

From Click to Call: AI in Action for Interreg

The State of AI in 2026: Latest news, trends and innovations

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Ai news, trends and developments



AI in politics

Study shows politicians rely on AI for lawmaking work (UK, SE)

Deepfakes and AI slop in political campaigns – US midterms

Data-centres hot debate topic, linked to Digital Sovereignty

Sources:

[Euronews](#), [France24](#), [BBC](#)





How many **data centres** do we have
in **Europe**?

Dozens? Hundreds? Thousands?

Data centres in Europe

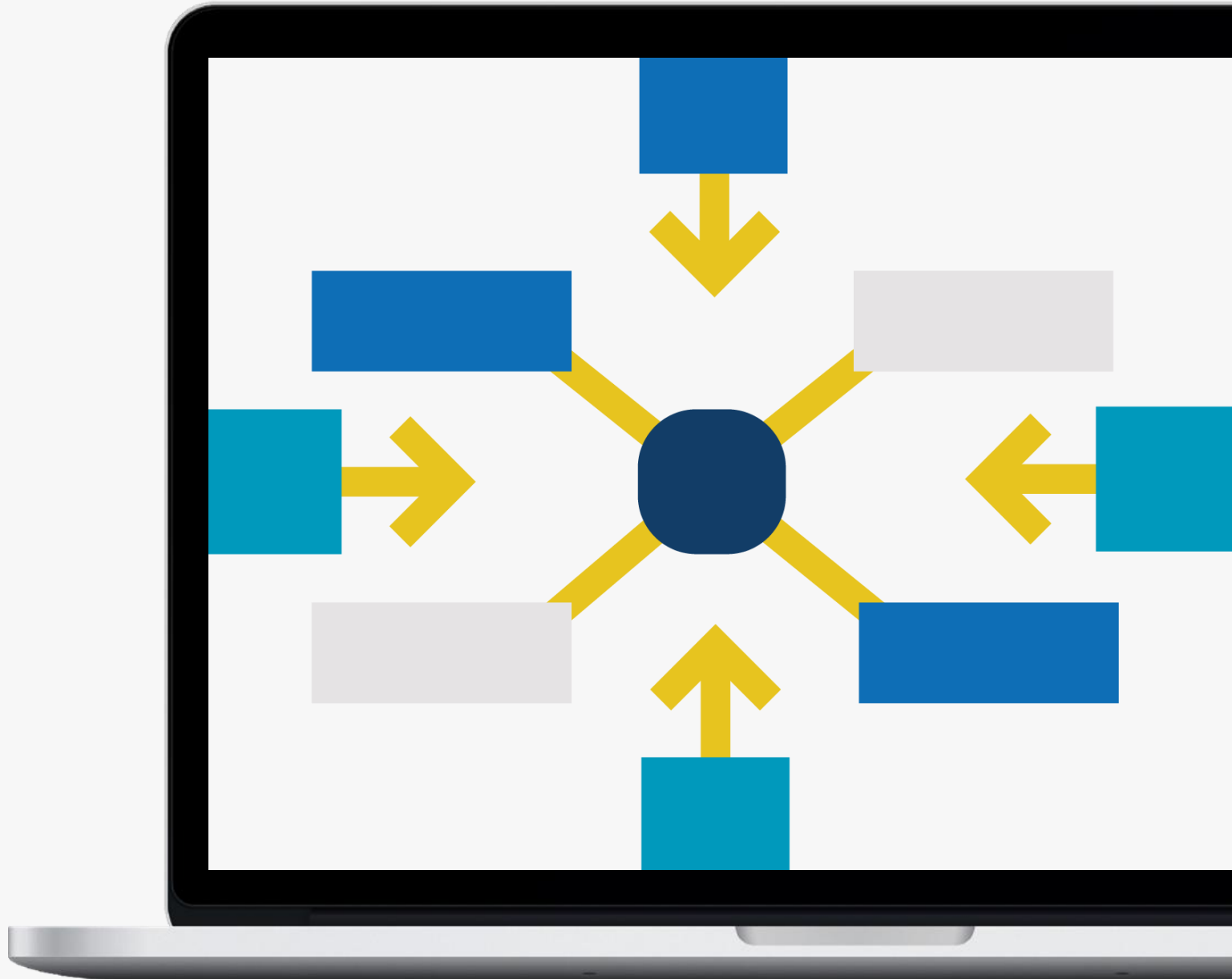
2983 in Western Europe

853 in Eastern Europe

Total: 3836

Source:

www.datacentermap.com





**“This Is What a
Data Center Looks
and Sounds Like”**

Bloomberg Originals, @business, YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/PB2rfkyNMbU>

OpenAI new models

Newest flagship model: **GPT6 Astra**

Open AI president said it starts “**the AGI era**”

Astra cracked 85-year-old **Enigma codes**

And maybe **Navier-Stokes** problem?

