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INVITATION TO PANEL

Artificial Intelligence and the Future of EU Diplomacy

As technological development advances, its accomplishments are bound to increasingly shape our society and pervade a plethora of different domains, international relations and diplomacy included. Artificial intelligence, being at the forefront of the new technological revolution, has the capacity to profoundly impact the work of policy makers and introduce new innovative tools that might become the bread and butter of pivotal international actors.

As the European Union strives to forge a more effective Common Foreign and Security Policy, this event purports to discuss the potential implications of AI on EU Foreign Policy and examine the opportunities and challenges that might arise from its practice in the sphere of European diplomacy.

The application of Artificial Intelligence in EU Foreign Policy indeed raises several critical questions. Can advancement in AI lead to a more cohesive and confident EU foreign policy? Can the EU act as a leading force in the AI revolution on a global scale and can the EU withstand the threats of an international race for AI technology?

While a European strategy for AI has been drawn up in February 2019, its strategic focus and goals remain vague, which leaves a large leeway for further debates.

Therefore, Vocal Europe invites you to an event on 8 October 2019 to discuss how Artificial Intelligence might impact and shape EU Foreign Policy in the forthcoming future.

We would be delighted if you were to accept this invitation and look forward to hearing from you shortly. We remain at your disposal for any further information.

Please confirm your attendance at the latest by 4 October 2019 by sending an e-mail to event@vocaleurope.eu

Time: 8 October 2019, 15:00 – 17:00
Venue: Rue Froissart 95, 1000 Brussels | Press Club
Output: This panel will be **RECORDED**

The Program

14h30 **Registration**

15h00 **Welcoming Remarks and Introduction**
Ebubekir Isik, Policy Analyst, Vocal Europe

15h15 **Perspectives on AI and the Future of EU Diplomacy**

Andrew Tony Camilleri, Technical Attaché, Permanent Representation of Malta to the European Union

Eline Chivot, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Data Innovation

Maaïke Verbruggen, Institute for European Studies, Free University of Brussels

Ricardo Castanheira, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the EU

16h00 **Q&A Session**

17h00 **End of the Panel**