Responsible AI From Research to Practice

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Table 1: Overview of EU Legislations in the Digital Sector

Research & Innovation	Industrial Policy	Connectivity	Data & Privacy	IPR	Cybersecurity	Law Enforcement	Trust & Safety	E-commerce & Consumer Protection	Competition	Media	Finance
Digital Europe Programme Regulation, <u>(EU) 2021/694</u>	Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation, (EU) 2021/241	Frequency Bands Directive, (EEC) 1987/372	ePrivacy Directive, (EC)2002/58, 2017/0003(COD)	Database Directive, (EC) 1996/9	Regulation for a Cybersecurity Act, (EU) 2019/881, 2023/0108(COD)	Law Enforcement Directive, (EU) 2016/680	Product Liability Directive (PLD), (EEC) 1985/374, 2022/0302(COD)	Unfair Contract Terms Directive (UCTD), (EEC) 1993/13	EC Merger regulation, (EC) 2004/139	Satellite and Cable Directive, (EEC) 1993/83	Common VAT system, (EC) 2006/112, 2022/0407(CNS)
Horizon Europe Regulation, (EU) 2021/695, (EU) 2021/764	InvestEU Programme Regulation, (EU) 2021/523	Radio Spectrum Decision, (EC) 2002/676	European Statistics, (EC) 2009/223, 2023/0237(COD)	Community Design Directive, (EC) 2002/6, 2022/0391(COD)	Regulation to establish a European Cybersecurity Competence Centre, (EU) 2021/887	Directive on combating fraud and counterfeiting of non-cash means of payment, (EU) 2019/713	Toys Regulation, (EC) 2009/48, 2023/0290(COD)	Price Indication Directive, (EC) 1998/6	Technology Transfer Block Exemption, (EU) 2014/316	Information Society Directive, (EC) 2001/29	Administrative cooperation in the field of taxation, (EU) 2011/16
Regulation on a pilot regime for distributed ledger technology, <u>(EU) 2022/858</u>	Connecting Europe Facility Regulation, (EU) 2021/1153	Open Internet Access Regulation, (EU) 2015/2120	General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), (EU) 2016/679	Enforcement Directive (IPR), (EC) 2004/48	NIS 2 Directive, (EU) 2022/2555	Regulation on interoperability between EU information systems in the field of borders and visa, (EU) 2019/817	European Standardization Regulation, (EU) 2012/1025	E-commerce Directive, (EC) 2000/31	Company Law Directive, (EU) 2017/1132, 2023/0089(COD)	Audio-visual Media Services Directive (AVMSD), (EU) 2010/13	Payment Service Directive 2 (PSD2), (EU) 2015/2366, 2023/0209(COD)
	Regulation on High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking, (EU) 2021/1173, 2024/0016(CNS)	European Electronic Communications Code Directive (EECC), (EU) 2018/1972	Regulation to protect personal data processed by EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, (EU) 2018/1725	Directive on the protection of trade secrets, (EU) 2016/943	Cybersecurity Regulation, (EU) 2023/2841	Regulation on terrorist content online, (EU) 2021/784	Radio Equipment Directive (RED), (EU) 2014/53	Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (UCPD), (<u>EC) 2005/29</u>	Market Surveillance Regulation, (EU) 2019/1020	Portability Regulation, (EU) 2017/1128	Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA Regulation), (EU) 2022/2554
