## Tallinn Declaration on European Women Digital Leadership (ELEVATE)

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We, the founding Ministers, Industry Leaders and Government Advisors of the **ELEVATE - European Women Digital Leadership** initiative, gathered in Tallinn,

**Recognising** that Europe's digital future must be sovereign, secure, and inclusive, and that women play a vital role in delivering transformation across both the public and private sectors;

Acknowledging the urgency of strengthening Europe's competitiveness in artificial intelligence and critical technologies, digital infrastructure and digital resilience, while upholding our shared values of transparency, privacy, and citizen-centric digital services;

**Determined** to mobilize distinguished women as a coalition of implementers who bring diverse perspectives, foster collaboration and drive execution of digital cross-border projects;

**Committed** to complementing and amplifying existing networks of women in technology, and to raising awareness of the strategic role of female leadership in shaping Europe's digital future;

Hereby declare the establishment of the ELEVATE - European Women Digital Leadership initiative, with the following shared objectives:

- 1. Elevate female leadership in Europe's digital transformation at political, executive and entrepreneurial levels.
- 2. Forge strong bridges between public and private sector innovation.
- 3. Advance cross-border initiatives in artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, digital resilience and innovation, with measurable outcomes.
- 4. **Enhance Europe's resilience** and security through increased cooperation on digital capacity building.
- 5. **Strengthen Europe's global role** in digital innovation, policy alignment and technology development by promoting open cooperation.
- 6. **Drive tangible results** through a public tracker of successful female-led digital initiatives.
- 7. **Grow the next generation** of women digital leaders and ensure opportunities for mentorship and training.

The initiative remains open for additional digital leaders from both the public and private sectors, subject to invitation and approval by the founding members.

With this Declaration, we affirm our common vision and resolve to take coordinated action. We will work together to ensure that Europe's digital transformation is led with strength, sovereignty, resilience and inclusivity.

Signed in Tallinn, 9 October 2025

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