

International AI Sandbox Forum – Agenda

Fernfachhochschule Schweiz – Campus Gleisarena, Zurich (Switzerland), September 30th 2026

8:30-9:00 am	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9.00-9.20 am	Welcome and Introduction

Speakers:

- Raphael von Thiessen, Program Lead AI Hub, Canton of Zurich
- Sophie Tomlinson, Deputy Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative

9.20-10.40 am	How can AI sandboxes support innovation and regulatory learning?
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This session will explore why various countries are using AI sandboxes to test emerging technologies and regulatory practices. The discussion will identify how AI sandboxes can be useful tools for responsible and what they test in practice. Panelists will be invited to reflect on the impact on these initiatives as well as the AI governance learnings that can be taken forward from these experimental environments.

Moderator: Fabio Seferi, Researcher, IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca & University of Florence

Speakers:

- Hannah Bowden, Programme Delivery Lead, AI Airlock, UK
- Jan Neutze, Director, Sandbox Dubai
- Lucas Anjos, Superintendent of Technological Innovation, Data Protection Authority, Brazil
- Yvonne Finger, Head of Unit «AI Innovation, AI Regulatory Sandbox, Digitalisation in SME», Bundesnetzagentur, Germany

10.40-11.10 am	Coffee Break
11.10-12.30 pm	How can AI sandboxes strengthen the wider AI ecosystem?

This session will take a deep dive into roles the private sector, civil society, academia and other actors can play in AI sandboxes. The discussion will explore the value and incentives companies of different sizes and sectors need to participate in AI sandboxes and how sandbox hosts can effectively connect their sandbox initiatives to wider AI governance and stakeholder engagement opportunities.

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Speakers:

- Lukas Willi, Project Lead AI Innovation Sandbox, Canton of Zurich
- Simran Singh, AI Lab Chief Architect, Financial Conduct Authority, UK
- Antonino Rotolo, Coordinator, EUSAIR Project
- Maria Estellar Fernandez, Deputy Director-General for Reports and Testing Infrastructure, Agency for the Supervision of AI, Spain

12.30-14.00 pm	Lunch
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14.00-15.30 pm	Break-out Groups: Identifying common lessons and opportunities for collaboration
	Break-Out Groups: • Station A: How can sandbox impact be measured? • Station B: How can the public and stakeholders be involved? • Station C: How can technical and regulatory sandboxes be combined?
15.30-16.00 pm	Coffee Break
16.00-17.15 pm	Plenary: Which insights and possible actions were identified in the break-out groups?
	Moderator: Lukas Willi, Project Lead AI Innovation Sandbox, Canton of Zurich Speakers: • Jungwook Kim, Executive Director, Center for International Development, South Korea • Simran Singh, AI Lab Chief Architect, Financial Conduct Authority • Thiago Guimaraes Moraes, PhD researcher at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Law, Science, Technology & Society (LSTS) Research Group
17.15-17.30 pm	Closing and Outlook
	Speakers: • Raphael von Thiessen, Program Lead AI Hub, Canton of Zurich • Sophie Tomlinson, Deputy Executive Director, Datasphere Initiative
17.30-19.00 pm	Reception