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European Forum 2024 Zagreb, Croatia One Step Towards a Digital Europe 2030

The 32nd Conference of the European Forum of the Insurance against Accidents at Work and Occupational Diseases, which took place from the 4th to the 6th of June at the National and University Library in Zagreb, Croatia, emphasized the commitment of the European Union to digital transformation and innovation.



Once again this year, a number of international experts, professionals and leaders came together to exchange ideas at the EF conference.

The title **“Be fit for the digital age!”** is themed around the vision outlined in the European Commission’s document **“2030 Digital Compass: the European Way for the Digital Decade”**, and political agreement on the policy program for the Digital Decade, which encourages a successful digital transformation in Europe.

The Conference motto **“4e4 Changes that bring value”** comprised four thematic units: e-Services, e-Data, e-Protection, and e-Projects. These themes focused on strategies, concepts, and activities supporting a holistic approach and multidisciplinary actions by using digital technologies and innovations safely, ethically, and beneficial for health. In addition, it raised awareness of the

impact of new digital technologies on work and workplaces, and the related challenges and opportunities in the field of safety and health at work.

The Digital Compass 2030 outlines an ambitious vision for Europe: a continent where digital technologies empower people and businesses, enhance societal well-being, and support European values. The European Forum in Zagreb complied with this vision, demonstrating presentations, discussions, and panels that underscored the transformation brought by AI.

Europe has become a global frontrunner by implementing the **Artificial Intelligence Act**, a regulation designed to ensure the application of AI as a tool for societal good.

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The National and University library in Zagreb was the venue for this year's conference.

This act emphasizes that AI should enhance human well-being. Such principle that resonated in the panel discussion **“Dynamic World of the AI Ecosystem”**, which highlighted advances of AI technologies in medicine, including developing the smart bionic limb.

Another important theme of the European Forum Zagreb was the **“Benefits and Potentials of Digital Services and e-Data”**. The **European Strategy for Data** envisions a robust data-ecosystem, fundamental to

creating common **European Data Spaces**. These spaces are crucial for sectors such as health, where the **European Health Data Space** aims to revolutionize healthcare delivery and research. The presentations at the Conference in Zagreb by three experts from the USA, Slovenia, and Sweden emphasized how leveraging data can improve services, cybersecurity challenges, and digitization in social security systems.



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One of the most relevant aspects of the EF Conference was its demonstration of shared vision among European institutions from different countries. As Europe navigates the complexities of the digital age, conferences such as the European Forum Zagreb 2024 are crucial for sharing best practices and fostering collaborations among countries, institutions and people.

In sum, the European Forum Zagreb 2024 complied with the decision of the European Union to be at the forefront of digital transformation. By addressing critical issues such as AI in health, cybersecurity, and digitalization, the conference has confirmed the dedication and intention of its participants to achieve the ambitious goals of the **Digital Compass 2030**. ●

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