

Expression of interest to participate in a European expert forum on frontier AI

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Call for Expression of Interest to Participate in a European Expert Forum on Frontier AI

The European AI Office opens a call for expression of interest for Europe's AI actors to participate in a European Expert Forum in the context of the European Frontier AI Initiative. The Initiative's objective is to enhance competitiveness, sovereignty and security of the European Union in trustworthy frontier AI.

The European Frontier AI Initiative was announced in the European Commission's Apply AI Strategy in October 2025 and launched at the Summit on European Digital Sovereignty in Berlin in November 2025. This Expert Forum, held as part of the Initiative, aims to foster a strategic understanding of how the Initiative can best achieve its objectives. Specifically, the Forum will map existing efforts in frontier AI, analyse challenges, bottlenecks and opportunities for Europe's competitiveness, sovereignty and security in frontier AI, and propose strategic actions to address these issues within the Initiative. Participants will have the opportunity to present their ideas and engage with other participating actors, actively shaping the future of the Frontier AI Initiative.

The first meeting of the Expert Forum will take place online on Thursday, 23 April 2026, from 13:30 until 18:00 CET.

The call is addressed to Europe's actors in the field of frontier AI, in particular European AI developers, investors and industrial actors, and other frontier AI experts. The Forum is intended for senior-level participants who are in a position to steer strategy or organisational practice within their institutions or in the field of frontier AI.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by Thursday, 12 March 2026, 18:00 CET, 18:00 CET via this application form.

Please carefully read the content of the call for expression of interest before completing the present form [\[link\]](#), especially Chapter 3) Eligibility to participate in the Frontier AI Initiative.

It is for the interested party to provide relevant evidence to demonstrate they fulfil the respective eligibility requirements in their expression of interest.

The present form for expression of interest includes the following sections:

- I. General information
- II. Expression of interest
 - II.1 European AI Developer
 - II.2 Relevant Investor and Industrial Actor
 - II.3 Other Frontier AI Expert
- III. Privacy Statement

Please allow enough time to submit your application before the deadline to avoid any issues. In case you experience technical problems, which prevent you from submitting your application within the deadline, please take screenshots of the issue and the time it occurred.

In case you face any technical difficulties or would like to ask a question related to expression of interest, please contact:

EC-FRONTIER-AI-INITIATIVE@ec.europa.eu

I. General Information

* First name

Mike

* Surname

Sax

* Please provide the name of your organisation

ACT | The App Association

* Please provide your professional title

Founder and Chairperson

* The Forum is intended for senior-level participants who are in a position to steer strategy or organisational practice within their institutions or in the frontier AI ecosystem. Please provide an explanation as to how your role meets the requirements of this call.

500 character(s) maximum

Mike Sax is Founder and Chairperson of ACT | The App Association, representing tech SMEs that build AI-powered apps and solutions. Through ACT, he has shaped policy filings and regulatory discussions on the AI Act, the Digital Omnibus, and related frameworks. A native of Belgium and founder of Wellbeyond, with over 20 years as a development lead and more recent hands-on frontier model experience, Mike would bring a rare combination of technical depth and the SME perspective to the Expert Panel.

* Email

msax@actonline.org

* Do you agree to the sharing of the meeting attendee list containing your name and affiliation among participants, in order to create working groups to continue the collaborate work launched during the meetings?

☒ Yes

☐ No

II. Expression of Interest

European AI developers, investors and industrial actors, and other frontier AI experts are invited to express interest to participate in an Expert Forum on Frontier AI which will take place online on Thursday, 23 April 2026, from 13:30 until 18:00 CET.

Interested actors can apply in personal capacity or as representative for their organisations.

Organisations are only eligible if they are registered in the [Transparency Register](#).

* Please indicate if you are applying as:

☐ II.1 European Frontier AI Developer: Legal entities developing AI models advancing towards frontier AI, such as startups or research institutes.

☐ II.2 Relevant Investor or Industrial Actor building upon frontier AI

☒ II.3 Other Frontier AI Expert: Individual experts from industry and academia, as well as other independent experts.

