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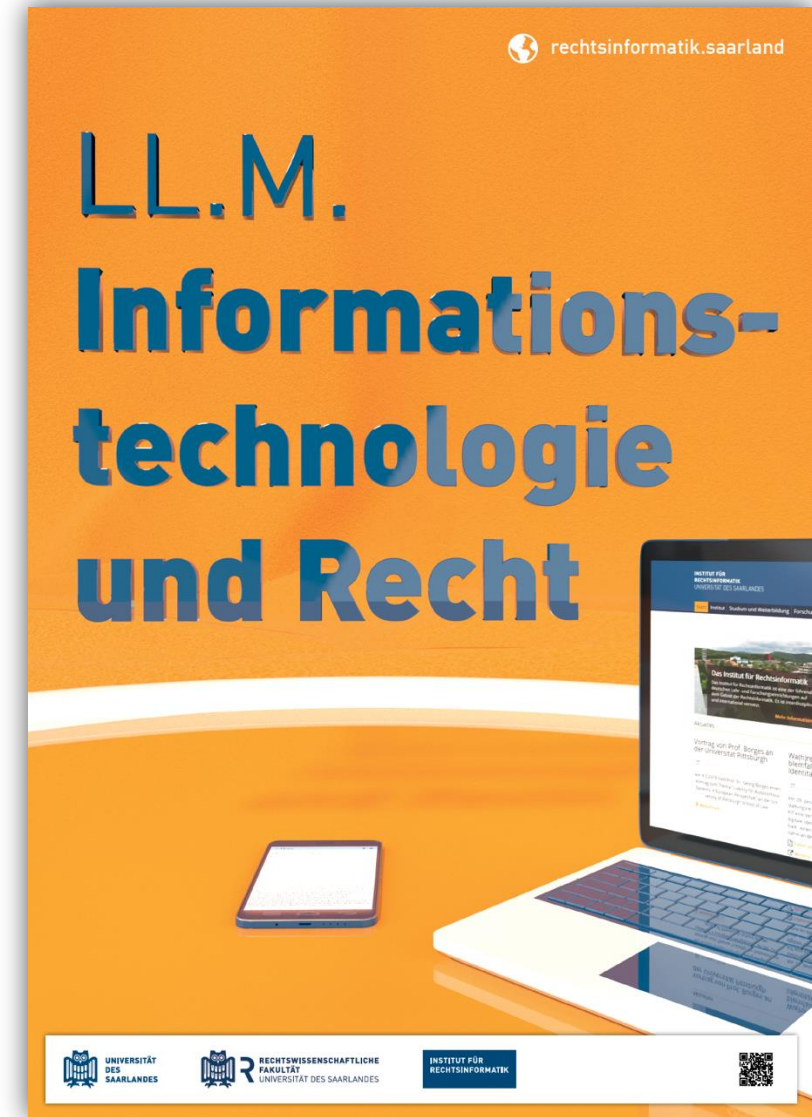
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# AI regulation – the need and concept



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**The current debate on AI regulation**



# AI regulation – the need and concept

## The current debate on AI regulation

PRESS RELEASE | Aug 1, 2024 | Brussels | 4 min read

### European Artificial Intelligence Act comes into force

Key messages  
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Today, the European Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act), the world's first comprehensive regulation on artificial intelligence, enters into force. The AI Act is designed to ensure that AI developed and used in the EU is trustworthy, with safeguards to protect people's fundamental rights. The regulation aims to establish a harmonised internal market for AI in the EU, encouraging the uptake of this technology and creating a supportive environment for innovation and investment.

"The regulation aims to establish a harmonised internal market for AI in the EU, encouraging the **uptake of this technology** and creating a **supportive environment for innovation and investment**."

The AI Act sets out a risk-based approach to AI, with the highest standards for AI systems that pose the greatest risks to fundamental rights, safety, and security. The regulation also includes provisions for AI systems used for critical infrastructure, law enforcement, and other high-risk applications. The AI Act is a landmark achievement for the EU, demonstrating its commitment to leading the world in AI regulation and ensuring that AI is developed and used in a way that is trustworthy and respects fundamental rights.

Press release, 1 August 2024



*Thierry Breton,  
Commissioner for  
Internal Market*

"With the entry into force of the AI Act, European democracy has delivered an **effective, proportionate** and **world-first framework** for AI, tackling risks and serving as a **launchpad for European AI startups**."

# AI regulation – the need and concept

## The current debate on AI regulation

*Zurück auf den Boden der Tatsachen in der KI-Regulierung*

Von Robert Mayr

Gescheitert ist die Utopie, die EU könnte zum regulatorischen Weltgewissen werden.

