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Artificial Intelligence for Europe

& links to standardisation

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Communication of 25 April 2018 :

AI FOR GOOD AND FOR ALL

Large economic and societal benefits
BUT Fierce international competition

Financing: R&I & deploy + Data

Evolution of the labour landscape & skills gaps

Acceptance/Ethical issues
Inclusivity: AI available/Usable for All
Trust & Data
Legal framework & liability

➔ Standardisation and interoperability Challenges

AI Communication & Standards

> *Testing of and experimenting* *with AI products and services is crucial to make them market ready, ensure compliance with* **safety standards.**

> *The EU* **safety** *framework [...] has led to the development of a* **solid body of standards** *in the area of* **AI-enabled devices** *that is continuously being* **adapted** *in line with technological progress.*

> *The further development and* **promotion** *of such* **safety standards** *and* **support** *in* **EU and international standardisation organisations** *will help enable European businesses to benefit from a* **competitive** *advantage, and increase* **consumer trust***.*

> *Standards should also cover* **interoperability***, which is crucial for offering* **consumers greater choices** *and ensuring* **fair competition***.*

European
Commission

Joining forces EC with MS

**All Member States
+ Norway + Swizerland
signed a Declaration of cooperation on
Artificial Intelligence.**

7 December 2018: Coordinated plan on AI published

**Member States agreed to work together on:
- ensuring Europe's competitiveness in the research and deployment of AI
- dealing with social, economic, ethical and legal questions**

European
Commission | Digital
Single Market

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Coordinated Plan on AI & Standards

> *Standardisation will also be essential for the development of AI in the Digital Single Market, helping notably to ensure interoperability*

> *data [...] made interoperable[...] data formats that are open, FAIR, machine readable, standardised and documented, both in the interaction between public and private sectors, within sectors and across sectors*

> *The Public Sector Information (PSI) directive [...] reuse of such data by businesses [...] facilitating aggregation [...] interoperable data and meta-data formats as well as the deployment of standardised Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) based on the European Interoperability Framework (EIF)*

> *[...] promote the accessibility, interoperability and re-usability of data in the sectors of high relevance for AI, such as health, environment, mobility, security, migration and a sustainable and circular bioeconomy and food system.*

Coordinated Plan on AI & Standards

> *facilitate access to, connectivity, **interoperability** and aggregation of public data [...] Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for accessing data of dynamic nature. [...] **support the definition and application of data and metadata standards** in close cooperation with relevant stakeholders (e.g. European standardisation bodies). The Commission is planning to make available up to **EUR 100 million** from Horizon 2020 (H2020) and Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).*

> *The Commission will also support building rare disease registries. [...]**interoperability** [....] support clinical research and decision making.*

> ***Member States** are encouraged to connect existing and planned national **investments in platforms with EU** level activities in order to **ensure scale up and interoperability**.*
>
> *[...] creation of a **common European Data Space** that makes data easily available **for re-use** to innovators, businesses and public sector for up to **EUR 1 billion** through the Digital Europe Programme*

> *The joint development of **international standards** will facilitate **AI deployment and acceptance**.*

EC initiatives on AI

High-Level Expert Group on AI

AI Alliance

European AI on Demand Platform

AI-Watch

Additional activities

Looking ahead: Digital Europe Programme

High-Level Expert Group on AI
➔ Draft ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI

➔ **Working Document for stakeholders' consultation published on 18 Dec.**
➔ **This week: Publication of updated document**

I.   **Foundations of trustworthy AI**
II. **Realising trustworthy AI**
   1. Requirements of trustworthy AI
   2. Technical and non-technical methods to realise trustworthy AI
III. **Assessing Trustworthy AI**

➔ IMPACT ON STANDARDS

➔ NB: the high level expert group proposes a definition of AI

H2020 ICT Work Programme 2018-20 EUROPEAN AI-ON-DEMAND PLATFORM

- 20 M€, 3 years, 71 partners from 21 countries

- Develop a **European AI ecosystem**

  - knowledge, algorithms, tools and resources available and making it a compelling solution for users, especially from non-tech sectors.

- **Build on** and **link to existing** relevant initiatives

  - platforms, data repositories, cloud computing, HPC, etc.

- Facilitate the **interaction** with existing **data portals**, and **resources** → **support interoperability**

- **Connect** and cooperate with other relevant activities of this **work programme**

  - DIHs, pilots, etc.

MONITORING: AI WATCH

https://ec.europa.eu/knowledge4policy/ai-watch/about_en

Monitoring the uptake of AI across the economy and the impact on the labour market

Monitoring Policy initiatives in Member States

Monitor technology and capacity:

- Benchmarking the technical capabilities

- Showcasing current capabilities

- AI index

➔ providing a realistic understanding of where the technology stands

➔ Needs commonly agreed terminlogy/vocabulary

StandICT.eu

- **Supporting European Experts contribution to International ICT Standardisation Activities**
  https://www.standict.eu/
  - *ICT **STANDARDS** AND ONGOING WORK AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IN THE **AI** FIELD - **A LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS***

COVΞR

- **COVR — cobot safety certification -**
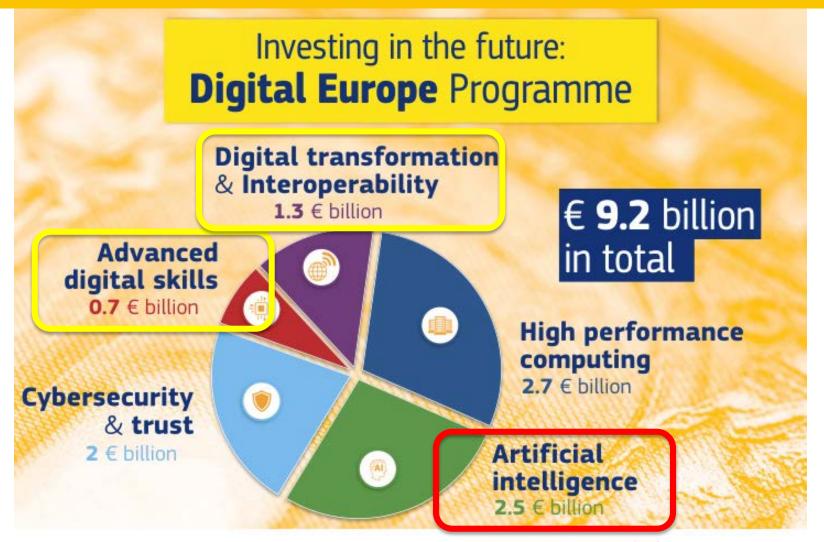 http://safearoundrobots.com/
  Help companies (technically and financially) to analyze, test and validate the safety

- **Study on Standards Landscaping and Gap Analysis on the Safety of Autonomous Robots Controlled on AI**
  - Special focus on health, domestic, industrial and field robots

- **Rolling Plan on ICT Standardisation:** identifies ICT standardisation activities in support of EU policies.
  - **Big Data (top priority)**
  - **Robotics**
  - **Artificial Intelligence**

Investing in the future: **Digital Europe** Programme

Digital transformation & **Interoperability**
1.3 € billion

€ **9.2** billion in total

Advanced digital skills
0.7 € billion

High performance computing
2.7 € billion

Cybersecurity & **trust**
2 € billion

Artificial intelligence
2.5 € billion

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Thank you

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