

Biography

Eric Thelen



Secretary of the Management Committee and Silicon Valley Hub Director

Eric Thelen has been working for EIT Digital since 2013 in various roles. Before being appointed as the Director of the EIT Digital Silicon Valley Hub, he led the Innovation and Education Operations team at the EIT Digital Headquarters in Brussels. He continues to serve in his role as the Secretary of the EIT Digital Management Committee.

Prior to joining EIT Digital, Eric has been an innovation executive at Philips, where he was (a.o.) CTO for the Home Monitoring Business Unit of Philips Healthcare and Sector Head for Balanced Lifestyle Solutions at Philips Research. Earlier in his career, Eric worked as a research scientist on automatic speech recognition and has been one of the founders of a startup initiative on cloud-based speech interface services.

Eric has an MA in electrical engineering from the Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule. As a German native whose European home is currently in The Netherlands, Eric has worked for several years on both U.S. coasts.



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