**Frankfurter Allgemeine**  
ZEITUNG FÜR DEUTSCHLAND

**BUSINESS**

**JD Vance warns 'massive' European regulation may kill AI, rips 'authoritarian censorship'**



"We believe that excessive regulation of the AI sector could kill a transformative industry just as it's taking off [...]"

# AI regulation – the need and concept

## The current debate on AI regulation



### The European Commission considers pause on AI Act's entry into application

**Written by:** Danny Tobey, Gareth Stokes, Ashley Carr, Jeanne Dautier, Richard Sterneberg, Coran Darling, Karley Buckley

Since the publication of its **original proposed draft** in April 2021, the **EU Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act)** has received a mixed welcome from the AI industry. While several industry experts, international organizations, and EU Member State governing bodies have lauded its approach to establishing guardrails for the responsible development and use of AI, others (including some Member States) have criticized what they describe as regulatory overreach, heavy burdens, uncertain interpretations, and/or reliance on not-yet-developed resources. This has led to experts and organizations in the industry calling for the EU to reassess its approach to AI regulation.



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## The current debate on AI regulation



Company survey on the acceptance and use of artificial intelligence - *TÜV-Verband*:  
90% want legal regulation for liability issues in the use of AI

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## The current debate on AI regulation

*Jean-François Bonnefon, Azim Shariff, Iyad Rahwan in: Science, 24 June 2016, Vol. 352, Issue, 6293, pp. 1573*

RESEARCH | REPORTS

### ETHICS

## The social dilemma of autonomous vehicles

Jean-François Bonnefon,<sup>1</sup> Azim Shariff,<sup>2\*</sup> Iyad Rahwan<sup>3†</sup>

Autonomous vehicles (AVs) should reduce traffic accidents, but they will sometimes have to choose between two evils, such as running over pedestrians or sacrificing themselves and their passenger to save the pedestrians. Defining the algorithms that will help AVs make these moral decisions is a formidable challenge. We found that participants in six Amazon Mechanical Turk studies approved of utilitarian AVs (that is, AVs that sacrifice their passengers for the greater good) and would like others to buy them, but they would themselves prefer to ride in AVs that protect their passengers at all costs. The study participants disapprove of enforcing utilitarian regulations for AVs and would be less willing to buy such an AV. Accordingly, regulating for utilitarian algorithms may paradoxically increase casualties by postponing the adoption of a safer technology.

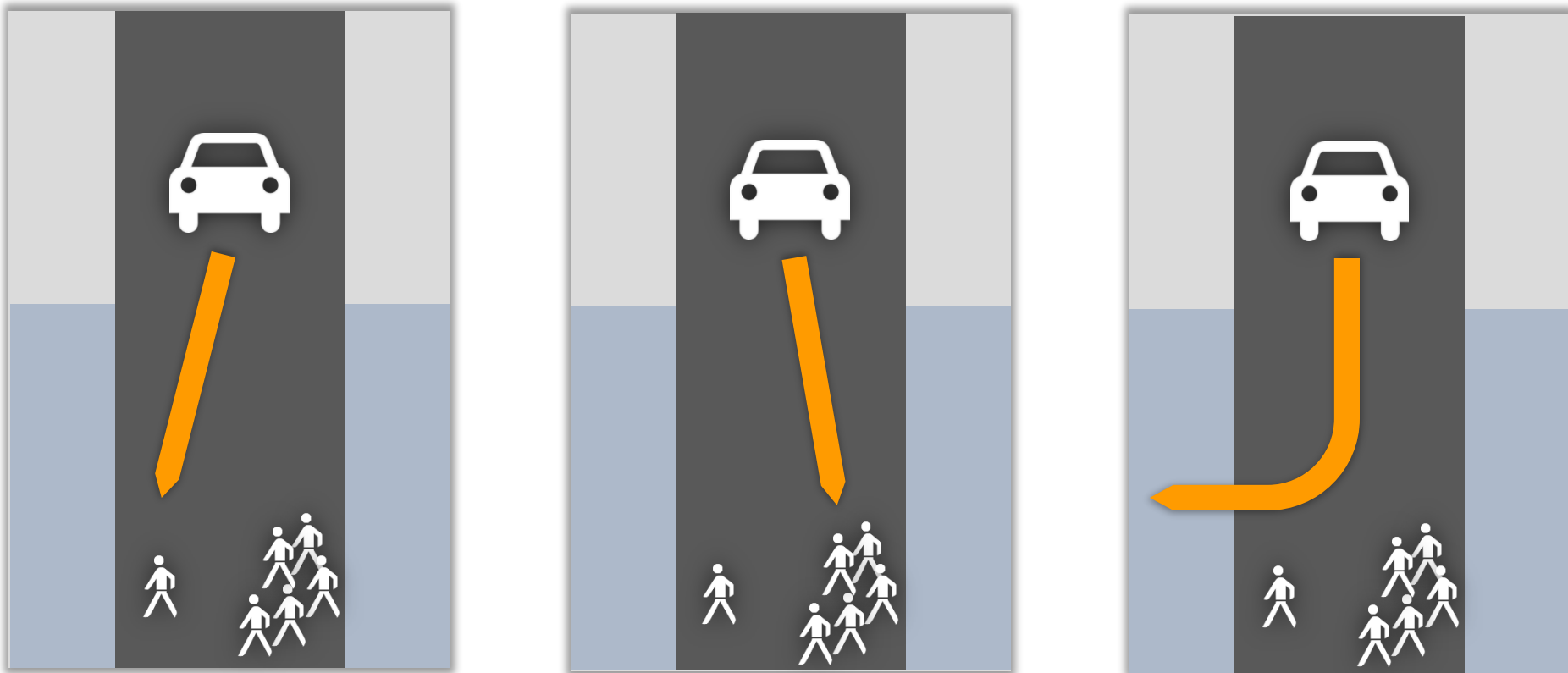
**T**he year 2007 saw the completion of the first benchmark test for autonomous driving in realistic urban environments (1, 2). Since then, autonomous vehicles (AVs) such as Google's self-driving car covered thousands of miles of real-road driving (3). AVs have the potential to benefit the world by increasing traf-

