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Economic AI and HPC Forum

Step Forward Towards Anorganic Intelligence

Opatija, May 27, 2026
Grand Hotel Adriatic



Forum Purpose

To operationalise the European AI and HPC strategy by connecting policy intent, digital infrastructure, industrial deployment, and economic impact, with a strong focus on **Anorganic Intelligence**, systemic AI adoption, HPC integration, and regulatory alignment.

The **Economic AI and HPC Forum** is positioned as a strategic flagship dialogue organised by **MIPRO** and **CroAI**, complementing MIPRO's 17 ICT scientific conferences (more than 400 papers) by focusing on:

- transition towards Anorganic Intelligence,
- infrastructure development,
- Enterprise AI Readiness Proactivity (Agentic AI) and Reactivity (Generative AI),
- economic impact transition.

The Forum aims to present the EU's strategic frameworks, as well as the technological and infrastructural environments for the development of a smart industry powered by AI and HPC—encompassing both large enterprises and SMEs.

It will further articulate a forward-looking vision of **Anorganic Intelligence** as the next evolutionary layer beyond conventional AI—enabling autonomous, system-level, and infrastructure-embedded intelligence.

Objectives:

- Position AI as a strategic economic ecosystem
- Frame AI as a driver of sovereignty and competitiveness
- Introduce the concept of Anorganic Intelligence beyond narrow AI
- Europe's AI ambition within the Digital Decade 2030
- Strategic autonomy, resilience, and economic security
- Transition from innovation policy to industrial AI policy
- Supporting the "new industrial stack" through a robust financial ecosystem

MIPRO 2026 OPENING DAY PROGRAM

10 AM - 1 PM **Opening ceremony** (*Tesla's Beacon of Knowledge Award Presentation: Nobel Laureate John Martinis and Infobip*)

3 PM - 7 PM **Step AI Forum**

8 PM - 10 PM **Cocktail Party**



Grand Hotel Adriatic, Congress Centre



Exhibition area



Cocktail party

STEP-AI FORUM PROGRAM

Opening presentation



From Artificial to Anorganic Intelligence
Zorislav Šojat and Karolj Skala
 Ruđer Bošković Institute

Iva Šulentić, moderator
 Hrvatska radiotelevizija (HRT)



Plenary presentations



From AI Policy to Economic Reality
Andrea Čović Vidović
 Head of Media and Deputy Head of European
 Commission Representation in Croatia



***Pre-incubation and Skill Development for
the Smart Industry Era***
Nina Begičević Ređep, Neven Vrčec
 University of Zagreb, FOI



Networking & Institutional Exchange
Anders Dam Jensen
 Executive Director, EuroHPC Joint
 Undertaking



***Industrial AI at Scale: From Connectivity to
Intelligent Infrastructure***
Damir Prusac
 President of Research Alliances, Infobip



***From Industry 4.0 to Industry 5.0: How AI is
Reshaping Automation – Implications for SMEs***
Dominic Gorecky
 Head of Swiss Smart Factory, Executive Board Member



***Solving Complex Problems Using Data and
Machine Learning***
Damir Kopljar
 Head of AI, CROZ



***AI Application Development
Framework: Multiagent Systems***
Slavko Vidović
 CEO, InfoDom



***Tools, Platforms, and Methodologies for
AI Application Development***
Aleks Buvač
 CEO, Own.Solutions



European AI & HPC Ecosystems and Cross-Border Value Chains

Oral and poster Presentation of AI Factory and AI Antennas



Pantheon Data Center Presentation

Presentation of the Pantheon AI Hyperscale Tier IV Data Center
 – A New Phase in Europe's Digital Transformation and AI
 Ecosystem Development

REGISTRATION

[Forum info site](#)

Registration can be made via [MIPRO portal](#)

CONTACTS

[MIPRO Croatian Society](#)
[CroAI \(Croatian AI Association\)](#)

FORUM REGISTRATION FEES *VAT included	Regular	CroAI and MIPRO members	IEEE members
FORUM FEE (includes Opening, Forum and Cocktail)	200 €	160 €	180 €
PARTICIPATION WITH 1 POSTER AT EXHIBITION applies to AI Factories and Antennas (additional fee)	100 €		

NOTE: We recommend applying by May 15th to support timely processing and organization.



Official language of the Forum is English. The Forum will be simultaneously translated into 64 languages.