

Commission Hosts High-Level Meeting to Propel EU's AI Act Implementation through New AI Board



The first high level meeting of the upcoming Al Board took place on June 19, at the Commission's Borschette building.

Although still awaiting its formal entry into force of the Al Act, expected for early August, the meeting was gathered to set the groundwork for the forthcoming implementation of the Al Act.

The meeting underlined the need for early collaboration on the impending AI Act. The agenda featured discussions including:

- · strategic vision on the implementation of the Al Act and the role of the Board
- national approaches to Al Act governance and supervision,
- first deliverables and priorities related to the AI Act's implementation by the European Commission
- organisation of the Board, such as its mandate, the process for selecting a Chair, decision making process and the creation of subgroups.

Along with delegates from the European Commission including Director-General Roberto Viola, Director of the Al Office Lucilla Sioli and representatives of the Al Office, high-level delegates from all EU Member States were present. The European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS) attended in its observer role on the Al Board. Moreover, representatives from EEA/EFTA members—Norway, Liechtenstein, and Iceland—were also present in an observing capacity.

With the timing of the meeting the Commission and Member States aim to ensure a robust and timely setup for the Al governance framework, facilitating effective participation of Member States and implementation of the Al Act from day one. The next meeting will be held after the Al Act's entry into force, in the early Autumn.

The key provisions related to the establishment and tasks of the Al Board are Article 65 and 66 of the Al Act. You can check these and other articles on The Al Act (Corrigendum; Final text after revisions by lawyer-linguists) (pdf).

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