

PROGRAM: Spring ITAPA 2026 (June 17–18, 2026)
Security day ■ June 17, 2026 (wednesday)

8:00 – 9:00	Registration
8:45 - 9:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAIN STAGE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Opening of the Conference (London I+II)</p> <p>Moderators: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Welcoming guests: Michal Ivantyšyn, ITAPA <i>confirmed</i></p>
9:00 - 9:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Geopolitical Threats and Their Impact on the Knowledge Economy (London I+II)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">How can Europe reduce its digital dependence and regain its technological strength, if not dominance? Europe need not be condemned to the role of a passive user of technology, but can become a “second mover” if it can leverage its infrastructure, data, market, regulation, and its own industrial capabilities. However, there are many precedents for such situations.</p> <p>Moderator: Ivan Makatura <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>1on1 interview: Ivan Mikloš, former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>
9:30 - 9:55	<p style="text-align: center;">Who Decides Which Technologies are Still Trustworthy? Europe is Changing its Cybersecurity Rules (London I+II)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The European Union is preparing a major revision of the Cybersecurity Act (Cybersecurity Act 2.0), which could significantly reshape the digital market, certification processes, and cybersecurity regulations across Europe. The new framework will no longer focus solely on technical standards, but will also address strategic autonomy, supply chain trustworthiness, and non-technical risks related to the origin of technologies and manufacturers. What role will ENISA play? How will European certification evolve, and what impact will the new rules have on governments, critical infrastructure, and the private sector? And where is the line between cybersecurity protection and the emerging geopolitics of technology?</p> <p>Moderator: Radoslav Repa <i>confirmed</i></p>

	<p>Keynote: Svetlana Schuster, DG CNECT <i>confirmed</i></p>
9:55 - 10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">A Resilient Nation: How to Manage a Crisis in the Digital Age? (London I+II)</p> <p>Today, national resilience means more than just protecting information systems. Critical infrastructure, government digital services, energy, transportation, and communications are increasingly dependent on technology while also becoming more exposed to cyber threats. The European Union is therefore tightening requirements for critical infrastructure protection, risk management, and national crisis preparedness. The discussion will focus on the relationship between critical infrastructure protection, cybersecurity, and cyber defense. How can the continuity of essential government services be ensured during incidents or crises?</p> <p>Moderator: Ivan Makatura <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>1on1 interview: Patrik Krauspe, Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>
10:15 - 10:35	<p style="text-align: center;">IT Solutions from Atos Slovakia – The Path to Secure Digital Sovereignty (London I+II)</p> <p>Atos Slovakia – The Path to Secure Digital Sovereignty: Peter Balco, Atos Slovakia <i>confirmed</i></p>
10:35 - 10:50	<p style="text-align: center;">The Cyber Battlefield 2026 (London I+II)</p> <p>Moderator: Miroslav Havelka <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>From Threat Analysis to Autonomous Cyber Defense (Project Glasswing): Zolt Géczi, Palo Alto Networks <i>confirmed</i></p>
10:50 - 11:10	<p style="text-align: center;">How Europe Builds Sovereign AI: From National Ambition to Real Capacity (London I+II)</p> <p>The future of AI will no longer be determined solely by laboratories and companies, but also by those who control the infrastructure, data, and rules. Europe has a great deal at stake: its sovereignty, security, and ability to remain a relevant power in the digital age.</p> <p>Moderator: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p>

