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Romexpo, Bucharest





## KEVIN GASKELL

EX CEO of PORSCHE, LAMBORGHINI & BMW

### ***“The Business Fixer”***

An inspirational leader with a strong ability to drive change, his story at the event will focus on building a successful company, ultimately becoming a generator of millions of dollars. During his career, he led BMW to a profitability increase of 500%, brought Porsche UK back from the brink of bankruptcy, and his book, *Catching Giants*, has received numerous accolades, including being named Business Book of the Year 2023.

### ***Session***

*Build a World Class Company*



## RUSS HARDING

Chief Gaming Officer



Russ will talk about his experience in game development with Peaky Blinders, Lord of the Rings, and his collaboration with J.K. Rowling for Harry Potter. Russ has also been a member of the BAFTA Awards.

### *Session*

Pioneering the Future: From PlayStation's EyeToy to Peaky Blinders VR - The Evolution of VR, AR, and MR



## ALASTAIR COTTERILL

Director of Immersive, VFX & Design



He will discuss his collaborations on Hollywood productions and how stories can be brought to life through VR and AI. He will emphasize the importance of continuous development in the entertainment industry and the significance of intellectual property rights.

### *Session*

The Future of Visual Storytelling



## IRAKLI KHODELI

Head of Ethics of AI Unit, Social and Human Sciences  
Sector



He will discuss the concept of AI Governance and present the latest regulations from both a national and global perspective

### **Session**

*Ethical AI*



## OLGA IVINA

Global Head of Data Science Engineering



On the Main Stage, she will talk about how complex the process of adopting Artificial Intelligence within a company truly is. She will present the concept of 'Change Management' for the proper implementation of AI and emphasize the importance of employee training to create a balance between the human and technological aspects.

### **Session**

*Putting AI to production: lessons of 10+ years in 30 minutes*





## SOLAIMAN SHOKUR

Senior Researcher



ÉCOLE POLYTECHNIQUE  
FÉDÉRALE DE LAUSANNE

The scientist will share his experience in researching, developing, and creating bionic prosthetics, highlighting their importance and revealing how a metal limb can restore the sense of touch to patients.

### **Session**

*Bionic Hands that Restore Sense of Touch in Amputees*



## LISA DENZER

AI Lab Lead & Innovation Officer



Lisa Denzer is an influential figure at the European Space Agency (ESA), known for her work in advancing space exploration and technology. She will talk about how artificial intelligence is impacting the operation of spacecraft, the experience of astronauts, and exploration vehicles like rovers..

### **Session**

*AI in Space Exploration: Enhancing Human and Robotic Missions*

**OLIVER MÄCKEL**

Vice President

**SIEMENS**

He will address the topic of 'Digital Transformation,' highlighting why it is important for today's leaders to consider the needs of future generations in line with the rapidly advancing technology. He will also present adaptation strategies that companies can implement in their own business plans.

**Session**

*Future Project Management - preparing project management for GenZ*

**DAVE SEGAL**

Co-founder &amp; Chief Innovation Officer

**NAQI LOGIX**

He will discuss the "human-brain interface" technology that powers the gadget and will give a demonstration for the audience. With the help of smart headphones similar to those used with phones, a person can have full control over any device without needing to press a button or give a voice command.

**Session**

*Can Smart Earbuds Serve as a Safe & Non-Invasive Alternative to Brain Implants for Device Control?*





## SANAE BOUKHANA

Global Digital Marketing Manager



She will talk about The Power of Short-Form and User-Generated Video Content, specifically about how platforms like TikTok and Instagram influence consumer decisions through video reviews posted by customers themselves, representing an opportunity for companies and their branding strategy.

