



AI-Driven INNOVATION in NORWAY



24.11.2025 - Clarion Hotel Energy

Stavanger AI Laboratory (SAIL), on behalf of the University of Stavanger (UiS), is organizing an event to explore opportunities in Norway to stimulate collaboration and development of AI in the industry.

In collaboration with key partners, we invite researchers, industry leaders, and representatives from the public sector to join us and contribute to shaping the future of AI-driven innovation and sustainable development in the region.

PART 1

8:15 - 9:00 Welcome coffee

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome by Alvaro Fernandez-Quilez, SAIL leader.

9:15 - 10:00 Keynote
Kristinn Rúnar Þórisson
"Transparent & trustworthy machine intelligence: A future Nordic AI vision".

10:00 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:00 Presentations: AI-based projects at UiS.

PART 2

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:30 Presentations: AI-based projects at UiS.

14:30 - 14:45 Break

14:45 - 15:45 Panel debate. *"The development of the AI industry in Norway"*. Moderator Tom Ryen, Head of department at UiS & chairman at NORA.

15:45 - 16:00 Mingle



Dr. Kristinn R. Thórisson is Professor of Computer Science at Reykjavik University and Director of the Icelandic Institute for Intelligent Machines. During his 30+ years of applied and basic research in AI, Dr. Thórisson has created and taught AI courses at Columbia University, KTH, and Reykjavik U., consulted for NASA, British Telecom, HONDA Research Labs, and numerous AI startups. He has co-founded three AI companies, one of which received funding from Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen and was selected one of the 10 most innovative startups in the US by Reuters Venture Capital in 2003. For the past two decades, Dr. Thórisson and his team at RU have developed a different kind of AI that can learn new tasks from scratch via recursive autonomous self-programming. Dr. Thórisson has been an advisor on AI to the Prime Minister of Iceland and to the Swedish government. He is a three-time recipient of the Kurzweil Award for his work on artificial general intelligence. Dr. Thórisson holds a Ph.D. from MIT.

Note: This event is free of charge. Once registration is confirmed, we will reserve your place and include you in the lunch count. Therefore, if you are unable to attend without prior notice, you may be asked to cover the cost of your meal.