

The future of AI in the EU: a preliminary analysis of the new proposal for a Regulation

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Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**LAYING DOWN HARMONISED RULES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
(ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT) AND AMENDING CERTAIN UNION
LEGISLATIVE ACTS**

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The proposal: Rationale

Rationale: protection of fundamental rights in the face of threats and risks linked to the development of AI
Goals/Strengthening innovation

Horizontal regulatory framework – not limited to specific sectors – proportional response to risk

Concept of AI: broad definition, any software that is developed using one or more of the techniques and strategies listed in Annex I and that can, for a given set of objectives defined by human beings, generate output information such as content, predictions, recommendations or decisions that influence the environments with which it interacts (Art. 3. 1).

Annex I techniques and strategies: Machine learning strategies, including supervised, unsupervised and reinforcement learning, which employ a wide variety of methods, including deep learning. Strategies based on logic and knowledge, especially the representation of knowledge, inductive programming (logic) knowledge bases, inference and deduction engines, expert and (symbolic) reasoning systems. Statistical strategies, Bayesian estimation, search methods and optimization

The proposal: Purpose

Normas armonizadas para la introducción en el mercado, la puesta en servicio y explotación de sistemas de inteligencia artificial («sistemas de IA») en la Unión;

Prohibiciones de determinadas prácticas de inteligencia artificial;

Requisitos específicos para los sistemas de IA de alto riesgo y obligaciones para los operadores de dichos sistemas;

Normas armonizadas de transparencia aplicables a los sistemas de IA destinados a interactuar con personas físicas, los sistemas de reconocimiento de emociones y los sistemas de categorización biométrica, así como a los sistemas de IA usados para generar o manipular imágenes, archivos de audio o vídeos;

Normas sobre el control y la vigilancia del mercado.

Risk classification

- Unacceptable Risk (Art.5)
- High risk
- Limited risk
- Minimal risk



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1 A legal framework on AI

We propose rules to make sure that **#AI** systems used in the EU are safe.

They will be categorised by risk:

-  Unacceptable
-  High risk
-  Limited risk
-  Minimal risk

More on risk categories → europa.eu/!nM44KU
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Unacceptable risks

Prohibited artificial intelligence practices:

- a) The placing on the market, putting into service or use of an AI system that uses subliminal techniques that transcend a person's consciousness to substantially alter his or her behaviour in a way that causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm to that person or another person.
- b) ... that exploits any of the vulnerabilities of a specific group of persons due to their age or physical or mental disability to substantially alter the behaviour of a person belonging to that group in a way that causes or is likely to cause physical or psychological harm to that person or another.
- c) The placing on the market, putting into service or use of AI systems by or on behalf of public authorities for the purpose of assessing or classifying the reliability of natural persons over a given period of time on the basis of their social behaviour or known or predicted personal or personal characteristics or personality (social scoring)
- d) The use of "real-time" remote biometric identification systems in publicly accessible spaces for law enforcement purposes (with caveats)

Unacceptable risks

Real-time remote biometric identification systems unacceptable risk?/high risk
Prohibited "in real time" in publicly accessible spaces for law enforcement purposes

Exceptions (conditional on compliance with certain requirements):

(i) the targeted search for potential specific victims of a crime, including missing children;

(ii) the prevention of a specific, significant and imminent threat to the life or physical safety of natural persons or of a terrorist attack;

(iii) the detection, tracing, identification or prosecution of the person who has committed or is suspected of having committed a serious crime

High-risk systems

Classification according to its potential to harm fundamental rights taking into account the role played by AI and the specific purposes for which its use is contemplated

) the AI system is intended to be used as a safety component of one of the devices listed in Annex II, or is itself one of those devices; (conformity assessment carried out by an independent body for placing on the market or putting into service).

systems listed in Annex II, biometric systems used in public spaces, systems used to send medical aid or firefighters; used to determine access to education, employment, credit, social benefits, verification of information relating to criminal offenses, or limitation of a person's liberty; crime or altercation prediction systems for allocating surveillance resources; visas; and assistance to judges.

High-risk systems: requirements

High-risk systems permitted but subject to certain requirements and a conformity assessment to be placed on the market, put into service and use

Risk management system (Art.9)

Data and data governance (Art.10)

Documentation and registration (Arts. 11 and 12)

Transparency and communication of information to users (art.13)

Human supervision (art.14)

Precision, robustness and cybersecurity (art.15)

High-risk systems: conformity assessments

Conformity assessment (Art. 30 to 51)

The supplier is the one who, as a general rule, must carry out the conformity assessment under his own responsibility,

Exception: AI systems which are intended to be used for the remote biometric identification of persons to the extent that they are not prohibited, provision should be made for a notified body to participate in the conformity assessment

High-risk systems: requirements

Requirements imposed on:

Suppliers and their authorized representatives

Manufacturers of Annex II products

Importers and distributors

Limited risk systems

systems intended to interact with natural persons

emotion recognition system or a biometric categorization system

system that generates or manipulates image, sound or video content that significantly resembles existing people, objects, places or other entities or events, and that may mislead a person into thinking they are authentic or true (ultra-counterfeiting),

specific transparency obligations, in order to make users aware that they are interacting with a machine

Sistemas de riesgo mínimo

Other uses, for video games, image applications or other AI systems that do not involve risks
excluded
voluntary codes of conduct

Governance

Each Member State should designate one or more national authorities competent to supervise implementation and control; as well as market surveillance, the creation of a European Artificial Intelligence Committee will facilitate its implementation and promote the creation of AI regulation.

Creating a data specific to independent (non-product-integrated) high-risk AI systems
voluntary codes of conduct for AI that does not involve a high risk,
controlled testing spaces (regulatory sandboxes) to facilitate responsible innovation.

Sanctions

Thresholds:

- EUR thirty million or 6 % of the total annual worldwide turnover of the previous financial year, with the highest amount being for infringements for non-compliance or prohibited practices in relation to data requirements;
- EUR 2 million or 4 % of the total annual worldwide turnover of the previous financial year for non-compliance with any other requirement or obligation of the Regulation;
- EUR ten million or 2 % of the total annual worldwide turnover of the previous financial year for the provision of incorrect, incomplete or misleading information to notified bodies and national competent authorities in response to a request.

Final Considerations

pects (+)

regulatory framework in this area
based rather than sectoral approach
is heavily on EU product safety regulations (Harmonize)
line against certain practices/ prohibition of social scoring

pects (-)

of the most harmful uses are not prohibited/high risk (EDRi))
ly charged with enforcing the RAI will have to determine when a system is manipulative or exploitative, so
effect depends on future measures.
not consider algorithms used in social media, search, online retail, app stores, mobile apps, or mobile
ating systems to be high-risk
s to the information that should be disclosed to people who are affected by AI systems.
ormity assessment is a procedure, not a document, and an internal check for most high-risk AI system
ders; there is no audit report for the public or regulator to review.

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