

*The excerpts below highlight key insights from a series of online articles covering the recent Paris Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit, a Boston Consulting survey outlining anticipated corporate spending on AI in 2025, and an announcement regarding ongoing AI investments in Ireland. Detailed references for all content can be found below.*

**Silicon Republic (2025) and Yahoo Finance (2025) highlight significant outcomes from the Paris AI Action Summit, where global leaders convened to discuss investment and opportunities in the sector. A global AI survey by the Boston Consulting Group (2025) presents intriguing insights into corporate adoption and the associated concerns regarding the technology. Meanwhile, the Business Post (2025) sheds light on U.S. concerns regarding EU AI regulations. Finally, RTE (2025) reports on a major AI job announcement in Ireland by US AI infrastructure company Crusoe.**



## **Key takeaways from the Paris AI Summit.**



**Silicon Republic(2025) summarises the main takeaways from the Paris AI Summit last week, from France seeking to pitch itself as a credible AI alternative to other world powerhouses, to the US reinforcing its desire for greater de-regulation in the area. It also reports significant AI funding announced by the EU at the summit:**

**Fresh funding from the EU comes a day after France announced a €109bn investment into AI.**

“Action”, “investments” and “opportunities” were some of the key takeaways from the third global artificial intelligence (AI) summit which drew to a close in Paris last week. Concluding the two-day summit held at the Grand Palais, European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen announced an additional €50bn in investments, on top of the €150bn already mobilised. Combined with France’s own separate €109bn investment into AI, the total funding pledged towards the technology arising out of the event has now crossed €300bn. “€10bn of the EU’s investment is earmarked for AI factories, of which 12 were already set up in “just a few months,” von der Leyen said. “This is not a promise – it is happening right now, and it is the largest public investment for AI in the world”. Over the weekend, French president Emmanuel Macron announced a more than €100bn AI investment over the next few years, in a bid to make France a leader in the latest chapter of the AI technology race. While on Monday, the EU ‘AI Champions’ initiative – a collective of more than 60 European companies – has pledged €150bn for “AI-related opportunities” in the continent for the next five years. The summit brought high-profile names under one roof, including US vice-president JD Vance, OpenAI’s CEO Sam Altman and Irish Taoiseach Micheál Martin to discuss the future of AI as well as the safety and sustainability of the technology.

Silicon Republic (2025)

## Unsurprisingly, the US pushed for de-regulation.

Vance emphasised the need for de-regulation while prioritising innovation in the AI space. Speaking at the second day of the event, he said: “I’m not here to talk about AI safety...I’m here to talk about AI opportunity. “We are too self-conscious, too risk-averse,” he added and argued that restrictions on AI would mean “paralysing one of the most promising technologies we have seen in generations”.

Vance criticised the EU’s regulations on Big Tech, especially the Digital Services Act (DSA) and said that some of the US’s “most productive companies” are “forced” to deal with regulations that push to take content down and police “so-called misinformation”. The EU’s DSA regulates online platforms and curtails disinformation by preventing illegal and harmful activities online.



Over the years, the Commission has investigated a number of US-based tech giants under the Act, including Amazon, X and Meta. “The Trump administration is troubled by reports that some foreign governments are considering tightening screws on US tech companies with international footprints. America cannot and will not accept that, and we think it’s a terrible mistake,” Vance added.

**On the other hand, as reported by the Business Post (2025), during a week when the U.S. has criticised EU regulations on AI, the Commission has pledged to create more straightforward and less cumbersome processes for AI implementation, all while retaining its comprehensive digital regulatory framework, according to sources.**

The European Commission has promised to withdraw and repeal more than 40 draft or pending laws as part of a bid to cut red tape for businesses, including rules that would have made it easier for consumers to seek redress for damage caused by artificial intelligence. In its 2025 work programme, which was released earlier this week, the commission provided a roadmap for 51 new non-binding initiatives and laws, including a digital package that includes new simplified rules on cybersecurity.

But while the EU’s economy commissioner, Valdis Dombrovskis, talked about a “broader assessment” of the bloc’s entire digital rulebook, he stopped short of promising a paring back rules around big tech firms that Donald Trump’s administration, and billionaire moguls such as Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg, have criticised. The move came in the same week as the AI Action Summit in Paris, where US vice-president JD Vance criticised EU tech regulation as too onerous and warned the bloc to approach AI technology without “trepidation”. Following the summit, US President Donald Trump also threatened retaliatory tariffs for governments that impose “burdensome regulatory requirements on United States businesses operating in other countries”.

Business Post(2025)

**Silicon Republic (2025) reports on the US and UK avoiding an AI agreement focused on safety. While the agreement emphasises priorities such as transparency, security, and trustworthiness, not all nations have committed to supporting it:**

The summit presented the opportunity for attending nations to sign an international agreement on AI that promotes 'inclusivity' and 'sustainability' for the people and the planet. However, while 60 countries signed the agreement – including China – the US and UK avoided inking their pledges to the agreement. Responding to news outlets, a spokesperson for the UK's prime minister said that the government would "only ever sign up to initiatives that are in UK national interests". "France remain one of our closest partners in all areas of AI," the spokesperson added.