### Session

*The Evolution of Content: Short-Form and User-Generated Videos*



## THIBAUT IMBERT

Chief Product Officer



In the past, he was VP of Marketing at GitHub and Adobe. He has extensive experience and will discuss AI-generated advertising

### Session

*Your Creative Companion for Brand and Marketing*



## SHANNON WALKER

Founder

**SOCIAL  
DISRUPTION**

She's a PRWeek 30 under 30 honoree, PRWeek Judge 2023, and an award-winning change maker. She's worked on digital PR campaigns for brands like Jimmy Choo, Cartier, Dove, Google, and Victoria's Secret. She'll discuss Influencer Marketing, why getting the right message across is key, and how to collaborate with influencers without risking your brand's image.

### **Session**

*Digital Disruptors Are Taking Over: Influencer and Community Advocacy to Drive Growth*



## DAVID KEENE

Chief Marketing Officer



He is a dynamic, growth-oriented global B2B CMO and sales leader, consistently ranked among the Top 100 Global B2B CMOs. With over 20 years of extensive experience in technology and consulting services, he has a proven track record of driving transformative go-to-market strategies, marketing effectiveness, and revenue operations across major technology organizations.

### **Session**

*Search engine changes shift SEO strategies*





## RAINER KARCHER

Founder and CEO



Drawing on the knowledge and experience gained over the years at companies such as Siemens and Allianz, he will provide an overview of the importance of ESGs and detail how technology impacts a company's level of sustainability.

### *Session*

Digitalization, AI and sustainability - is technology the accelerator of the crisis or the solution?



## SHANE FAULKNER

Sustainability Manager



He has over 13 years of experience in the field of sustainability. He will discuss Sustainable Supply Chain Management, specifically ethical sourcing, reducing environmental impact in logistics, supply chain transparency, and fair labor practices

### *Session*

*Sustainable supply chains*



## ANDREY CHEPTSOV

Founder & CEO



Andrey Cheptsov is the Founder & CEO of dStack, a company focused on creating open-source artificial intelligence. In the past, he spent 10 years at JetBrains, one of the most popular companies among developers. He will talk about open-source LLMs and AI container orchestration

### **Session**

*The power of open-source AI: why it matters now more than ever and how to harness It*



## ANDREAS KOLLEGGER

Lead for GenAI Innovation



He will talk about how GenAI applications can be built, what underpins them, the role of RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation), and also about testing these programs.

### **Session**

*To be confirmed*





## DANNY HIGLER

Senior Digital Transformation Coach

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He will explore the aspects that led to the decline of Agile, offering crucial lessons to prevent AI from facing the same fate.

### *Session*

*The Rise and Fall of AI Kingdoms: Lessons from the Agile Empire*



## TIJN KUYPER

Account Manager Digital Innovation



The Hague

He will talk about the Living Lab Scheveningen project, a neighborhood built with the purpose of testing innovations in Smart City using digital twins technology.

### Session

*Living Lab Scheveningen: The Urban Innovation Testbed*



## JOSE ANTONIO ONDIVIELA

Strategy Senior Advisor la European SmartCities



Drawing on over 25 years of experience, including his time as Smart Cities Solutions Director at Microsoft, his session will cover all the key aspects that are essential for transforming and sustaining a smart city.

### Session

*The AI-driven City of Future*





## PHILIPP HENZGEN

Team Mobility Lead



He has over 10 years of experience with companies such as Mercedes-Benz, and his speech on the Smart City Stage will focus on ways to develop and optimize transportation within a smart city.

### **Session**

*Impact of mobility hubs and EV charging infrastructure on train stations in context of smart cities*



## HANS TEUBEN

Global Lead Smart Territories



He will talk about the Smart City projects being carried out within the company, which have been applied so far in the Netherlands and Dubai. Hans will also discuss the digital twins technology that underpins these applications and its implementation at the European level through Capgemini's collaboration with the European Union

### **Session**

*Working on societal challenges with digital twinning and federated data ecosystems*



## THOM SCHILTMANS

Head of GRC & Security Manager Risk, Resilience & Identity Governance



His session will focus on the new regulations affecting the field of cybersecurity, how these influence the implementation of AI in control systems, and he will share the challenges encountered throughout his experience at companies like Philips, Tesorion, and Deloitte

### **Session**

*How can you integrate SMART New Laws, Regulations AND Technologies*



## EMMANUEL KESSLER

Head of Prevention & Outreach - EC3, Cybercrime Centre



He began his career in cybercrime in 2011, overseeing cyber cooperation in the Department of International Cooperation (DCIS) at the French Ministry of the Interior.