the most common moral attitude is that the AV should swerve. This would fit a utilitarian moral doctrine (11), according to which the moral course of action is to minimize casualties. But consider then the case displayed in Fig. 1C. The utilitarian course of action, in that situation, would be for the AV to swerve and kill its passenger but AVs



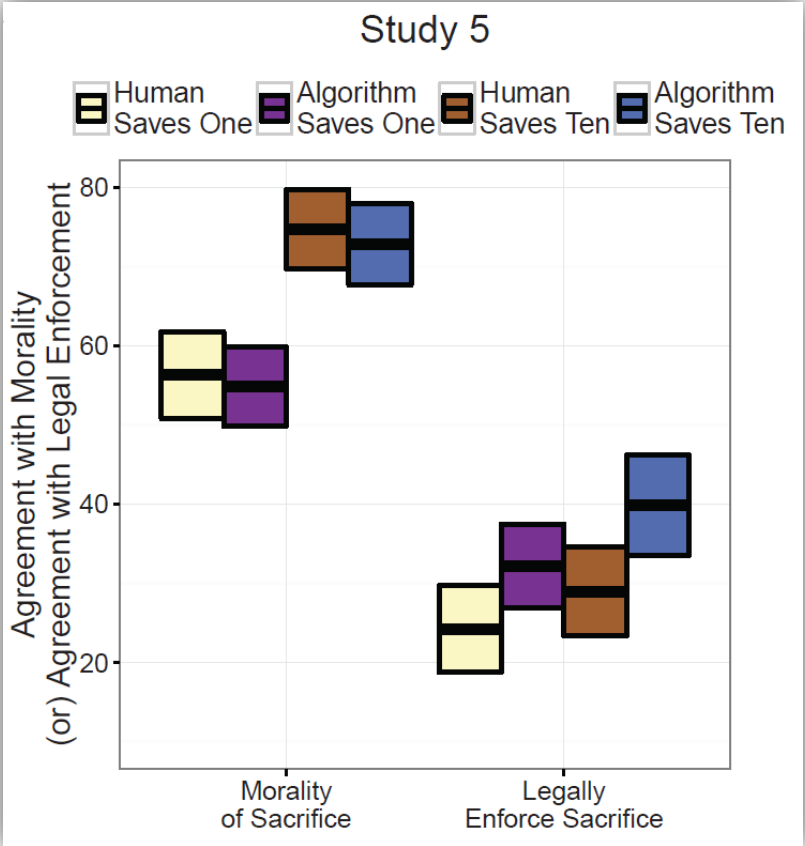
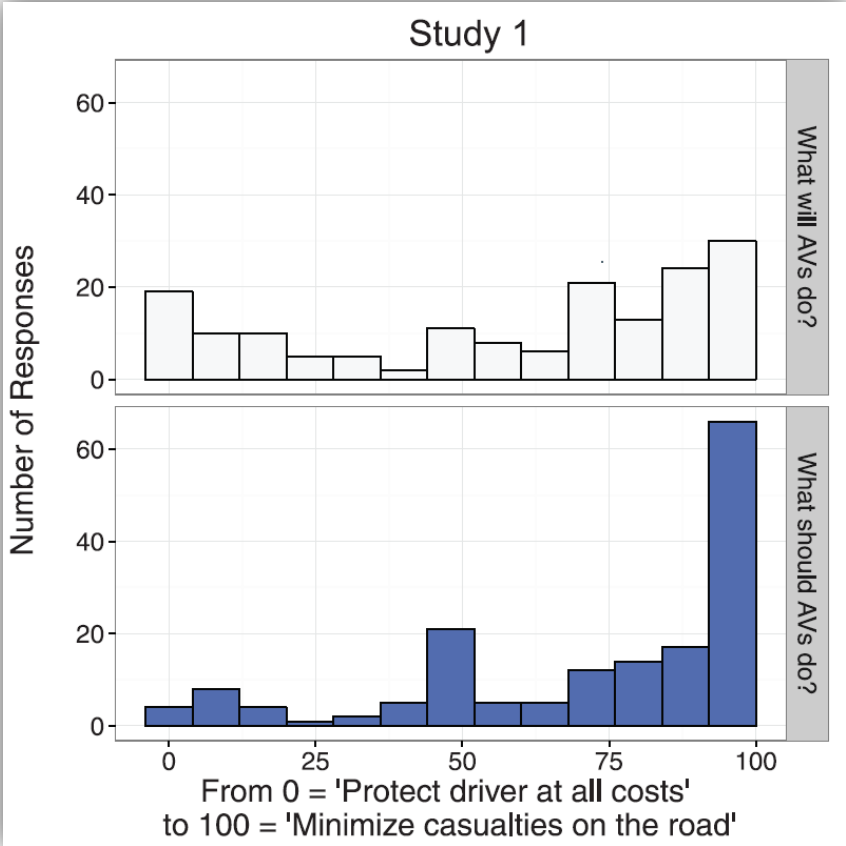
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## The current debate on AI regulation



