

THE CONTROL GAP

AI's adoption curve, by the numbers.

What one room full of technology leaders revealed about the state of AI — told entirely through the numbers they put on the table.

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02

67%

 vs.

18%

67% of people are already using AI in their day-to-day work.

Only **18%** of organizations have an AI governance framework in place.

That's not a gap. That's a chasm.

03

The other **82%** aren't behind schedule.

They don't have a schedule.

They're discovering their exposure one incident at a time.

04

50%+

of organizations have already had a negative AI-related incident in the past year.

3x

the increase in external cyberattacks over the past two years.

AI doesn't invent new weaknesses. It finds the old ones faster.

05

95%

of AI projects never make it past the pilot stage.

10/20/70

the tech / change management / people split effort should follow.

Most organizations invest in nearly the exact inverse.

06

3– 5x

what real adoption —
change management,
redesign, ongoing tuning
— can cost on top of the
license fee.

\$100B

estimated spend on the
infrastructure behind today's AI
systems.

Someone has to recover that spend eventually.

07

93%

of Europe's technology stack is non-European.

On infrastructure specifically, its presence is close to negligible. The cloud, the models, the chips — rented, from a handful of providers outside Europe.

08

Sovereignty was never about isolation.

It's about optionality.

A credible Plan B changes an organization's negotiating position — even if it's never activated.

09

The proof it's solvable

93%

reduction in manual processing work
EU Personnel Selection Office

95%

of the time, AI-powered pen testing
outperformed human testers
across 1,000+ tests

Not pilots. Measured outcomes.

THE TAKEAWAY

Control isn't lost by accident.

It's handed over — by failing to ask hard questions early enough. The organizations asking them now are the ones still standing when the next disruption arrives.

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