### **Session**

*How Investigations foster successes of cybersecurity ? The latest lessons learnt from Europol...*





## IVANA BUTORAC

Cybersecurity Compliance Manager

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The experience gained at CISCO and the European Parliament will assist her in her presentation on the impact of Artificial Intelligence in cybersecurity, emphasizing strategies for companies to protect their stored data

***Session***

*To be confirmed*



## (DR.) SEBASTIAN WIECZOREK

Global Lead AI Ethic and Software Engineering



In previous roles at SAP, he led the web engineering research team, shaped the company's innovation strategy, coordinated a startup engagement program, and launched the AI ethics initiative. The product portfolio he has created and managed includes SAP AI Core, SAP AI Launchpad, SAP Data Intelligence, SAP (Leonardo) Machine Learning Foundation, and SAP Web Analytics.

### **Session**

*The GenAI Evolution*



## MARLOES POMP

Vice President European AI Forum



Currently, she is responsible for international partnerships within the Netherlands AI Coalition, a member of the steering committee of the European AI Forum, and a Web3 advisor at the Dutch Blockchain Coalition. She has also established a Blockchain and AI Innovation program for the Dutch government.

### **Session**

*Human AI Synergy*





## ANDREAS HORN

Head of AIOps



He will talk about the impact of artificial intelligence from multiple perspectives, including ethical aspects, socioeconomic factors, and the skills needed for employees to adapt to new changes. He will also emphasize the importance of international collaboration in establishing clear standards for artificial intelligence

***Session***

*To be confirmed*



## ANDRE LOPES

Senior Software Engineer



He will address the topic of Serverless Architecture, explaining why it remains relevant for most companies and will present the concept of Terraform, drawing on his experience at ExxonMobil, dunnhumby, and Checkout.com.

### Session

*Unlocking Serverless Architecture with Terraform*



## FRANCESCO SCIUTI

CEO/ Google Developer Expert



This topic revolves around browser architecture. More information about his topic will be available soon.

### Session

*We are all smart with browsers made by others.*





## ARTEM MANCHENKOV

Software Engineer II



He is a professional software engineer with 10 years of experience in designing and developing complex distributed systems, including high-loaded microservices. He consistently stays up to date with current and emerging technologies and approaches.

### ***Session***

*Spec-Driven Development: Why It Works and Why It Doesn't?*

**KIERAN CORNWALL**

Principal Technical Delivery Lead



As an experienced Technical Director, he combines expertise in media, broadcasting, and finance to help companies achieve their goals through digital transformations. He focuses on product development in DevOps environments, emphasizing customer engagement and customized solutions.

**Session**

*The Art of Measuring the Immeasurable: Unpacking observability*

**JIMMY DAHLQVIST**

Head of AWS



His session will focus on increasing productivity levels and automating applications by eliminating repetitive tasks and human errors, leveraging experience gained at companies like Assa Abloy, IKEA, and Sony

**Session**

*Automating DevOps with NoOps*





## MICHAEL COTÉ

Senior Member of Technical Staff



He's going to talk about a common challenge in the IT industry: software applications are getting more outdated, and many companies are stuck because they've invested so much in their existing systems, falling into the 'legacy trap.'

### **Session**

*Escaping the Legacy Trap*



## MATTEO EMILI

Director - Software Engineering



With over 15 years of experience, he will elaborate on strategies to reinforce security systems within DevSecOps frameworks.

### **Session**

*DevSecOps...do you really need DevSecOps?!*



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