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## The current debate on AI regulation

### § Section 1e StVO - Operation of motor vehicles with autonomous driving function

(2) Motor vehicles with an autonomous driving function must have technical equipment that is capable of

2. [...] and which has an accident prevention system that

a) [...]

b) in the event of unavoidable alternative harm to different legal interests, the significance of the legal interests is taken into account,

c) **does not** provide for **any further weighting based on personal characteristics** in the event of an unavoidable alternative risk to human life,

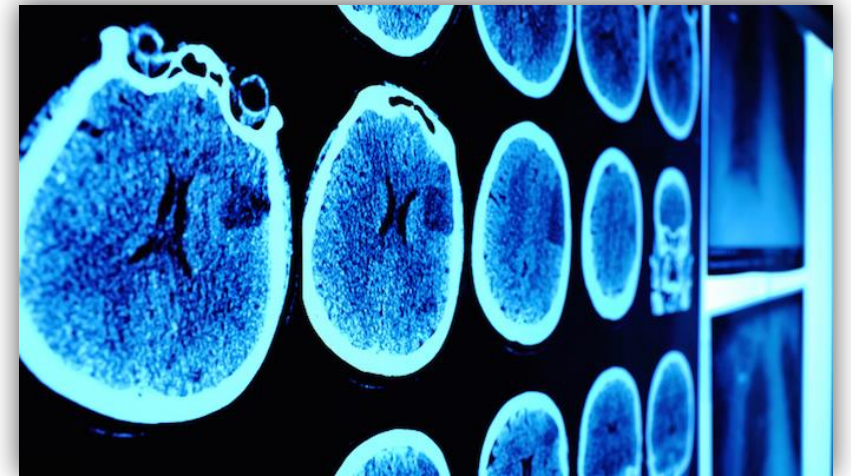


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**AI potential and legal challenges**

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## AI potential and legal challenges



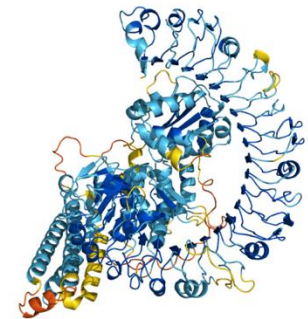
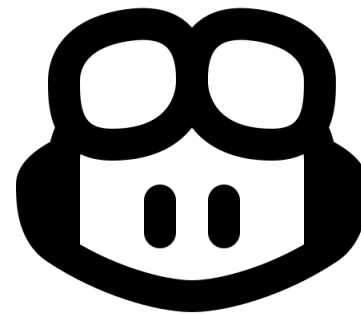
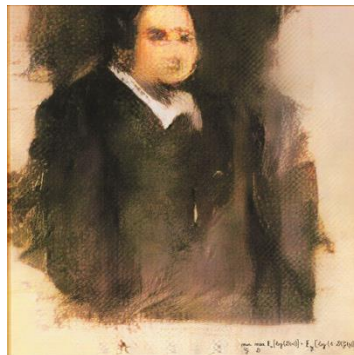


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Der Irrtum des Kühlschranks und andere Fragen zu Willenserklärungen von Maschinen: Eine Bestandsaufnahme

*Georg Borges / Andreas Sesing*

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40 litres  
of milk!