Silicon Republic (2025)



Meanwhile, Forrester VP and principal analyst Thomas Husson said: "I'd be very surprised if all participants were to sign a meaningful political declaration at the summit. At best, there might be some generic consensus on AI risks. Is it a failure? Definitely not. French president Macron's agenda was not so much to reach an agreement, but to showcase France's assets in the AI race."

France made attempts during the summit to place itself as a meaningful alternative to the US, UK and China in the AI race. French president Emmanuel Macron referenced US president Donald Trump while speaking to an audience and said: "I have a good friend in the other part of the world saying 'drill baby drill'. "Here there is no need to drill. It's just 'plug, baby, plug', electricity is available." However, Macron's enthusiastic pitch inviting AI investments and businesses in the country, along with France's own more €100bn investment pledge, will ultimately not change much, explained Husson. "The US still dominates funding and investment in the infrastructure and is against any regulation," he said. Although, within Europe, France is still leading the AI charts, attracting 22pc of all venture capital investments into the technology. The country only trails behind the UK, which leads AI investments at 33pc.

Silicon Republic (2025)

According to Yahoo Finance (2025) "with the latest announcement, Macron is underscoring France's role in the AI ecosystem." Nearly half of the €109 billion announced by the French President comes from the UAE, whose ruler, Mohamed bin Zayed has made a commitment to spend €50 billion on AI.



**“This year, one in three companies globally is planning to allocate over \$25 million to AI.”**  
*Boston Consulting Group*

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## **One Third of Companies Plan to Spend More than \$25 Million On AI in 2025 Amid Widespread Optimism for Autonomous Agents.**

**According to BCG.com (2025), Boston Consulting Group (BCG)’s AI Radar global survey has captured the mood of global business executives when it comes to AI. The findings reveal both optimism and significant challenges in realising AI’s full potential. One key issue emerging is how companies can bridge the gap between their ambitions and reality while deriving meaningful value from their AI initiatives:**

In my discussions with CEOs, it’s clear they are prioritizing AI to drive productivity,” said Christoph Schweizer, CEO of BCG. He continues , “Leading AI adopters have cracked the code on how to achieve impact by focusing on a targeted set of AI initiatives, scaling them rapidly, transforming core processes, upskilling their teams, and systematically measuring operational and financial returns.”

BCG.com (2025)

### **How Leading Companies Stay Ahead of The Pack.**

Leading companies allocate more than 80% of their AI investments to reshaping core functions and inventing new offerings, while other companies focus 56% of their AI investments on smaller-scale, productivity-focused initiatives. Leaders also set clear goals and track top- and bottom-line impact. However, 60% of companies surveyed are failing to define and monitor any financial KPIs related to AI value creation.

Leading companies focus on depth over breadth, prioritizing an average of 3.5 use cases, compared with 6.1 use cases for other companies. These companies anticipate generating 2.1 times greater ROI on their AI initiatives than their peers.

### **Autonomous Agents: A Key Consideration in AI Transformation Worldwide.**

Agents are autonomous AI systems that achieve goals by using tools, analyzing data, and working across systems—with minimal human input. While still in the early days of deployment, 67% of executives are considering autonomous agents as part of their AI transformation, with optimism around agents consistent across geographies.

BCG.com (2025)

## Risks to Navigate.

Executives identified data privacy and security (66%), lack of control or understanding of AI decisions (48%), and regulatory challenges and compliance (44%) as the top three AI risks to navigate. Cybersecurity is a critical concern, with 76% of executives acknowledging that their AI cybersecurity measurements require further improvements.

BCG.com (2025)



## AI infrastructure company Crusoe announces 100 new Dublin jobs.

**A recent report from RTE (2025) reveals that Crusoe, a US-based artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure company, has declared the opening of its European headquarters in Dublin. This development is expected to generate approximately 100 jobs over the next three years.**

The company is hiring for multiple roles in Dublin across departments including networking, site reliability engineering, customer success, and support. Crusoe builds AI-optimised data centres.

In December 2023, the company announced its first data centre in Europe, which is located in Iceland and powered by geothermal energy. "Establishing our European Headquarters in Dublin marks another milestone in Crusoe's global strategy," said Chase Lochmiller, CEO and co-founder of Crusoe.

"Dublin's reputation as a world-class technology hub, and its exceptional talent pool, makes it the perfect location to forge stronger connections with our European customers and partners," Mr Lochmiller said. The investment by Crusoe is supported by the Government through IDA Ireland. "This announcement is a testament to the skilled technology workforce and thriving AI innovation ecosystem here," said Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment Peter Burke.

Michael Lohan, CEO of IDA Ireland, said Crusoe's announcement is a vote of confidence in the skilled workforce available in Ireland. "AI will be a key focus on our upcoming new strategy in IDA Ireland, so I am delighted to see companies like Crusoe join our technology ecosystem here.," Mr Lohan said.

RTE (2025)

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