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EUTELSAT IGO attended the <u>Digital Summit</u> on 17-18 June 2025 in Gdansk (Poland), a key event where the current state and the future development of the EU digital market is presented and debated. The Summit was held under the Polish Presidency of the EU Council and was co-organised by the European Union and the Ministry of Digital Affairs of Poland.

On the eve of the Summit, the EU published its <u>2025 State of the Digital Decade report</u>, calling for renewed action on digital transformation and technological sovereignty. These topics were discussed at length during high level sessions throughout the summit.

While all debates revolved around the need for the EU institutions to focus more on the European industrial and customer needs, the question of the type and quality of the EU regulations was also raised. In order for EU SMEs to thrive and compete internationally, it was pointed out that the EU should transform and simplify its regulatory framework, avoiding regulatory duplication across Member States and thus fostering innovations. A common digital approach in the entire EU market is much needed as is the need for a Data Union. If Europe is to play an active and key role in contributing to the success stories of its companies, consolidation in several sectors is urgently required.

While simplification of digital infrastructure is an absolute short-term priority for the EU market, defining its use and purpose within the EU digital economy will remain a challenge for the future. Participants representing business leaders, academics and technology startups stated that while quantum as an open source is still an immature technology,

Europe is already well positioned to create an EU quantum market. Europe is currently developing an EU quantum strategy which will be released in the next few months. The EU is also facilitating the use and implementation of AI in quantum applications in order to contribute to the scaling up and optimised use for tomorrow's applications in the financial, chemical, cybersecurity and energy sectors.

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