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Technical standards will lead the path for the digital transition of the EU economy. The implementation of the digital strategy of the European Union (EU) heavily relies on the regulatory work of private entities, i.e. international and European standardisation organisations. From the Cyber Resilience Act and the Data Act to the Chips Act and the AI Act,the EU institutions refer to or endorse technical standards elaborated by private standardisation bodies for regulating the most technical aspects of digital technologies. These standards will thus become an integral part of the legal framework which companies will need to abide by if they want to operate in the European market. However, the involvement of technical standardisation in the regulation of digital technologies raises a number of legal questions pertaining to their role, their effects, and to the control that public institutions can exercise on their activities. Recent political, legal and jurisprudential developments in the EU have put the debate on the interplay between the law and private technical standards again in the spotlight.

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The conference aims at discussing the role and implications of the use of technical standardisation in relation to EU legislation on digital technologies. It will be hosted by the University of Padova in collaboration with Maastricht University and the University of Tübingen and it will take place on the 14-15 November 2024 in Padova (Italy). We invite early career scholars (i.e. PhD researchers, and scholars until 3 years after having obtained their PhDs) to submit abstracts of maximum 500 words in a topic related to the overarching theme of the conference. Relevant sub-themes are (but are not limited to):

- the use of harmonised standards in specific legislative acts related to the digital strategy;
- international standardisation in connection to the European standardisation eco-system;
- interdisciplinary perspectives on European standardisation;
- the role of public authorities and civil society in relation to standardisation activities

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