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The Quotes That Defined G4I 2026

The sharpest lines from three days
in Madrid — worth sharing further
than the room they were said in.



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**Governments do not scale
with AI — they scale
with data.**

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Ana Rita Pereira — Microsoft
AI in Action: From Policy to Implementation

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**If it doesn't work for
the ordinary citizen, it
doesn't truly work at all.**

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Juan Corro — Managing Director of IAM, Madrid City Council
AI in Action: From Policy to Implementation

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**Government technology should
not merely work. It should become
a love mark — beautiful, modern,
and desirable to use.**

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Valeriya Ionan — Strategic Adviser, Ukraine's Ministry of Digital Transformation
Innovating Under Pressure: From Digital State to Agentic State



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“If you are not procuring outcomes, you are procuring problems.”

Idoia Ortiz de Artiñano — CEO, GOBE Studio
GovTech Compass Launch Session



“Governments that lock themselves into vendor-specific architectures, however powerful, lose the strategic flexibility they need to adapt.”

Leanne Cummings — Director, Government Digital Service, United Kingdom
Beyond Legacy: Building Governments That Work



“GovTech really needs to bring these worlds together — the public and the private sector. And that’s what the event is all about.”

Jonas Onland — Chief Vision Officer, Serendipity Tech
G4I Expert Committee



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“This is courageous leadership in action. This is the future the world deserves — starting in Europe and scaling globally.”

Rian Van Dam — Mayor of Hollands Kroon; Chair, Mayors Leadership Forum
Mayors Leadership Forum



“Europe doesn’t need more pilots — it needs shared infrastructures to scale innovation.”

Vito Episcopo — Deputy Mayor of Granada
Mayors Leadership Forum



“GovTech 4 Impact demonstrates what is possible when global leaders move beyond dialogue and focus on execution, partnership, and meaningful public impact.”

George Burciaga — Partner, The US Roundtable & Elevate
Fostering and Defending Digital Nations



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Data should not be treated as oil to be extracted and refined — but as soil, locally stewarded and improved through participation.

Audrey Tang — Taiwan's first Digital Minister

Fireside Chat: Trustworthy Public Systems in an Age of Rapid Change



Identity is not meaningful because it is issued. It is meaningful because it is usable.

Pramod Varma — Co-Architect, India's Aadhaar; Co-Chair, CDPI India
Digital Public Infrastructure Fireside Chat



If you do not define your place in this ecosystem, the ecosystem will define it for you.

Christine Bellamy — Interim Director General, UK Government Digital Service
Trust at Scale: Building Citizen-Centred Services in the Age of AI Agents



— CLOSING LINE —

**The answers to
the hardest questions
in digital government
already exist.
The work is not to
invent them.
The work is to
connect them.**