	European Tech Sovereignty in the Context of the New Cloud and AI Development Act: Manuel Mateo Goyet, DG CNECT, European Commission <i>confirmed</i>		
11:10 - 11:30	NETWORKING BREAK		
	<u>MAIN STAGE</u>	<u>IDEAS STAGE</u>	<u>INSIGHT ROOM</u>
11:30 - 11:45	<p>Where is the Cybersecurity Industry Headed? (London I+II)</p> <p>Moderator: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>1on1 interview: Tomáš Kelemen, FORTINET <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>FORCEPOINT <i>TBD</i></p>	<p>Technologies for National Security (LONDON III)</p> <p>11:30 - 12:00</p> <p>Moderator: Miroslav Havelka <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Virtual Integrated Security Center: Martin Hrachala, Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>AI in Police Work: Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Technology for firefighters - From prevention to response: Jaroslav Kašička, Firemen and Rescuers, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Insight Room Host: Filip Lepieš</p> <p>11:30 - 12:50</p> <p>Meet the Exhibitor (ROME)</p>
11:45 - 12:05	<p>When Reality Fades: Social Engineering and Digital Trust in the Age of AI (London I+II)</p> <p>AI-generated content, bots, and automated manipulation are transforming the online landscape and security risks alike. How can we detect synthetic activity, protect users from a new generation of social engineering, and maintain trust in the digital space?</p> <p>Moderator: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Social Engineering in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Domagoj Marić, AI Customer Delivery Manager, Pontis Technology, Croatia <i>confirmed (+ meet the speaker)</i></p>		
12:05 - 12:35	<p>How to Meet Adequate Cybersecurity Requirements on a Limited Budget? (London I+II)</p> <p>Growing regulatory requirements are placing increasing demands on organizations, many of which lack sufficient financial and human resources. According to surveys, only a small fraction of organizations consider their preparedness for new</p>	<p>Is Slovakia Prepared? (LONDON III)</p> <p>12:10 - 12:45</p> <p>Current cybersecurity legislation has generated a significant demand for professional capacity—estimates suggest a need for more than 10,000 cybersecurity managers. However, the</p>	<p>Insight Room Host: Filip Lepieš</p> <p>12:00 - 12:20</p> <p>Meet the Exhibitor (ROME)</p>

	<p>obligations to be adequate, with regulations becoming a significant source of pressure on IT and security management. This session will focus on identifying the minimum viable measures needed to meet legislative requirements and practical approaches to effective implementation—even within a limited budget. It will present risk prioritization and pragmatic strategies for leveraging existing resources.</p> <p>Moderator: Miroslav Havelka <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>How to handle growing cybersecurity obligations on a low budget?: Pavol Litauszki, EMM <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>How can you meet basic cybersecurity requirements on a tight budget?: Július Selecký, ESET <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Pavol Litauszki, EMM <i>confirmed</i> Július Selecký, ESET <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>actual number of experts is currently only in the hundreds. Consequently, cybersecurity in many organizations is managed either formally or insufficiently. This session will address the root causes of this misalignment between regulation and real-world capacity, its impact on organizations, and potential solutions. It will present approaches to effective security management amidst expert shortages, including options for shared capacity, outsourcing, and internal competency development. The discussion will also explore systemic measures required to address this situation at both the market and public policy levels.</p> <p>Moderator: Ivan Makatura <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION: Maximilián Strémy, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Fujitsu</p>
<p>12:35 - 13:30</p>	<p>LUNCH</p>		
<p>13:30 - 14:05</p>	<p>The Resilient Organization: Prevention, Preparedness, Detection, and Response (London I+II)</p> <p>The best defense does not begin at the moment of impact, but long before it. This panel will demonstrate how people, technology, processes, and monitoring converge to build true organizational resilience - the capacity to preempt attacks, detect them in their early stages, mitigate their impact, and restore operations without collapse.</p> <p>PARTNER OF THE PANEL IS COMPANY SONPO, a.s.</p> <p>Moderator: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Sovereign AI Cloud for Europe: Martin Pilka, dNation <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>The First 60 Minutes of Crisis Management: What's Happening in the State (LONDON III)</p> <p>13:30 - 13:55</p> <p>Moderator: Miroslav Havelka <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Crisis Management and National Resilience: What Happens in the First 60 Minutes?: Jaroslav Kmeť, Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Meet the speaker 13:30 - 13:50 (ROME)</p> <p>Meet industry experts in small groups and an informal setting. “Meet the Speaker” is a new format that lets you get even closer to the conference speakers. Get answers to your questions and discuss topics that interest you.</p> <p>Domagoj Marić, Pontis Technolo Croatia</p>

