OPEN CALL FOR WORKSHOP – ADRA Forum 2025

On behalf of the ADRF25 Programme Committee, we invite for workshop proposals to the third edition of the <u>European AI, Data, and Robotics Forum</u> (Adra Forum 2025), to be held **23-24 September 2025** in Stavanger, Norway.

Introduction

The European AI, Data, Robotics Forum (ADRF) is the annual community gathering event organized by the AI, Data and Robotics Association (Adra) in collaboration with the European Commission. This event serves as an arena for inspiration and matchmaking of actors and stakeholders in Europe with the goal of promoting research, innovation and deployment of AI, Data, and Robotics (ADR) towards boosting competitiveness and improving technological leadership and welfare across Europe.

The call for workshops is thematically open to any topic at the cross-roads between AI, Data and Robotics. Moreover, this year's edition would especially like to encourage the submission of workshops addressing topics for resilience and strategic autonomy of Europe.

ADRF25 topics include and are not limited to:

- How can we effectively accelerate convergence of ADR to strengthening resilience and strategic autonomy of Europe? Explore how AI, data, and robotics can enhance the resilience and sustainability of infrastructures, operations and services in Europe, e.g., resilience of critical value chains, (cyber)security, regulatory frameworks, and innovation.
- How can we achieve high-impact value creation through ADR convergence for industries and the society in Europe as a whole? What are strategies for leveraging ADR technologies to boost innovation and competitiveness in European industries, as highlighted in last year's strategic reports including e.g., Draghi report¹?
- How to achieve technology transfer and high impact of ADR convergence? Focus on best practices for technology transfer and adoption of ADR into day-to-day industry and public sector operations, including reducing regulatory barriers and fostering collaboration between academia and industry to drive high-impact outcomes.
- How to make Europe attractive to talents and skilled professionals in ADR and what approaches should we effectively implement to tackle the crisis on ADR skills in Europe? How to accelerate upskilling of the workforce in Europe to the new trends in ADR.
- How can ADR contribute to the current engagements of Europe in e.g., European Chips Act, European Critical Materials Act, Al act, Data Governance Act, Cyber-resilience Act, etc.?
- How can ADR support the new missions of the European Commissions?

¹ The Draghi report (Part A and Part B): https://commission.europa.eu/topics/strengthening-european-competitiveness/eu-competitiveness-looking-ahead en

Workshop Assessment and Selection

The Programme Committee will evaluate proposals based on their alignment with the above-mentioned topics, relevance to the audience, and potential to enhance the overall programme. Selected workshops should complement the event while appealing to a broad segment of attendees.

Proposals should explicitly address the following criteria:

- Cross-Domain Scope: Clearly demonstrate relevance of AI, Data, and Robotics.
- Purpose and Outcomes: Articulate a specific, action-oriented workshop purpose
 with a well-defined description to attract participants. Include 1–3 predefined
 questions to guide discussions and generate concrete outcomes.
- **Topical Relevance**: Focus on new, emerging, strategic, or high-interest topics within the community.
- Workshop Agenda: Provide a clear agenda with confirmed contributors.
- Interactivity: Ensure an engaging format, such as discussions, Q&A sessions, or panels, to foster lively exchanges of ideas.
- **Balanced Representation**: Strive for diverse representation among stakeholders, including industrial, academic, end-user, and policymaker perspectives.
- Attractive workshop format for the audience: We recommend avoiding workshops hosting classical presentations of projects or marketing existing products. We advise for workshops that include emerging ADR topics with short presentations and intensive discussions in panels and with the public.

Additional Information

- **Duration**: Workshops may last a maximum of 90 minutes.
- Format: All workshops will be held in-person. Exceptions for remote keynote speakers may be considered, but online participation equipment cannot be guaranteed and is not encouraged
- **Registration**: All speakers and participants must register for the forum. Speakers receive a 50% discount on the full ticket price.
- **Gender Balance**: Workshops are encouraged to ensure diversity (e.g., gender balance) among speakers.

Proposal Submission

- Workshop proposals shall be submitted via an online form (a link will be available in due time before the submission deadline).
- The deadline for workshop applications is 30 March, 2025

We look forward to receiving your proposals and working together to make ADRF 2025 a vibrant and impactful event!

Workshop proposal form content

In the workshop proposal form, workshop organizers are asked to fill the items in the below numbered list. The information shall be provided by workshop proposers in a separate online form (i.e., not sent via e-mail etc.). A link will become available for workshop submissions in due time before the submission deadline.

- 1. Workshop title
- 2. Contact person (email)
- 3. Organizers (name, affiliation email)
- 4. Short description (~1 line)
- 5. Full description, including objectives (max 200 words)
- 6. Format and agenda (Session's length will vary between 60-90 minutes)
- 7. Room equipment (all rooms have standard AV equipment, some rooms can be fitted with a microphone for remote presence, but this cannot be guaranteed, and remote participation is not encouraged).
- 8. Link to ADRA topic groups (if relevant)
- 9. Any additional Comments to the review committee