

“Fight for Us, Not for Them” Summit: A public interest vision for EU tech policy

23 June 2026

Final programme

Session	Time	Speakers
Registration	13:15 – 14:00 <i>Please note that the event will start at 14:00 sharp</i>	
Opening session: Fight for Us, Not for Them!	14:00 – 14:20	The organisers MC: Dave Keating <i>(journalist, author and Brussels correspondent for France 24)</i>
Lightning talks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Work & Data Plundered by US AI Systems, Thomas Le Bonniec • Democracy & the Digital Omnibus, MEP Brando Benifei 	14:20 – 14:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Le Bonniec <i>(Sociologist, researcher, Apple whistleblower)</i> • MEP Brando Benifei <i>(Member of Parliament for the S&D group; co-lead on the EU AI Act)</i>
Reality check: Europe's tech policy as its strength <i>What's concretely at stake with the EU's "simplification" agenda? Who is calling the shots? And what are the consequences for Europe at home and on the world stage?</i> <i>This panel will interrogate what the human, societal and geopolitical consequences of rolling back the EU's tech policy framework would be - and why people, communities and businesses rely on strong, consistent, fair rules.</i>	14:40 – 15:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Gurumurthy <i>(Executive Director, IT for Change)</i> • Dr. Corinne Cath <i>(Interim Director of Digital, ARTICLE 19; Researcher at Cambridge University)</i> • Aurélien Maehl <i>(Lead Public Policy Manager, DuckDuckGo)</i> • Thomas Le Bonniec <i>(Sociologist, researcher, Apple whistleblower)</i> <p>Moderated by Iverna McGowan, <i>(Tech & Human Rights Advisor at UN Human Rights)</i></p>

Announcement: Tech for the public interest	15:40 – 15:45	Dave Keating (<i>journalist, author and Brussels correspondent for France 24</i>)
Coffee & Showcase of tech for the public interest	15:45 – 16:15	Several companies including Tournesol, Murena and Proton will showcase their innovative technologies, demonstrating the business case for the public interest and fair markets
<p>Blueprint for Better: How to Build a Just and Flourishing Digital Europe</p> <p><i>What could a truly people-centered digital future for the EU look like? How do we ensure that simplification doesn't mean deregulation? And what does it look like to redress the current imbalances of power in digital markets?</i></p> <p><i>Catalysed by the launch of 12 'Calls to Action for a flourishing and just digital Europe', this discussion will center pragmatic recommendations for a strong digital Europe that puts the public interest at its heart.</i></p>	16:15 – 17:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helena Malikova (<i>Lead, intelligence in foreign subsidies team and veteran enforcer, European Commission</i>) • Diana Vlad-Câlcic (<i>Team leader Regulatory Simplification, European Commission</i>) • Max Schulze (<i>Director, Leitmotiv Digital</i>) • Professor Alison Harcourt (<i>Center for European Studies and Center for European Legal Studies, University of Exeter</i>) <p>Moderated by: Claire Atkin (Founder and CEO, Check My Ads)</p>
Closing keynote from Shoshana Zuboff with interactive question and answers with the audience (remote)	17:25 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Shoshana Zuboff (<i>scholar, activist, author of 'The Age of Surveillance Capitalism'</i>)
Closing	18:00	
Drinks and canapés reception	18:05 – 19:30	

This event is co-hosted by Ada Lovelace Institute, ARTICLE19, BEUC, CDT Europe, Check My Ads, Civil Liberties Union for Europe (Liberties), Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), Digitale Gesellschaft, European Digital Rights (EDRi), Greenpeace, People vs Big Tech, petites singularites and Stichting Data Bescherming Nederland (SDBN)