	Regulation on Joint Undertakings under Horizon Europe, (EU) 2021/2085, 2022/0033(NLE)	.eu top-level domain Regulation, (EU) 2019/517	Regulation on the free flow of non-personal data, (EU) 2018/1807	Design Directive, 2022/0392(COD)	Information Security Regulation, 2022/0084(COD)	Temporary CSAM Regulation, (EU) 2021/1232, 2022/0155(COD)	elDAS Regulation (European Digital Identity Framework), (EU) 2014/910	Directive on Consumer Rights (CRD), (EU) 2011/83	P2B Regulation, (EU) 2019/1150	Satellite and Cable II Directive, (EU) 2019/789	Crypto-assets Regulation (MICA), (EU) 2023/1114
	Decision on a path to the Digital Decade, (EU) 2022/2481	Roaming Regulation, (EU) 2022/612	Open Data Directive (PSI), (EU) 2019/1024	Compulsory licensing of patents, 2023/0129(COD)	Cyber Resilience Act, 2022/0272(COD)	E-evidence Regulation, (EU) 2023/1543	Regulation for a Single Digital Gateway, (EU) 2018/1724	e-invoicing Directive, (EU) 2014/55	Single Market Programme, (EU) 2021/690	Copyright Directive, (EU) 2019/790	Financial Data Access Regulation, 2023/0205 (COD)
	European Chips Act (Regulation), (EU) 2023/1781	Union Secure Connectivity Programme, <u>(EU) 2023/588</u>	Data Governance Act (DGA Regulation), <u>(EU) 2022/868</u>	Standard essential patents, 2023/0133(COD)	Cyber Solidarity Act (Regulation), 2023/0109(COD)	Digitalisation of cross-border judicial cooperation, (EU) 2023/2844	General Product Safety Regulation, (EU) 2023/988	Regulation on cooperation for the enforcement of consumer protection laws, (EU) 2017/2394	Vertical Block Exemption Regulation (VBER), (EU) 2022/720	European Media Freedom Act, (EU) 2024/1083.	Payment Services Regulation, 2023/0210(COD)
	Establishing the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), (EU) 2024/795	Gigabit Infrastructure Act, (EU) 2024/1309	European Data Act (Regulation), (EU) 2023/2854			Directive on combating violence against women, 2022/0066(COD)	Machinery Regulation, (EU) 2023/1230	Geo-Blocking Regulation, (EU) 2018/302	Digital Market Act (DMA Regulation), (EU) 2022/1925	Remuneration of musicians from third countries for recoredd music played in the EU	Digital euro, 2023/0212 (COD)
	European critical raw materials act (Regulation), (<u>EU) 2024/1252</u>	New radio spectrum policy programme (RSPP 2.0)	Interoperable Europe Act, (EU) 2024/903			Directive for combating sexual abuse and child sexual abuse material, 2024/0035(COD)	Al Act (Regulation), 2021/0106(COD)	Digital content Directive, (EU) 2019/770	Regulation on distortive foreign subsidies, (EU) 2022/2560		Regulation on combating late payment, 2023/0323(COD)
	Net Zero Industry Act, 2023/0081(COD)	Digital Networks Act	Regulation on data collection for short-term rental, (EU) 2024/1028			Digitalization of travel documents	Eco-design Regulation, 2022/0095(COD)	Directive on certain aspects concerning contracts for the sale of goods, (EU) 2019/771	Horizontal Block Exemption Regulations (HBER), (EU) 2023/1066, (EU) 2023/1067		
	EU Space Law		European Health Data Space (Regulation), 2022/0140(COD)				Al Liability Directive, 2022/0303(COD)	Digital Services Act (DSA Regulation), (EU) 2022/2065	Platform Work Directive, 2021/0414(COD)		
			Harmonisation of GDPR enforcement procedures, 2023/0202(COD)					Political Advertising Regulation, (EU) 2024/900	Single Market Emergency Instrument (SMEI), 2022/0278(COD)		
			Access to vehicle data, functions and resources					Right to repair Directive, 2023/0083(COD)			
kaizenner.eu			<u>GreenData4ali</u>					Consumer protection: strengthened enforcement cooperation			

