engagement** in D9+ & D9-B9+

Enhance & Safeguard our collective Digital Transition.



2. An **Open & Ambitious EU Digital Trade** agenda. Work with likeminded partners @

Multilateral, Bilateral & Local levels. Deepen/Establish trading relationships. Work with, Not against beneficial digital trade and data flows



3. **Strengthen Capacities & Conditions that Enable** a successful Digital Europe. Boost: Skills, Digital Infrastructure & Connectivity; Cybersecurity & Resilience; Research & Innovation; Public & Private Sector Adoption of Digital Technologies; & the Twinned Green Transition.



4. **Strengthen digital competitiveness, innovation & resilience.** Ensure the new rules work with not against beneficial digital innovation & ensure rulebook applies equitably to all.
- **Support implementation, harmonisation & adaptation** (EC, MS & Organisations) to new rules
 - Simplify & align governance structures, provide informed guidance on compliance
 - Deliver a 'Competitiveness & Internal Market' Check & Take stock of regulatory interplay
 - Evidence & risk-based approach to future proof new rules.
 - Support regulatory innovation. Encourage compulsory & accessible regulatory sandboxes. Learn, share and act on findings.



5. **Deepen Single Market.** Introduce a new Single Market Strategy – **empower SME growth** through beneficial digital adoption. Remove bottlenecks. Support digital first, openness, interoperability, productivity, prosperity and resilience. Support SMEs with one stop shops on digitalised public services for business @ Member State & EU level



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Structured and Shared Strategy

Open & Ambitious EU Digital Trade agenda

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