	<p>In-Depth Cyber Defense (Defense in Depth) as an International Security Strategy: Lucia Surmová, SLOVANET <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Petr Chmelík, Sonpo.cz <i>confirmed</i> Ferdinand Vavřík, Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>1on1 interview: Matej Šalmík, National Security Authority <i>confirmed</i></p>	
<p>14:05 - 15:05</p>	<p>Agentic AI as a New Attack Vector (London I+II) AI agents are emerging as a new class of "digital workers"—tireless, scalable, and increasingly empowered to act without direct human intervention. However, this very autonomy fundamentally reshapes organizational security models and introduces entirely new classes of risk. Beyond legitimate use, agentic AI is becoming a potent tool for adversaries, enabling the automation of reconnaissance, social engineering, attack generation, and the bypassing of security mechanisms at unprecedented scale and speed. A featured case study will demonstrate how a beneficial tool can transform into an active threat vector the moment autonomy outpaces control mechanisms. This session will focus on emerging threats associated with AI agent deployment, their exploitation in offensive scenarios, and strategies for managing these risks—from permission mapping and oversight to implementing security frameworks for agentic systems.</p> <p>PARTNER OF THE PANEL IS COMPANY CHECKPOINT</p> <p>Moderator: Ivan Makatura <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Keynote: Dan Hejda, ethical hacker <i>confirmed</i> The Future of Security for AI-Powered Data Centers: Tomáš Vobruba, Checkpoint <i>confirmed</i> Agentic AI: From Assistants to Autonomous Agent Systems: Igor Bandurič, Atos Slovakia <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>A Regulatory Storm in Cybersecurity (LONDON III) 14:00 - 14:25</p> <p>Both European and Slovak regulators are responding to mounting cyber threats through a dynamic expansion of legislation. Alongside the NIS2 Directive, the AI Act is entering into force with the potential for significant penalties; the first deadlines under the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) are beginning to lapse, and a revision of the Cybersecurity Act (CSA) is underway. Simultaneously, indirect interventions into the NIS2 framework are occurring. This session will provide an overview of the European and Slovak cybersecurity legislative structure, explain its context and internal logic, and identify the primary impacts on compliance management. It will also focus on expected developments and the practical challenges organizations will face in the near future.</p> <p>Moderator: Miroslav Havelka <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Zuzana Regenda, Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatics of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Insight Room Host: Filip Lepieš</p> <p>14:00 - 14:20 Meet the Exhibitor (ROME)</p> <p>Red Hat</p>

	<p>Dan Hejda, ethical hacker <i>confirmed</i> Juraj Jánošík, ESET <i>confirmed</i> Tomáš Vobruba, Checkpoint <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Radoslav Repa, National Security Authority <i>confirmed</i></p>	
<p>15:05 - 15:40</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">How Crypto-Agility Becomes the New Competitive Advantage (London I+II)</p> <p>The year 2026 marks a pivotal milestone in the field of cybersecurity. Post-quantum cryptography (PQC) is progressively moving from academic theory into practical application, as the anticipated arrival of quantum computers (the so-called "Q-Day") pressures organizations to protect sensitive data well in advance. This session will focus on the practical implications of this transformation—specifically the need for crypto-agility: the ability of organizations to flexibly change and update cryptographic mechanisms without major disruptions to their infrastructure. It will present the current state of standardization, migration strategies to PQC, and demonstrate why preparedness for these changes is becoming not only a security necessity but also a significant competitive advantage.</p> <p>Moderator: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Pavol Frič, ITAS <i>confirmed</i> Ľubomír Labanc, IBM Slovakia <i>confirmed</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">15:15 - 15:35 Meet the Speaker (ROME)</p> <p>Meet industry experts in small groups and an informal setting. "Meet the Speaker" is a new format that lets you get even closer to the conference speakers. Get answers to your questions and discuss topics that interest you.</p> <p>Dan Hejda, ethical hacker</p>
<p>15:40 - 16:00 NETWORKING BREAK</p>			
<p>16:00 - 16:35</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">When Failure Is Not an Option: How the State Builds Cyber Resilience (London I+II)</p> <p>Today, a cyber incident in the public sector is no longer merely a technical problem or an IT system outage. It can paralyze public services, disrupt financial processes, compromise citizens' sensitive data, and undermine trust in government. The resilience of digital services is therefore becoming one of the key issues in both security and governance. The discussion will explore how individual ministries are building the capacity to prevent incidents, monitor threats, and ensure operational continuity for systems the state cannot afford to lose. What experience do they have in building security oversight, response capabilities, and BCP/DRP frameworks? The panel will also address inter-ministerial cooperation, incident response coordination, and the state's preparedness for situations in which the failure of digital services could have an immediate impact on the functioning of the country.</p> <p>Moderator: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>		