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	Council of the European Union	Brussels, 29 November 2021 (OR. en)	etno	GSMA			
Interinstitutional File: 2021/0106(COD)		14278/21 LIMITE	GSMA-ETNO position paper on European Commission proposal for an Artificial Intelligence Act				
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		FREMP 272 RELEX 1012 MI 879 COMPET 860 CODEC 1530	Al applications will be a key driver of innovation for the European telecoms industry, notably as part of the shift towards 5G, virtualised networks. 5G and	Al Opportunities for the Telecoms Industry			
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On 12 October 2021, the Presidency requested the delegations in the WP TELECOM to provide written comments and drafting suggestions on the first 29 articles of the proposed AIA by 26 October, with a view to start working on the first, partial compromise text of the proposal. Following this request, 18 Member States provided their written contributions.

OECD definition of AI (Nov 2023 update)



Unlike human-defined rule-based systems, AI systems have a **degree of autonomy** regarding how to accomplish their task. An AI system is a machine-based system that,

- for explicit or implicit objectives, infers,
 - from the input it receives,
- how to generate outputs such as
 - predictions,
 - content,
 - recommendations, or
 - decisions

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that can influence physical or virtual environments.

Different AI systems vary in their levels of **autonomy** and **adaptiveness** after deployment.

Other key issues: general-purpose AI, high-risk classification, open source, responsibilities along value chain



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What could go wrong?



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Biases in automated CV screening



Unfair call centre performance management



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Privacy-violating tracking of employee wellbeing



Automated vulnerability discovery and exploitation

The AI Act will not magically save us ...



[arXiv:2305.02231]



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ENFIELD projects at Telenor

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Green AI

Review of environmental benefits and harms of AI

- Tertiary review on sustainability throughout AI lifecycle
- With consortium partners

Framework for Green AI practices (Open Call TES1)

- Development of AI sustainability metrics framework for ASR
- Maria Ulan (RISE), with SINTEF

Green generative language models [Open Call TES3?]

• Looking into energy efficiency of finetuning, prompting and in-context learning techniques

Human-centric AI

User trust in AI

- Broad survey study of Telenor employees' current work practices, perceptions and attitudes towards AI
- Focus on understanding trust drivers, how trust levels impact the adoption and use of AI, and the potential of explainable AI

User perspectives on XAI [Open Call TES2]

• Empirical investigation of trust calibration and user preferences for explainability features in impactful AIassisted decision-making tasks in a corporate environment with technical workers

Trustworthy AI

Security and robustness of AI systems [Open Call TES2]

- Interest in improving LLM reliability and security, particularly defences against adversarial attacks
- Also exploring uncertainty quantification techniques (including conformal prediction) to make timeseries modelling more robust

ENFIELD Human-centric AI at Telenor

Motivations

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Telenor launched a broad **AI-first strategy** in 2023.

There is a **lack of concrete empirical studies** focusing on the specific trust dynamics in AI adoption and the impact of explainable AI on impactful tasks in corporate environments.



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Prior research: Trust in Al-enabled systems

Paper: A Systematic Literature Review of User Trust in AI-Enabled Systems: An HCI Perspective (Bach et al., 2024)

• Synthesises 23 empirical studies to provide insights into future AI design strategies

Main findings:

- The definition of user trust needs to be adapted to the specific context
 - Often building on ABI model of organisational trust: key trustee characteristics are **ability** (knowledge and skills), **benevolence** (concern for others), and **integrity** (ethical/moral principles)
 - "The willingness of a party to be vulnerable to the actions of another party based on the expectation that the other will perform a particular action important to the trustor, irrespective of the ability to monitor or control that other party." (Mayer et al., 1995)
- Key factors influencing user trust:
 - Socio-ethical considerations (e.g., fairness, data protection, accountability)
 - Technical and design features (e.g., transparency, explainability, reliability)
 - User characteristics (e.g., prior experience, cognitive load, involvement in development)



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Prior research: Impact of explainability

AI in decision making

- Ubiquity in tasks requiring accuracy; yet, limited by stochastic nature and biases
- Enhances human decisions in high-stakes fields (e.g., healthcare, critical infrastructure)

Trust and understanding: human-centric AI

- Essential to know AI system's limitations and mentally model error boundaries (Bansal et al., 2019)
- Trust in AI needs calibration, e.g., supported by transparency and explanations (*Ribeiro et al., 2016*)

Empirical studies and trust calibration

- Case-specific information like confidence scores and local explanations can theoretically support better decision outcomes, but require empirical testing to validate effectiveness
- Studies reveal mixed effects of transparency/explainability on trust in AI, depending strongly on the setup
 - Trust calibration is insufficient to improve accuracy of AI-assisted decisions, it also depends on complementarity of the user's knowledge (*Zhang et al., 2020*)
 - What happens in a scenario where <u>domain experts</u> need to make <u>impactful</u> decisions?



Reinforcement learning for network energy optimisation

Telenor and Ericsson join forces to pioneer the usage of AI and Machine Learning Research for a Sustainable and Smarter Future

In a step towards advancing the realm of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) technologies within the telecommunications industry, Telenor and Ericsson (NASDAQ: ERIC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a three-year partnership that aims to explore, develop, and test cutting-edge AI/ML solutions towards enhancing energy efficiency without compromising on the quality of connectivity in mobile networks.

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