

The AI Act – Building trust in EU innovation

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The AI Act comes at a time of increasing technological changes and opportunities. With the goal of upholding Europe's technological prominence and providing citizens access to groundbreaking applications, the European Commission aims to create a balance between fostering and preserving innovation and enhancing people's trust in human-centric AI solutions. This balance depends on the collaboration of all relevant stakeholders and the exchange of best practices to establish an effective regulatory framework for AI technologies and their oversight in Europe.

The event seeks to serve as a platform of exchange on these priority areas and discuss how AI systems should be handled in Europe.

Draft agenda

15:00 – 15:30 **Registration**

15:30 – 15:45 **Opening remarks: Setting the scene for AI technologies in Europe**

MEP Svenja Hahn (Renew, DE), AI Act Shadow rapporteur for the European Parliament's Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO)

MEP Petar Vitanov (S&D, BG), AI Act Shadow rapporteur for the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

15:45 – 15:50 **Keynote on the need for cooperation between European stakeholders on the AI front**

MEP Sergey Lagodinsky (Greens, DE), AI Act Shadow rapporteur for the European Parliament's LIBE Committee and for the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI) (recorded)

15:50 – 16:15 **Fireside chat: "Powering the European AI ecosystem"**

This session will assess the AI Act's potential impact and evaluate implementation needs and support measures necessary to promote innovation and AI uptake within the entire ecosystem, from both an institutional and SME perspective.

Speakers: MEP Eva Maydell (EPP, BG), AI Act Rapporteur for the European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), Cédric O, Co-founding Advisor, Mistral AI

Moderator: Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl (DIGITALEUROPE's DG)

16:15 – 16:45

AI and manufacturing technologies: ethical and functional human-machine interaction

This session will delve into AI's applications in advanced manufacturing and the importance of smart regulation for ethical control as well as the prevalence of low-risk AI applications that enhance worker-machine collaboration in industrial settings.

Speakers: Paul Ribus, CEO FANUC Benelux; Tatjana Evas, Legal and Policy Officer at the EC DG Connect (TBC); Daniel Leufer, Senior Policy Analyst at Access Now.

Moderator: Gabriele Favaro', CECIMO Policy Officer

16:45 – 17:15

Fit for the health sector: Re-imagining MDR/IVDR conformity assessment in light of the AI Act

This session will explore the conformity assessment process of notified bodies designated under the Medical Device Regulation and in vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation and the potential implications of the AI Act.

Speakers: Andreas Purde, Global Director Functional Safety, Software and Digitization Medical Devices, TÜV SÜD, Geoffrey De Visscher, Head of Notified Body, SGS

Moderator: Koen Cobbaert (Senior Manager, Quality, Standards & Regulations, Philips)

17:15 – 17:30

Closing remarks and next steps

MEP Petar Vitanov (S&D, BG), AI Act Shadow rapporteur for the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)

Annabel Seebohm, Secretary General, COCIR

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