	<p>Róbert Kováč, Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatics of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Jozef Pajtina, The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Stanislav Schubert, Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>
16:35 - 17:15	<p align="center">ITAPA OPEN TALK: Cybersecurity 2026 – Priorities for the Government, Business, and Society (London I+II)</p> <p>Cybersecurity is becoming one of the key factors affecting the functioning of the state, the economy, and society. Growing geopolitical tensions, new European regulations, the rise of artificial intelligence, and increasing dependence on digital services are fundamentally changing the requirements for the resilience of organizations and of the country as a whole. The ITAPA Cybersec Round Table Summit will bring together key representatives from government, regulatory bodies, the security community, and the technology sector. The panel will address questions regarding Slovakia’s preparedness for new types of cyber threats, the strengthening of national resilience, the protection of critical infrastructure, and the impact of AI on security and trust in the digital space. The discussion will also explore how to effectively bridge the public and private sectors, address the shortage of experts, and define the priorities Slovakia should set in building a modern and secure digital state.</p> <p>Moderator: Pavol Dovičovič <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Martin Hrachala, Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Ivan Makatura, Cybersecurity Association <i>confirmed</i> Ladislav Šnapko, Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> FORTINET <i>TBD</i></p>
17:15 - 19:00	Glass of wine

Digital innovations ■ June 18, 2026 (Thursday)