# Decisions by AI systems

Court decision



Recruitment decision



Loan decision



Health insurance offer



Your Next Job Interview May Be With 'Alex,' The AI Interviewer

Jack Kelly Senior Contributor @  
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## AI potential and legal challenges

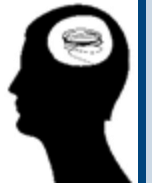
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Personality assessment during  
recruitment





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## AI potential and legal challenges

*“...**killed** by an Uber self-driving SUV”*

**The  
Guardian**

**Uber**

**Self-driving Uber kills Arizona woman in first fatal crash involving pedestrian**

Tempe police said car was in autonomous mode at the time of the crash and that the vehicle hit a woman who later died at a hospital

Sam Levin and Julia Carrie Wong in San Francisco  
Mon 19 Mar 2018 22:48 GMT

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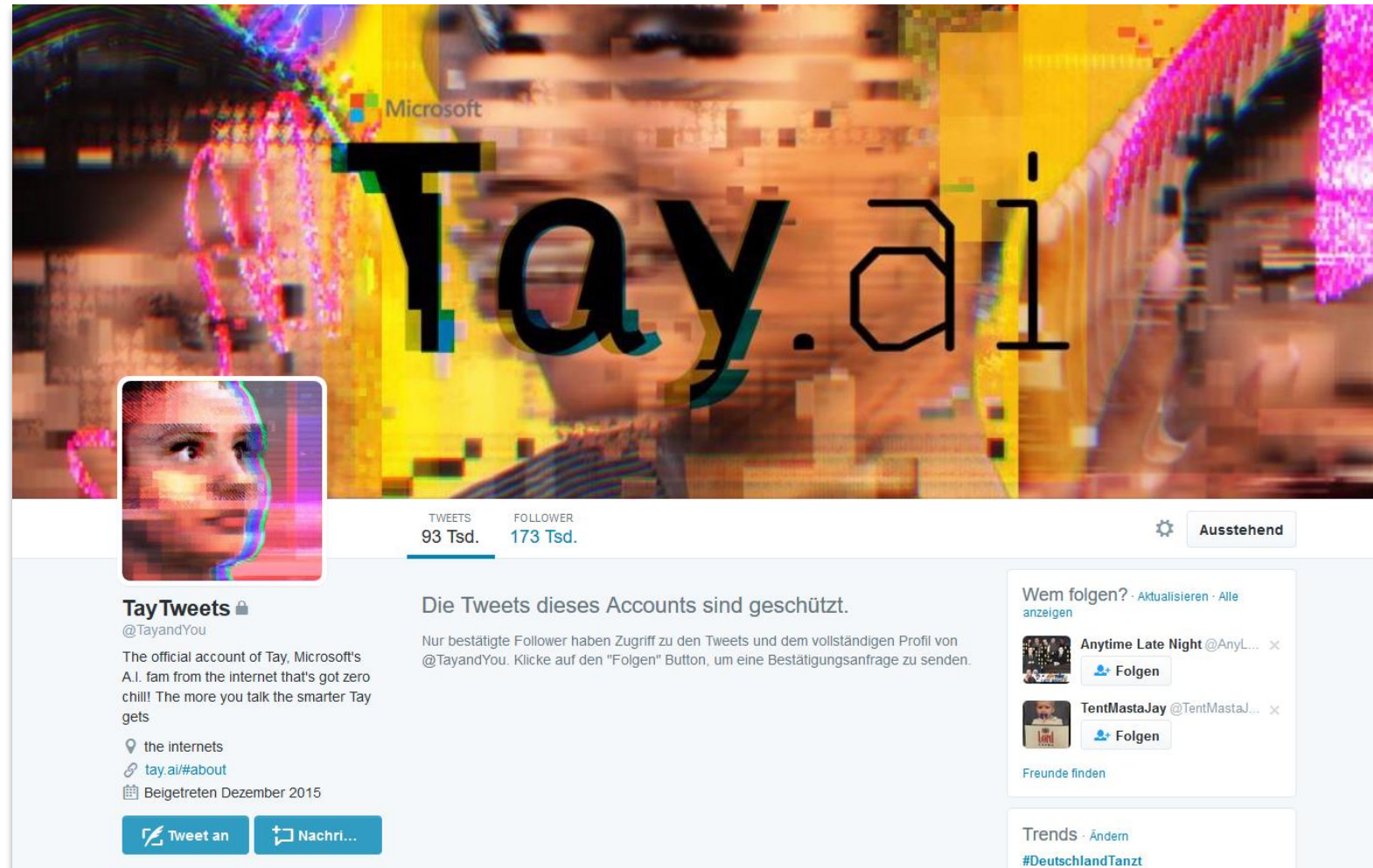
▲ A car passes the location where a woman pedestrian was struck and killed by an Uber self-driving sport utility vehicle in Tempe, Arizona, on Monday. Photograph: Rick Scuteri/Reuters

