# PeaceTech Alliance
## Snapshot of Austria's Human-Centric PeaceTech Platform

## What is it?

### Dialogue & Events
A space for exchange through workshops, events, and hackathons organised by the PeaceTech Alliance — with additional supporter-led events where appropriate.

### Research & Policy Papers
We publish policy papers and research drawn from PTA event feedback, emerging PeaceTech trends, and the digital needs of peacebuilders.

### Accessible Media
Quick-read blogs, vlogs, and podcasts focused on human-centred PeaceTech — made for peacebuilders, not just technologists.

### Ethical Coalitions
Working across Austria and the EU to co-design ethical projects, joint bids, and funding proposals. PeaceTech Alliance supporters contribute to shaping priorities—ensuring alignment with shared values, peacebuilding needs, and digital innovation goals.

### Shared Governance
A collaborative model: bi-monthly steering group meetings with supporters help guide the Alliance's direction—aligning activities with national strategies, ethics, and field-informed priorities.

### Gaia-X Compliant Dataspaces
Building shared, decentralised digital spaces where peace-relevant data is securely stored, ethically governed, and easily accessed—without commercial misuse or loss of local control.

The PeaceTech Alliance is a new platform hosted by the Austrian Institute of Technology (AIT) to promote ethical, inclusive, and human-centric technology for peace. Supported by partners including Gaia-X Austria, the Austrian Centre for Peace, the Open Knowledge Foundation, and leading Austrian universities, the Alliance connects peacebuilders and technologists to co-create open, trusted digital tools. Through shared governance, accessible research, and Gaia-X-compliant data spaces, it supports Austria's growing role in PeaceTech and contributes to broader European efforts on data sovereignty and ethical innovation.

## Why It Matters

### Access to Digital Training
67% of local peacebuilders lack access to training on digital tools.
*Source: CSPPS – Building Back Better in the Digital Era*

### Local Input in Tool Design
Only 1 in 10 digital tools involve local peacebuilders in their design.
*Source: Berghof Foundation & USIP – Digital Inclusion in Mediated Peace Processes*

### Unreliable Internet & Infrastructure
Over 50% of peacebuilders report unreliable internet or digital infrastructure.
*Source: UN General Assembly (2023) – Digital Divide*

### Peace AI and the Conflict Mismatch
Over 90% of AI training data comes from Europe and North America, while 83% of conflicts occur in the Global South.
*Source: MIT Technology Review (2024); SIPRI Yearbook (2024)*

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