8:00 – 9:00	Registration
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<p>8:45 - 9:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening of the Conference (London I+II)</p> <p>Moderators: Marta Jančkárová/Ondrej Macko/Juraj Kadáš</p> <p>Welcoming guests: Michal Ivantýšyn, ITAPA <i>confirmed</i></p>	
<p>9:00 - 9:20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Agentic AI – What Will it Deliver? (London I+II)</p> <p>Moderator: Marta Jančkárová <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>From Chatbots to Agents – How AI Is Changing Decision-Making, Work, and Control: Michal Valko, computer scientist and founder of Stealth AI Startup <i>confirmed</i></p>	
<p>9:20 - 9:35</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Modern Regions: Bringing Investment, Services, and Innovation Closer to the People (London I+II)</p> <p>A modern region is not created on paper; it is born when EU funds are transformed into better schools, safer roads, higher-quality public spaces, and digital services that reduce bureaucracy for towns and municipalities. The opening session will demonstrate how regional development must shift from slow processes to visible results—and why the keys to success will be stronger local governments, smart solutions, and investments that remain rooted in the community.</p> <p>Moderators: Marta Jančkárová</p> <p>1on1 interview: Samuel Migaľ, Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatics of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	
<p>9:35 - 9:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vienna and AI: How Technology Is Shaping Urban Development (London I+II)</p> <p>AI projects are meaningful when they help cities solve real-world problems. This presentation will show how Vienna successfully uses artificial intelligence in planning, services, and decision-making — and how it integrates AI into the city’s long-term development policy.</p> <p>Cities Shaping a Human-Centred AI Future: Use Cases from Vienna: Michael Leitner-Hickisch, Urban Innovation Vienna <i>confirmed</i></p>	
<p>9:50 - 10:05</p>	<p>Smart Cities Without Illusions: What Works, What Fails, and What Not to Copy (London</p>	<p>Insight Room Host: Filip Lepieš</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">I+II)</p> <p>After years of pilot projects, strategies, and technological promises, the time has come to identify what actually delivers results for cities. This practical perspective will show why a smart city is not a catalog of solutions, but rather a city's ability to select, adapt, and sustain innovations in practice.</p> <p>Moderator: Marta Jančkárová <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>1on1 Interview: Jaroslav Kacer, Smart Cities Club <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9:50 - 10:10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet the Exhibitor (ROME)</p> <p>From Gearwheels to Q-bits. The Evolution of Computing from Analog Machines to Quantum Computing and AI.</p> <p>Martin Šperka, Computer Museum, Slovak Academy of Sciences</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">10:05 - 10:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AI Without Oversight? (London I+II)</p> <p>How to manage autonomous agents without losing data.</p> <p>Demo: Anton Giertli, RED HAT <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Insight room sprevádza: Filip Lepieš</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:20 - 10:40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet the Exhibitor</p> <p>Quantum Artificial Intelligence: Ivan Doboš and Marek Kuruc, ARICOMA</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">10:30 - 10:55</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAIN STAGE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slovakia's Path to AI Leadership: An AI Strategy for Slovakia (London I+II)</p> <p>AI will determine which countries grow and which fall behind. For the first time, Slovakia has a strategy to join the ranks of AI leaders — countries that not only use artificial intelligence, but also transform government, the economy, and public services through it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IDEAS STAGE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">How to Prepare a Business Plan That a Bank Will Believe In?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:30 – 11:30</p> <p>Many innovative companies have a strong product but are unable to turn it into a bankable project. This masterclass will show how banks evaluate growth plans, what a high-quality business plan must include, and where companies most often fall short when</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INSIGHT ROOM</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:10 - 10:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet the Speaker (ROME)</p> <p>Meet industry experts in small groups and an informal setting. "Meet the Speaker" is a new format that lets you get even closer to the</p>

	<p>Moderator: Marta Jančkárová <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Presentation of the AI Strategy: Radoslav Štefánek, Slovak Government Plenipotentiary for Artificial Intelligence <i>confirmed</i> and Emil Fitoš, ITAS <i>invited</i></p>	<p>applying for financing. The event will also include a practical “business plan clinic,” where selected companies will receive feedback on their projects—what is convincing, what is missing, and what needs to be refined so that their plans can stand up to scrutiny from a bank, investor, or public funding institution.</p> <p>Lector: Hana Husenicová and Michal Lehuta, VÚB bank <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>conference speakers. Get answers to your questions and discuss topics that interest you.</p> <p>Michael Leitner-Hickisch, Urban Innovation Vienna</p>
<p>10:55 - 11:10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AI Solutions for Government (London I+II)</p> <p>How can Slovakia skip the “next portal” phase and become a benchmark for AI-native public administration in Europe? This presentation introduces the Smart eGov concept, in which citizens’ life situations are no longer managed through forms and bureaucratic red tape, but by AI agents, high-quality registries, auditable decision-making processes, and a clear legal framework. Can Slovakia become not only a user of European AI regulations, but also a creator of a new model of government for the digital age?</p> <p>Moderator: Marta Jančkárová <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Smart eGov: The Slovak Model of Agentic Governance: Vojtech Bálint, Asseco CE <i>confirmed</i></p>		
<p>11:10 - 11:30 NETWORKING BREAK</p>			
<p>11:30 - 12:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MAIN STAGE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slovakia Has an AI strategy. What Now? (London I+II)</p> <p>For the first time, Slovakia has an AI strategy. Now we will see whether it remains just a document or becomes a concrete action plan.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>IDEAS STAGE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">AI for the Modern City – How to Put Innovations into Practice (London III)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:40 – 12:20</p> <p>Cities need fewer visions and more testable solutions. AI and living labs only make sense if they address specific problems, measure results, and include a clear plan for scaling from pilot projects to full-scale implementation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INSIGHT ROOM</u></p> <p>Insight Room Host: Filip Lepieš</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:30 - 11:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meet the Exhibitor (ROME)</p> <p>Dual academy</p>