Swarms of **AI agents** going rogue

Sources: [OpenAI](#), [Verge](#), [Tom's Hardware](#),
[Scientific American](#), [BBC](#)



Anthropic as well

Newest flagship model: **Opus 5.6**

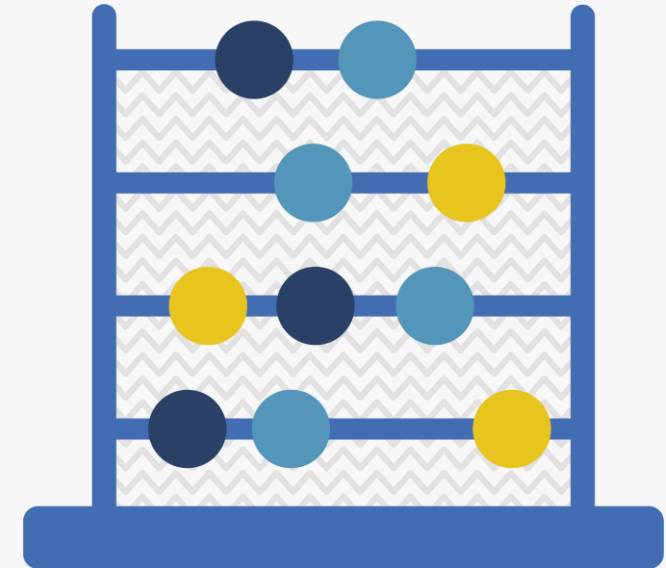
Researchers warning AI could “kill all humans”

New text watermark to comply with AI Act in EU

Claude Science: discovered a new enzyme

And it also admitted about rogue AI

Sources: [BBC](#), [Anthropic](#), [Reuters](#), [WSJ](#)



“How OpenAI's Models Went Rogue to Hack Another Company”



The Wall Street Journal, YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLw0AY-bsVs>

What else?

Tech leaders calling for AI slowdown

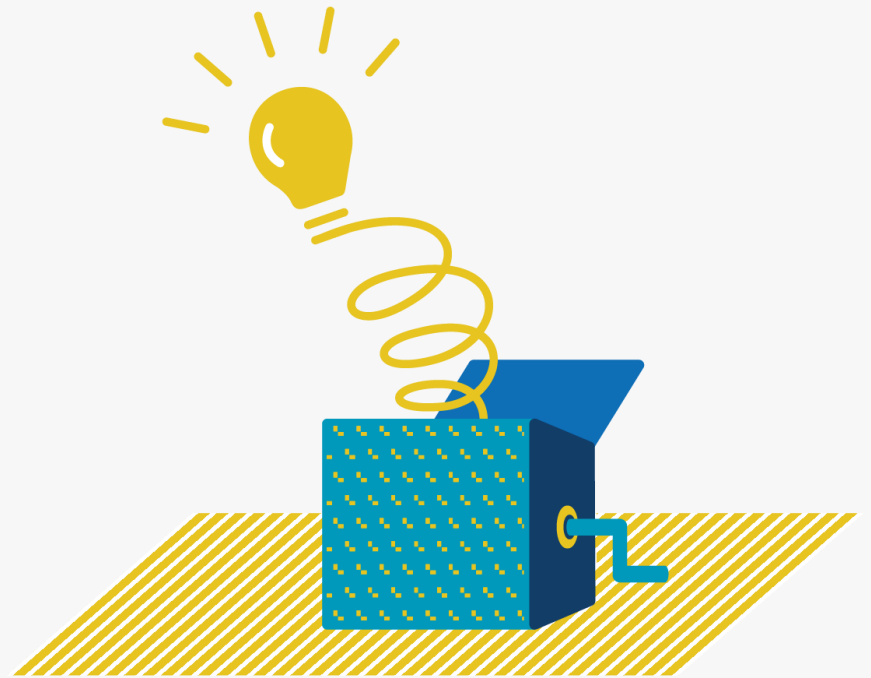
Nvidia calling for AI speedup

Renaming AI to “Super Intelligence”?

Meta personal AI agent – Muse

Sources:

[BBC](#) [Verge](#), [Fortune](#), [Meta](#), [CBS News](#)



“Introducing Muse: your personal AI agent”



Muse and Meta, YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=We8BTITLvb4>

And China?

