

LinkedIn Notes from AI Day

Chris moderated a panel that included one of the lead organizers of the Paris summit, Anne Bouverot, Co-Chair of France's AI & Digital Council. Joining them was Business France captain Pascal Cagni and Zebox's Frédéric Guilleux. They opened by reflecting on progress made since the summit, including €109 billion in public and private commitments to AI spending, the announcement of several high-profile AI startups, a renewed focus on sovereignty, and recognition of France's and Europe's immense talent and potential.

The big challenges emphasized by both Bouverot and Cagni: big Corporates. While some progress has been made in digital transformation, it remains woefully inadequate. The pair were fairly blunt. AI represents a kind of last chance: If Europe's biggest companies don't seize this opportunity to reinvent themselves, the region risks falling permanently behind.

Hi Helen, Thank you! It was indeed a fantastic event on Monday. Still buzzing from all the great energy and insights. I'd be happy to help Chris with his article. Delphine posted her speech [here](#), and first selection of [photos](#) from the night. Please find below some info on the Corporate x Startup seen on stage but also featured in the Barometer: **Ruben and Natanel Djan, cofounders**

UpmeetUpmeet is an AI-powered meeting assistant that automatically transcribes, analyzes, and generates meeting minutes, allowing teams to focus on discussions. The company guarantees that data is hosted and processed exclusively in the EU, and invests in proprietary technology to limit dependence and diversify suppliers. **"Data control and localization are at the heart of our model: digital autonomy is a requirement, not an option."** **Cécile Lejeune, CEO Kantar France**Currently using Copilot, Cécile explained that Kantar France could use soon Upmeet instead of Copilot. JFD connects decision-makers and talents for strategic opportunities.**Léa Fleury, Co-founder & CEO**

OrdalieOrdalie develops proprietary analytical AI for researching, analyzing, and drafting legal content, with end-to-end technological expertise (in-house development, secure local hosting), while remaining agile in its choice of AI models to ensure a balance between autonomy, security, and operational efficiency. **"Our goal is to remain on a local, lean infrastructure to ensure sustainable autonomy and complete control over our technology."**

Stéphanie Zolesio, CEO Casino Real Estate & FinTechs, Casino GroupIn a context of strong budget constraints, technology should not be an expense, but a lever for immediate performance for teams. JFD accelerates this transformation by acting as a connector of sovereignty. We don't just source solutions; we align Casino's critical needs (reversibility, security) with the agility of Europe's top talent. The objective? To guarantee that each technological brick directly serves the human autonomy of franchisees.**Samia Gentil, Founder CibiliJob**CIBILIJob automates and secures in-booth applications via an AI-assisted phygital device designed for people who are digitally excluded, offering a local, personalized experience with no data disclosure. The solution is based on interchangeable AI bricks that meet stringent security, non-

discrimination, and performance requirements. It is testing European models such as Mistral with a view to full integration by mid-2026, thereby strengthening autonomy and digital sovereignty. **"Our architecture is evolving to ensure control over usage and limit dependencies, while guaranteeing security and performance."**—> Contracts signed with [La Poste](#)

[Group](#) and [Carrefour](#) **La Poste Group**For industrial and sensitive use cases, La Poste actively mobilises the European ecosystem. - **DALVIA**: a Generative AI project designed to help healthcare professionals analyse sensitive medical records. To guarantee sovereignty and data protection, La Poste chose to combine the model from French provider **Mistral AI** with the highly secure hosting services of **NumSpot**.- **DOC IA**: an information structuring solution based on documents, which also leverages Mistral and the European cloud provider **OVHcloud** to meet the trust requirements expressed by certain clients.

❤️ My key takeaways: 🌱 Leadership in AI is not about having models — it's about [hashtag#adoptionspeed](#).Europe doesn't lack talent or research. What we lack is fast, large-scale deployment inside real businesses.Corporate–startup collaboration must move from "support" to "integration." Startups don't need encouragement speeches. They need procurement, pilots, budgets, and internal sponsors. 🌱 AI is a productivity lever, not a branding exercise. The real goals are measurable: productivity gains, competitiveness, environmental impact reduction, and workforce transformation.Europe cannot stay a follower by design. Relying on a handful of non-European AI models is a strategic risk — economically, democratically, and in terms of sovereignty. 🌱 The window is narrow. Urgency is real.Training, deployment, and real-world experimentation must happen now, not in another strategy report.Leadership means execution. Followers wait.Panelists included @Anne Bouverot, Pascal Cagni, Frédéric Guelleux, moderated by Chris O'Brien.

At [hashtag#AIDay](#) today at [STATION F](#) 🚀 How to build leaders, not followers in AI?Europe has the talent, research and startups — what makes the difference is speed.As [Pascal Cagni](#) said this morning: adopt AI fast.Waiting is no longer an option — execution & fastness is what creates AI leaders.- With [Anne Bouverot](#), [Frédéric GUILLEUX](#) and [Chris O'Brien](#)

Today, ZEBOX was at the #AIDay by France Digitale at STATION F, a key moment to discuss how Europe can move from adopting AI to truly leading it.



Our CEO Frédéric GUILLEUX took part in a panel "How to build leaders, not followers in AI?", alongside Anne Bouverot, France's Special Envoy for AI and Chair of the AI & Digital Council, and Pascal Cagni, France's Ambassador for International Investments at Business France. The discussion was expertly moderated by Chris O'Brien from The French Tech Journal.

This topic strongly resonates with ZEBOX's mission. As the startup accelerator of the CMA CGM Group, our role is precisely to help transform cutting-edge AI innovation into real, scalable business impact. Building AI leaders means going beyond experimentation, connecting startups to concrete use cases, and enabling deployment at scale within global industrial groups.

At ZEBOX, we work every day with startups developing AI solutions, supporting them to move fast, think global and create long-term value for CMA CGM Group and our corporate partners. 

A great reminder that leadership in AI is built through strong ecosystems, bold industrial partnerships and execution at scale.

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