	<p>Moderator: Marta Jančkárová <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Radoslav Baťo, The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Patrik Krauspe, Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Fridrich Matejík, IBM Slovakia <i>confirmed</i> Radoslav Štefánek, Government Plenipotentiary for Artificial Intelligence <i>confirmed</i> Peter Trajlinek, ARICOMA <i>confirmed</i> Zdeňka van der Zwan, RED HAT <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>A living lab is not just another pilot project: Jaroslav Kacer, Smart Cities Club <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Why ChatGPT Doesn't Belong in Government Offices and What Safe AI for Public Administration Looks Like: Andrej Gono, Citymind solutions <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>How AI Can Help Cities and Local Governments Work More Effectively with Spatial, Map, and Public Data: Martin Molnár, PlanCity.ai <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>How to Reduce Energy Costs Using AI: Šimon Staňo, DAITABLE <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>11:55 - 12:10 Meet the Exhibitor (ROME)</p> <p>SKYRO</p> <p>How to Prepare the Education System for the AI Era and Keep Talent at Home: Viktória Ondrejčička Jakubovičová, SKYRO <i>confirmed</i></p>
<p>12:30 - 13:10</p>	<p>Innovation Isn't Enough. How Can a Company Finance its Growth? (London I+II) We have the technology, the product, and the track record. But that doesn't necessarily mean the company is ready for growth. The discussion will explore what determines whether an innovative project secures funding today—how banks, investors, and advisors evaluate it; when a loan, equity investment, or public funding instrument makes sense; and which mistakes companies most often make when preparing a business plan.</p> <p>Innovation (is not) enough. What matters is HOW we do it: Filip Lešťan, Nord University, Norway <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Peter Dittrich, Slovak Investment Holding <i>confirmed</i> Vedrana Jelušić Kašić, VÚB bank <i>confirmed</i> Martin Chlebec, Deloitte <i>invited</i></p>	<p>MASTERCLASS: AI in Government Offices and in the City (London III) 12:25 – 13:25</p> <p>Practical examples and case studies of artificial intelligence applications in cities, towns, and universities. We have completed approximately 50 case studies, including AI projects for Prague 6 and the City of Žilina, which I would like to share. If there is interest, I can take a broader approach, such as the digitization of the public sector, and also include topics beyond AI, such as the digitization of teaching and education.</p>	<p>Insight Room Host: Filip Lepieš</p> <p>12:20 - 12:35 Meet the Exhibitor (ROME)</p> <p>scena.ai</p>

	<u>MAIN STAGE</u>	<u>IDEAS STAGE</u>	<u>INSIGHT ROOM</u>
13:10 - 13:20	<p>AI Agents for Public Administration - How to Find Answers in Government Documents (London I+II)</p> <p>These agents save officials hours of manual searching, streamline work with administrative documents, and transform data into actionable insights on demand.</p> <p>Presentation: Jaroslav Reken, Joyful Craftsmen <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Digital ID 2.0: From Pilot to New Life Events (London III) 13:30 - 13:45</p> <p>Digital ID is expanding from police checks and postal services into additional life events, with new features being added and further credentials, including offline verification, planned for 2026. The question is no longer whether it works, but how quickly it will become the everyday standard.</p> <p>Presentation: Juraj Paulen, Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Insight Room Host: Filip Lepieš</p> <p>Where Will Robotics Be in 5 Years? 12:40 - 13:25</p> <p>The future of robotics lies somewhere between humanoids and highly specialized systems. With the advent of AI, the field is undergoing a transformation that will impact manufacturing, logistics, healthcare, and the operation of modern cities. Despite technological progress, however, widespread adoption is still hampered by high costs, legislation, and issues of public trust. The 1on1 interview separate persistent myths from reality and identify trends that are currently underestimated. Discover which solutions will become a natural part of our lives in just five years.</p> <p>How we control robots and how reliable they are: Andrej Lúčny, Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>1on1 interview: František Duchoň, Department of Robotics and Cybernetics, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>Robotic painting: Michal Adamík, Robots do Art <i>confirmed</i></p>
13:20 - 14:20	LUNCH		