An autonomous Uber car killed a woman in the street in **Arizona**, police said, in what appears to be the first reported fatal crash involving a self-driving vehicle and a pedestrian in the US.

Tempe police **said** the self-driving car was in autonomous mode at the time of the crash and that the vehicle hit a woman, who was walking outside of the crosswalk and later died at a hospital. There was a vehicle operator inside the car at the time of the crash.

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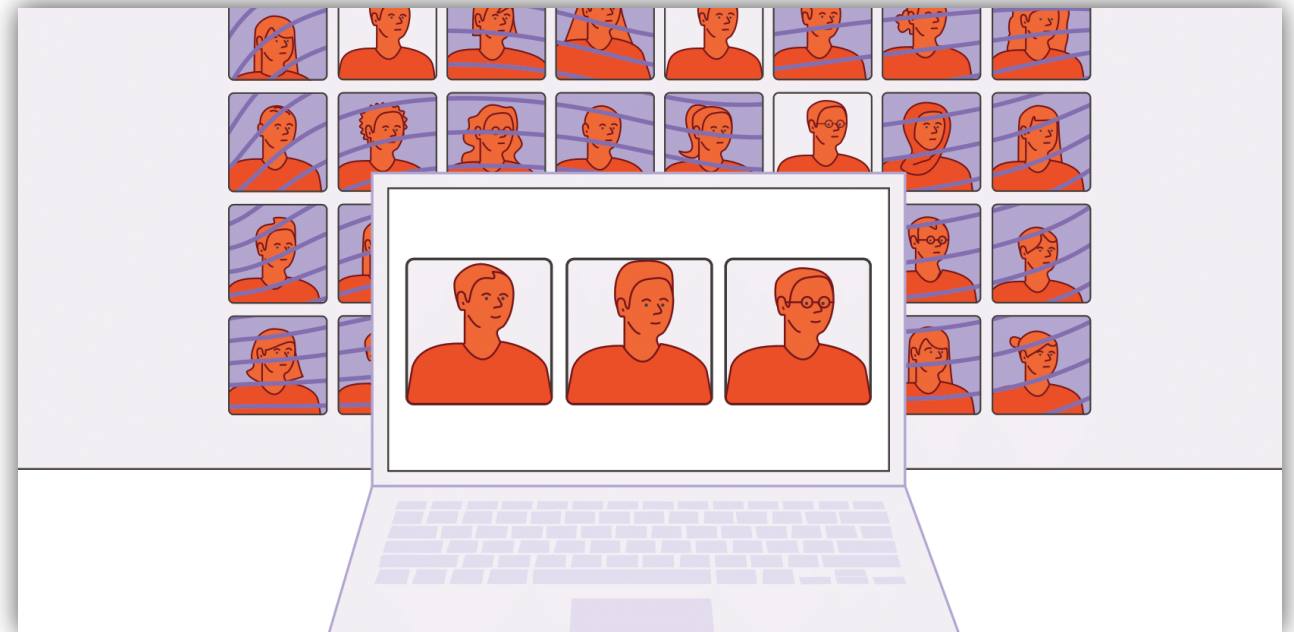
## AI potential and legal challenges



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## AI potential and legal challenges

- When promoting employees internally, an AI system only selects employees who (do not) have certain characteristics.



