Law & Tech Consortium – Public event – May 8, 2025
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Regulation & innovation in tech and AI: friends or foes?
Open discussion on the EU approach and projects for the future

The EU digital policies are increasingly defined by an ambitious regulatory agenda aimed at asserting normative leadership in the governance of new technologies. As regulatory instruments proliferate—ranging from the General Data Protection Regulation to the Artificial Intelligence Act and the twin regimes of the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act for platforms—the Union faces a fundamental legal tension: how to reconcile the imperatives of legal certainty, safety, fundamental rights, and democratic oversight with the need to maintain an open environment conducive to technological innovation.

This conference brings together academic experts and policymakers to examine whether recent and forthcoming legislative initiatives are capable of fostering an innovation ecosystem that remains aligned with the Union's constitutional values and regulatory traditions.

We will review four areas and policies important for research and innovation in the digital space, and where other rights and interests also require to reach an adequate balance.