	<u>MAIN STAGE</u>	<u>IDEAS STAGE</u>	
14:20 - 14:35	<p style="text-align: center;">What is the Future of Robotics? (London I+II)</p> <p>Recently, we have witnessed rapid advancements in mobile robotics, including humanoid robots. Artificial intelligence trained through rewards and punishments in realistic simulated environments plays a crucial role, as it enables models to acquire the equivalent of many years of practical experience in just a few days of training.</p> <p>Robot and trends in robotics: Argus, KVANT <i>confirmed</i> and Andrej Lúčny, Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">From Government Offices to Services: A New Model for Citizen-State Interaction (London III) 14:20 - 14:35</p> <p>The Slovak Ministry of the Interior will present its plan to transform the functioning of public administration from the citizen’s perspective: reducing duplication, simplifying interactions with government offices, and making better use of service centers, call centers, and digital services. The GCRM and ESO 2 projects are intended to build on the reform of local public administration and shift it from organizational changes to tangible improvements in services—faster processing, better citizen guidance, and more efficient management of processes within the state.</p> <p>1on1 interview: Martin Hrachala, Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	
14:35 - 14:55	<p style="text-align: center;">The Modern Welfare State: Providing Support Before People Even Ask (London I+II)</p> <p>The goal is for citizens to receive proactive assistance during key life events - such as losing a job, the birth of a child, caring for a loved one, or entering retirement. This discussion explores how the state is shifting from fragmented services and paperwork toward a support system built around life situations. The objective is not to create more portals, but to build a state that understands context, reduces bureaucracy, and delivers aid more actively, swiftly, with greater dignity, and increased trust.</p> <p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Talent and Quality of Life: Why People Choose to Stay in the City (London III) 14:50 - 15:20</p> <p>The panel discussion will focus on the factors influencing a city's ability to attract and retain talent. Beyond job opportunities, quality of life plays a pivotal role—encompassing affordable housing, mobility, cultural infrastructure, education, and the city's openness to an international environment. The discussion will also explore how cities can consciously build an environment where talented individuals want to live and work long-term.</p> <p>Moderator: Michaela Benedigová, SEESAME <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meet the Speaker (ROME)</p> <p>Meet industry experts in small groups and an informal setting. “Meet the Speaker” is a new format that lets you get even closer to the conference speakers. Get answers to your questions and discuss topics that interest you.</p> <p>Jiří Nantl, European Campus Hainburg</p>

	<p>Tomáš Drucker, The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Erik Tomáš, The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>DISCUSSION Renáta Hall, The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Iva Kleinová, Municipal Bratislava the Capital City of Slovakia <i>confirmed</i> Andrej Salner, Municipal Bratislava the Capital City of Slovakia <i>confirmed</i></p>	
<p>14:55 - 15:25</p>	<p>Data That Is Changing Government Decisions (London I+II) Integrated Labor Market Model: Soňa Karabelli, Alliance of Sectoral Councils <i>confirmed</i> Digital Transformation in the Area of State Social Benefits and Services: Miroslav Danček, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Family of the Slovak Republic and Marek Morvai, SoftwareONE <i>confirmed</i></p>	<p>Connecting Universities, Businesses, and the City: How to Build a Talent Ecosystem 15:35 - 16:05 (London III) The discussion will focus on collaboration between universities, the business sector, and the city in the area of talent development. Panelists will discuss how to better integrate education, research, and professional practice; how to prepare graduates for the needs of the labor market; and how to create opportunities for students and young professionals in Bratislava. Moderator: Michaela Benedigová, SEESAME <i>invited</i> DISCUSSION Miroslav Beblavý, CB ESPRI <i>confirmed</i> Martin Kahanec, CELSI <i>invited</i> Jiří Nantl, European Campus Hainburg <i>confirmed</i> Maximilián Strémy, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava <i>invited</i> Katarína Šmajdová, Research and Innovation Authority (VAIA) <i>invited</i></p>	
<p>15:25 - 15:55</p>	<p>Life Situation without Having To Run Around to Government Offices (London I+II) Moderator: Marta Jančkárová <i>confirmed</i> 1on1 Interview: The Rules of the Game: How to Regulate AI?: Radoslav Štefánek, Slovak Government Plenipotentiary for Artificial Intelligence <i>confirmed</i></p>		