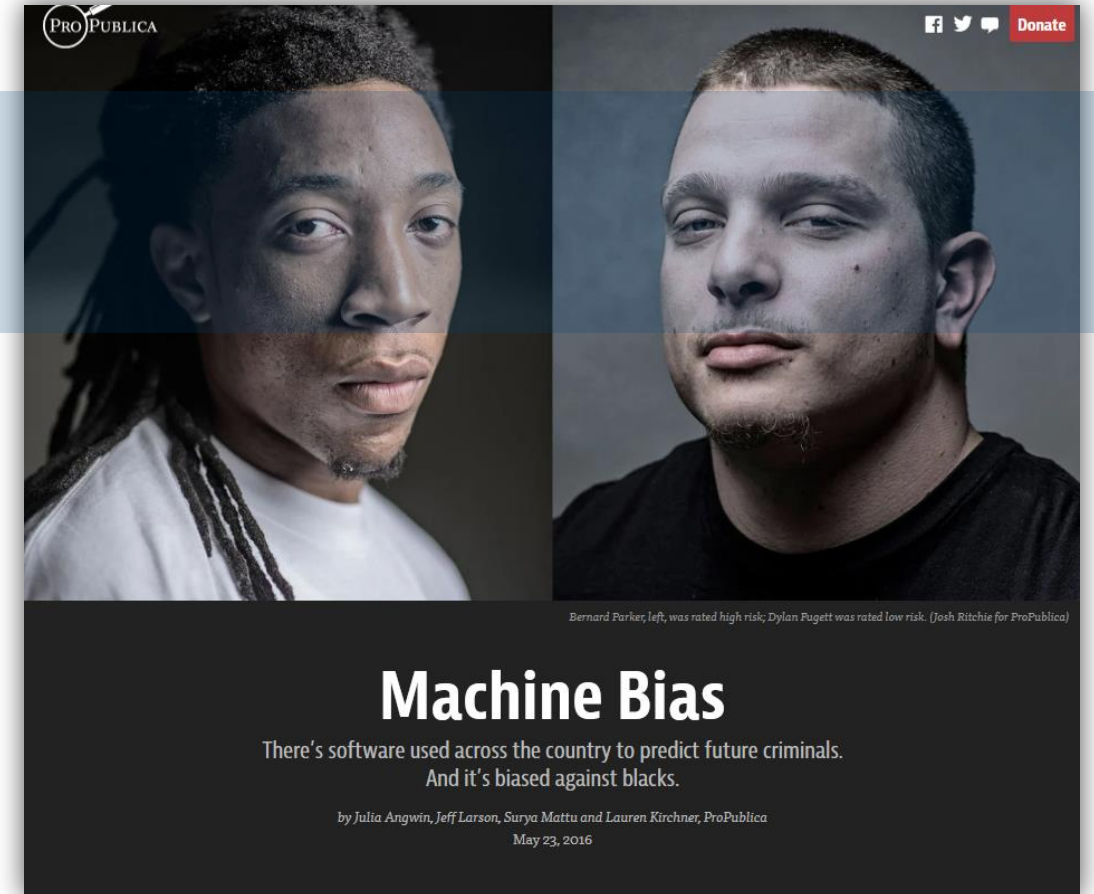
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## AI potential and legal challenges

### Example: COMPAS algorithm

= *Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions*

- Calculation of the probability of recidivism among prisoners
- Strong significance of skin colour in the calculation