Expression of interest as Other Frontier AI Expert

Experts in the field of frontier AI can provide relevant contributions to the aims of the Frontier AI Initiative. Participation is limited to individual experts from industry and academia, as well as other independent experts.

Experts selected under this section shall act in a personal capacity and in the public interest.

* Please confirm below that you act in a personal capacity and in the public interest.

☒ I confirm that I am act in a personal capacity and in the public interest.

*** Experts should be nationals of or located in the EU, Norway, or Iceland.** Please indicate below if you are applying as:

- ☒ a National of the EU, Norway, or Iceland
☐ an Expert located in the EU, Norway, or Iceland

*** Please indicate the state that satisfies the requirement on nationality of or location in the EU, Norway or Iceland.**

- ☐ Austria
☒ Belgium
☐ Bulgaria
☐ Croatia
☐ Cyprus
☐ Czechia
☐ Denmark
☐ Estonia
☐ Finland
☐ France
☐ Germany
☐ Greece
☐ Hungary
☐ Iceland
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☐ Lithuania
☐ Luxembourg
☐ Malta
☐ Netherlands
☐ Norway
☐ Poland
☐ Portugal
☐ Romania
☐ Slovak Republic
☐ Slovenia
☐ Spain
☐ Sweden

Please provide relevant evidence to demonstrate you fulfil the respective eligibility requirements.

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Applicants should have relevant expertise in frontier AI and the aims of this Initiative, such as with regards to bottlenecks like high-quality (synthetic) data or computing capacity, opportunities like research innovation in pre-/post-training methodologies or reliability, or strategic actions like government procurement. We particularly encourage those that are willing to present lines of research ready to be scaled up to frontier AI.

The relevant expertise must be substantiated through related publications, academic qualifications or faculty appointments, research projects, participation in research programs, awards or recognitions, or similar, all of them directly related to frontier AI. For those who do not engage directly in AI development would need to substantiate that their expertise is relevant to frontier AI in the context of the European Union.

Please provide relevant evidence to demonstrate you fulfil the respective eligibility requirements.

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All interested stakeholders are invited to submit written statements via this application form. These statements should include their assessments and recommendations for strategic actions how the Frontier AI Initiative can best achieve its objectives - specifically enhancing Europe's competitiveness, sovereignty and security in frontier AI.

Strategic actions could be taken either directly by the European Commission, Member States, by European actors themselves, or the Commission may decide to facilitate interventions between actors. In order to strengthen a competitive and trustworthy European frontier AI ecosystem, the actions will contribute to building European frontier AI capabilities, and can also address approaches that enhance Europe's ability to access, choose, control, and benefit from any frontier AI model, thereby reinforcing Europe's competitiveness, sovereignty and security.

Written statements by other frontier AI experts could, for example, include:

- Present promising lines of research ready to be scaled up to frontier AI and other opportunities like research innovation in pre-/post-training methodologies or reliability, outlining how this could uniquely contribute to European competitiveness, sovereignty and security in frontier AI.
- Analyse challenges and bottlenecks affecting Europe's ability to develop, scale, deploy or meaningfully shape frontier AI, including related to talent, compute infrastructure, funding, data, deployment demand, and, where relevant, benchmark these against other regions.
- Propose concrete strategic actions that could be undertaken by the European Commission, Member States, or European actors to address identified gaps and strengthen Europe's position in frontier AI competitiveness, sovereignty and security. This can be with a view to build European frontier AI capabilities, and can also address approaches that enhance Europe's ability to access, choose, control, and benefit from any frontier AI model.

- Please note that the AI Office does not request nor expect that you provide any special categories of personal data.

You can submit your written statement here.

Please limit your statement to maximum 5 pages.

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If you submit a written statement, please provide a summary of your statement here.

700 character(s) maximum

III. Privacy Statement

For information on how we process your personal data, please read our privacy statement.

[European Expert Forum on Frontier AI - Privacy Statement.pdf](#)

Thank you

Thank you for your interest to participate in a European Expert Forum on Frontier AI.

Please don't forget to click on submit.

Applicants eligible to participate will be notified at least 14 calendar days in advance of the Expert Forum on 23 April 2026, and may be invited to take part in subsequent exchanges.

Contact

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