SANDBOX SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

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PROGRAM

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DAY 1	13 July 2026 – INTRODUCTION TO SANDBOX
8:00	*Breakfast* (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	**Welcome to the Sandbox Summer School** Lorrayne Porciuncula (Datasphere Initiative)
9:30	**Participants Soapbox** Mariana Rozo-Paz (Datasphere Initiative)
10:30	**Crash course on Sandboxes: What is a sandbox? Sandboxes for what?** Lorrayne Porciuncula (Datasphere Initiative)
12:30	*Lunch break* Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:00	**When to sandbox?** Thiago Moraes (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) Morine Amutorine (Datasphere Initiative)
15:00	**Prototype activity 1**: **The sandbox dilemma(s)** Maria Marinho (Datasphere Initiative)
16:30	*Wrap up of day 1* Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks *Pro-tip: Visit the Tower of Belém and try the Pastéis de Belém*
19:00	*Welcome dinner*

DAY 2	14 July 2026 – SANDBOXES IN ACTION (PART 1)
8:00	*Breakfast* (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	**Sandboxes in the financial sector** Simran Singh (UK Financial Conduct Authority) Miriam Dunne (Innovation Sandbox Program Central Bank of Ireland)

[1] Note: Speakers listed are invited speakers.

10:15	**Sandboxes for AI** Natalie Cohen (OECD) Chein Inn (Singapore) Daniel Ospina (Colombia's Superintendency of Industry and Commerce - AI Sandbox)
11:30	**Sandboxes for health** Hannah Bowden (UK AI Airlock) Natasha Motsi (UK AI Airlock) Setiaji Setiaji (Indonesia Regulatory Health Sandbox)
12:30	*Lunch break* Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:00	**Operational sandboxes** Jonathan Middleton (NayaOne) JB Norcott (Sandbox AQ)
15:00	**Prototype activity 2: "Solving Your Sandbox Problem"** Sophie Tomlinson (Datasphere Initiative) Mariana Rozo-Paz (Datasphere Initiative)
16:30	*Wrap up of day 2* Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks
18:30	*Walking tour of Lisbon*

DAY 3	15 July 2026 - STEP-BY-STEP OF A SANDBOX
8:00	*Breakfast (Coffee + Snacks)*
9:00	**Sandbox Initiation** Maria Marinho (Datasphere Initiative)
10:00	**Sandbox Planning** Mariana Rozo-Paz (Datasphere Initiative)
11:00	**Sandbox Communication & Engagement** Thiago Moraes (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
12:30	*Lunch break* Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!

13:30	**Sandbox Implementation** Lorrayne Porciuncula (Datasphere Initiative)
14:30	**Sandbox Exit & Evaluation** Sophie Tomlinson (Datasphere Initiative)
15:30	**Prototype activity 3: The sandbox design lab** Maria Marinho (Datasphere Initiative) Mariana Rozo-Paz (Datasphere Initiative)
16:30	***Wrap up of*** day 4 *Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks*
19:00	**Datasphere's surprise (fun) night!**

DAY 4	16 July 2026 – SANDBOXES IN ACTION (PART 2)
8:00	*Breakfast* (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	**Sandboxes and the private sector** Norberto de Andrade (IE University) Sam Jungyun Choi (Covington & Burling LLP) Dr. Jochen Papenbrock (NVIDIA)
10:30	**Sandboxes and the EU AI Act** As of August 1st, 2026, EU member states must establish regulatory sandboxes to support responsible AI experimentation. This session will unpack the EU AI Act's sandbox mandate and highlight leading examples of sandbox implementation across Europe. Alex Moltzau (EU Commission) Antonino Rotolo (EUSAiR) Marjorie Menapace (French National Commission for Information Technology and Civil Liberties - CNIL) Alany Reyes Pichardo (Dutch Data Protection Authority)
12:00	**Sandboxes for Cross-Border Collaboration** Suzane Muhereza (UNDP) Jochen Vermeulen (Europeana) Fola Adeleke (Global Center on AI Governance) Martin Hullin (Bertelsmann Stiftung)
12:30	***Lunch break*** Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:00	**Prototype activity 4: "In the Sandbox Together Co-creation"** Sophie Tomlinson (Datasphere Initiative)

	Mariana Rozo-Paz (Datasphere Initiative)
16:30	***Wrap up of** day 3 Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks*

DAY 5	17 July 2026 - Module 4: Sandbox Lab
8:00	*Breakfast* (Coffee + Snacks)
9:00	**Prototype activity 5: "The Sandbox Experience" Simulation** Maria Marinho (Datasphere Initiative) Mariana Rozo-Paz (Datasphere Initiative)
12:30	***Lunch break*** Leisurely, sit-down lunch to make new connections, deepen existing relationships, reminisce, and plan for the future!
14:00	**The Sandbox Circle** Sophie Tomlinson (Datasphere Initiative) Morine Amutorine (Datasphere Initiative)
16:30	**Sandbox Summer School Closing** Lorrayne Porciuncula (Datasphere Initiative) Miguel Poiares Maduro (Universidade Católica de Portugal) Delivery of certificates to participants that have concluded the course.
17:30	***Wrap up of** day 5* *Exchange and reflect on the day over coffee and snacks*
19:00	***Closing dinner***