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The Artificial Intelligence Act (“AI Act”): Making the EU a world-class human-centric and trustworthy AI hub

The [European AI Strategy](#) aims to make the EU a world-class hub for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and to ensure that AI is human-centric and trustworthy. Such an objective translates into the [European approach to excellence and trust](#) through concrete rules and actions. In April 2021, the Commission presented its AI package which includes:

- Its [Communication on fostering a European approach to AI](#);
- A [review of the Coordinated Plan on Artificial Intelligence](#) (with EU Member States);
- Its [proposal for a regulation laying down harmonised rules on AI \(“AI Act”\)](#) and [relevant impact assessment](#).

Access to high quality data is an essential factor in building high performance, robust AI systems. Initiatives such as the [EU Cybersecurity Strategy](#), the [Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act](#), and the [Data Governance Act](#) provide the right infrastructure for building such systems. Each of these legal instruments must be coordinated with each other as well as with the GDPR.

This session will provide participants with a detailed understanding of the general objective of the AI Act as well as the specific objectives of the AI Act which include ensuring that AI systems placed on the European market are safe and respect existing European law, ensuring legal certainty to facilitate investment and innovation in AI, enhancing governance and effective enforcement of European law on fundamental rights and safety requirements applicable to AI systems, and facilitating the development of a single market for lawful, safe and trustworthy AI applications and prevent market fragmentation. We will furthermore explore the risk-based approach adopted by the legislator as well as key governance, enforcement, and sanctionary aspects of the Act.

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