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Regulation of Artificial Intelligence in the EU

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Topic:
The EU rules on artificial intelligence aim at laying down a uniform legal framework in particular for the development, the placing on the market, the putting into service and the use of artificial intelligence systems (AI systems) in the Union, in accordance with Union values, and to promote the uptake of human centric and trustworthy artificial intelligence (AI) while ensuring a high level of protection of health, safety and fundamental rights.

Rules on artificial intelligence (AI) for the Member States and for the EU

Public international law background:
Council of Europe Framework Convention on AI No 225
OECD AI Principles (2024)

EU primary law on AI

- [CFR: protection of health, safety, fundamental rights];
- Art. 16 TFEU: data protection (substantive rule and legal basis provision);
- Art. 114 TFEU: internal market;

EU secondary law

Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 (EU AI Act)

Various exclusions apply, namely for military, defense and national security, see Art. 2(3)

Phased applicability, fully applicable as of 2 August 2027

Supplemented by an important body of "softlaw"

Codes of Practice
In order to contribute to the proper application of the AI Act, facilitated by the AI Office (Art. 56 AI Act), e.g.:
- General-Purpose AI Code of Practice (2025)

Implementing **Guidelines**
Developed by the Commission (Art. 96 AI Act), e.g.:
- Guidelines on the definition of an artificial intelligence system (2025);
- Guidelines on prohibited artificial intelligence practices (2025);
- Guidelines for providers of general-purpose AI models (2025).

Codes of Conduct
Voluntary, industry-led commitments that go beyond or complement the legal requirements, facilitated by the AI Office or by Member States (Art. 95 AI Act)

Reviewed in the *Digital Omnibus on AI*:

Regulation (EU) 2026/1744 as regards the simplification of the implementation of harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (compare with ***Chart 8/69***); see Consolidated text of the AI Act after the simplification.

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