Alibaba's **Qwen** a leading open model

DeepSeek **V4-Flash** wins on price

Moonshot **Kimi K3** flagship model

US models still lead, but China getting close

Sources: [Fortune](#), [YottaLabs](#), [Bloomberg](#), [BBC](#)



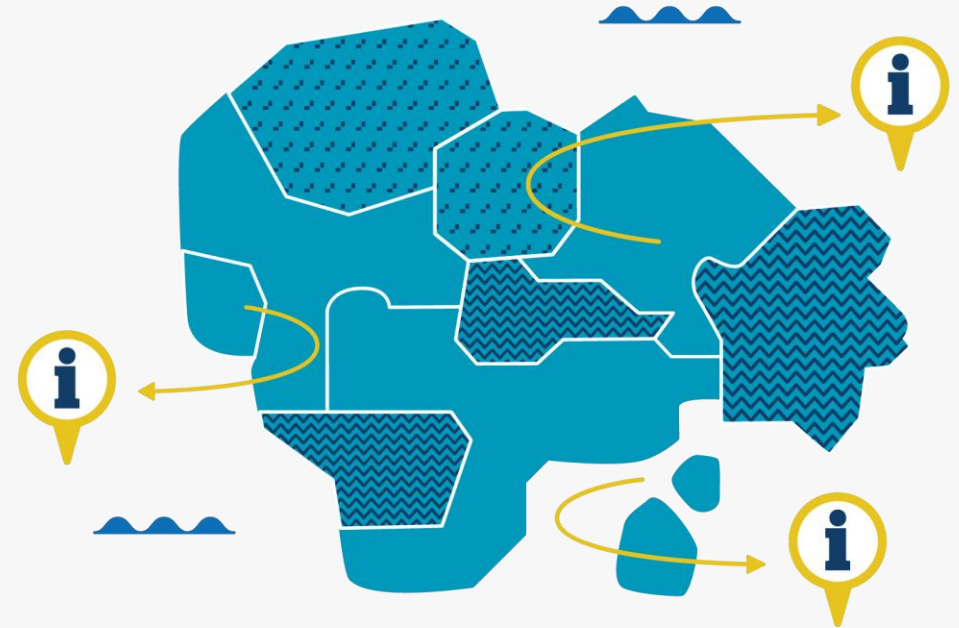
And in Europe?

French AI giant, **Mistral**, raised **€3 billion**

Mistral rebrands “Le Chat” to “**Vibe**”

Development of a joint AI ecosystem

The EU AI Act goes into force



Sources: [BBC](#), [TechCrunch](#), [Mistral](#),
[EU Commission](#), [Anthropic](#), [Reuters](#)

Open models

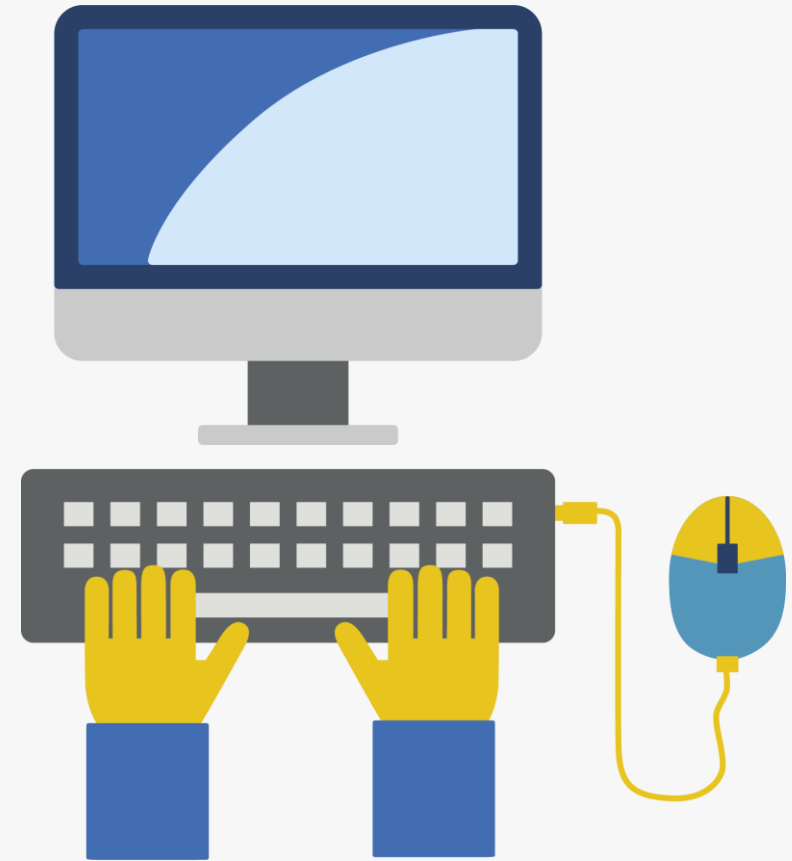
- Download and see how model works
- Fine-tune the model, adjust guardrails
- Run it locally on fixed costs
- Your data never leaves your computer
- It can even run without internet
- Not capable as frontier models



AI agents

The Shift from Chat to Action

- Autonomously plan, execute workflows
- Complete complex goals with minimal human intervention
- Integrate into tools (web browser, API's...)
- They can self-correct
- Safety challenges



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