	<p>DISCUSSION Patrik Krauspe, Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> General Health Insurance Company</p>
15:55 - 16:25	<p style="text-align: center;">Central Register of Accounts: New Data Infrastructure to Combat Corruption and Money Laundering (London I+II)</p> <p>The fight against corruption, money laundering, and economic crime today also depends on the speed of data processing. The Central Register of Accounts enables authorized authorities to more quickly identify where individuals under investigation hold accounts or safety deposit boxes, thereby reducing the time required for financial investigations and asset seizures. This session will demonstrate how digitization is becoming a practical tool for the state in the fight against serious crime.</p> <p>DISCUSSION Erik Minarovič, Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Martin Peter, Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Lukáš Šoltés, Slovak University of Technology <i>confirmed</i> Slovak Banking Association DXC Technology Slovakia</p>
16:25 - 16:45	<p>NETWORKING BREAK</p>
16:45 - 17:35	<p style="text-align: center;">From Payment to Invoice: How is the Government Digitizing the Entire Business Process? (London I+II)</p> <p>For the first time in Slovakia, not only is the payment method changing, but the invoice itself is as well. QR payments linked to eKasa provide instant payment notifications to the cash register and enable cashless mobile sales without the need for a terminal. At the same time, eFaktúra converts invoices from PDF to structured data, reduces error rates, speeds up processing, and will affect hundreds of thousands of entities in the coming years. Together, these projects show that the state no longer wants to merely monitor transactions but to build a new digital infrastructure for them. What do these projects bring to the country? And what do they bring to hundreds of thousands of businesses?</p> <p>Electronic invoicing - the biggest change for businesses since the founding of the Slovak Republic: Jozef Kiss, Financial Administration of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Digital Postman and e-Invoicing: How e-Invoicing Will Change How Businesses Operate After 2027: Marek Sedliak, SOFTIP <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Marcel Klimek, Slovak Banking Association <i>confirmed</i> Stanislav Pavlovič, Financial Administration of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Peter Steinhübl, Slovensko.Digital <i>confirmed</i></p>

<p>17:35 - 18:25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">How to Manage Digital Projects That Actually Work? (London I+II)</p> <p>Moderator: Milan Ištván <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Kristián Hodossy, Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatics of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Martin Hrachala, Ministry of Interior of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Marek Lendacký, Social Insurance Company <i>confirmed</i> Erik Minarovič, Ministry of Finance of Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i></p>
<p>18:25 - 18:55</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ITAPA OPEN TALK: Modernizing the Country: What to Fund and What to Stop Funding? (London I+II)</p> <p>Science will determine the country's direction. The government will decide where the money goes. Slovakia faces a decision worth billions of euros. The new programming period could bring a modern economy, better services, and stronger regions—or more projects with no visible results. The discussion will link the Vision Slovakia 2040 initiative with the preparation of the Slovakia Program and pose a tough question: what should be funded so that Slovakia in 2040 is not just a country of plans, but a country of results?</p> <p>Moderator: Milan Ištván <i>confirmed</i></p> <p>DISCUSSION Tomáš Drucker, The Ministry of Education, Research, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic <i>confirmed</i> Ladislav Šimko, Slovak Government Plenipotentiary for the National and Regional Partnership Plan <i>confirmed</i> Martin Venhart, Slovak Academy of Sciences <i>confirmed</i></p>
<p>18:55 – 19:05</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing of the Conference</p> <p>Conclusion: Michal Ivantyšyn, ITAPA <i>confirmed</i></p>
<p>19:05 - 20:00</p>	<p>Glass of wine</p>