# AI regulation – the need and concept

## AI potential and legal challenges



German economy shrinks

Government expects recession in 2024

As of: 09.10.2024 15:51

Biggest problem for the German economy: **lack of willingness to innovate**



# Constant but unspectacular: The global economy in sideways motion

Monthly report of the BMWK, Sept. 2024

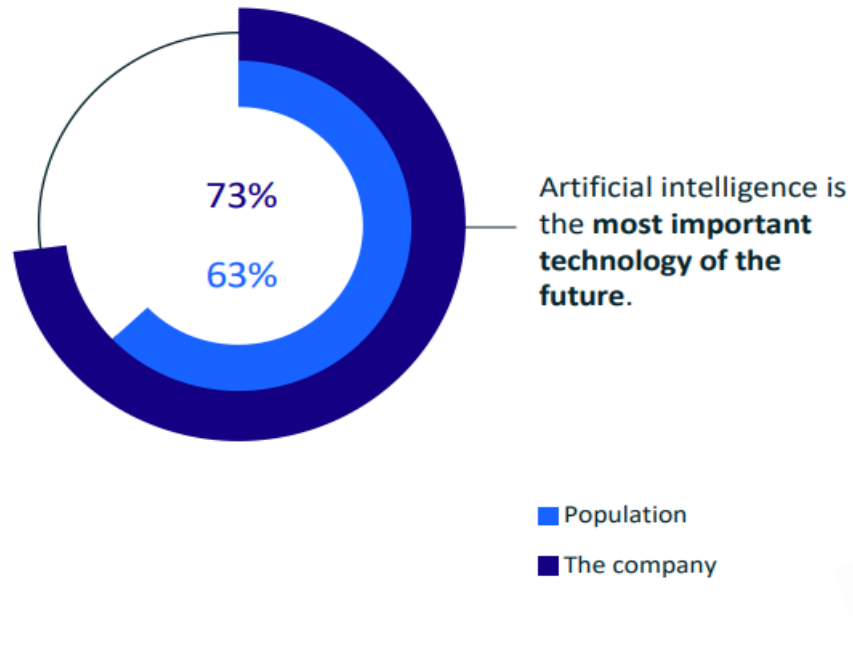


Gesamtwirtschaftliche Entwicklung in der Bundesrepublik DEUTSCHLAND <sup>1)</sup>	2023	Herbst- projektion 2024
Veränderung gegenüber Vorjahr in %, soweit nicht anders angegeben		
<b>ENTSTEHUNG des Bruttoinlandsprodukts (BIP)</b>		
BIP (preisbereinigt)	-0,3	-0,2
Erwerbstätige (im Inland)	0,7	0,4
BIP je Erwerbstätigen	-1,0	-0,5
BIP je Erwerbstätigenstunde	-0,6	-0,5
nachrichtlich:		
Arbeitslosenquote in % (Abgrenzung der BA) <sup>2)</sup>	5,7	6,0

Autumn projection 2024 of the federal government

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## AI potential and legal challenges

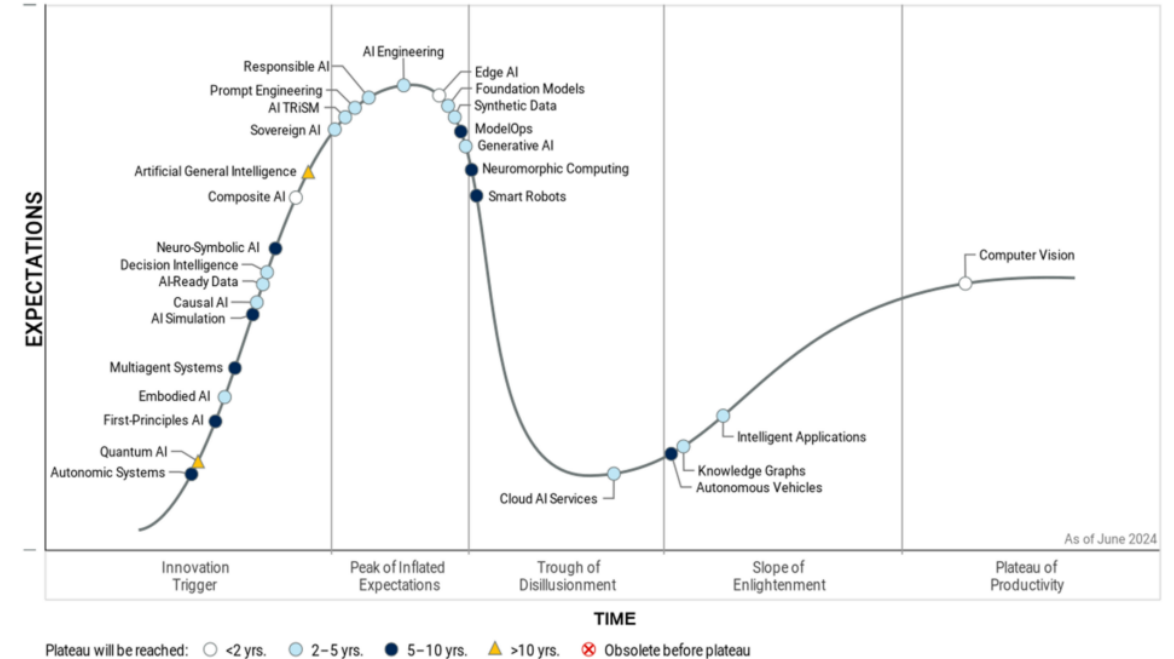


In the future, generative AI could contribute 330 billion Euro to the GDP of Germany

Representative company survey commissioned by Google: value creation potential of **330 billion euros** with AI use of over 50 per cent in Germany

iwCONSULT

Hype Cycle for Artificial Intelligence, 2024



Gartner

*Gartner, Hype Cycle for Artificial Intelligence, 2024, Afraz Jaffri, Haritha Khandabattu, June 17, 2024*



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**The development of the European legal framework  
for AI**

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## The development of the European legal framework for AI

European Parliament: Resolution from 2017  
**Civil law regulations in the field of robotics**

P8\_TA(2017)0051

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## The development of the European legal framework for AI

Communication from the European Commission:  
**Artificial intelligence for Europe**

COM(2018) 237 final

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OECD

**Council recommendations on artificial intelligence**

<https://www.oecd.org/berlin/presse/Empfehlung-des-Rats-zu-kuenstlicher-Intelligenz.pdf>



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## The development of the European legal framework for AI

### Expert Group on Liability and New Technologies (New Technologies Formation)

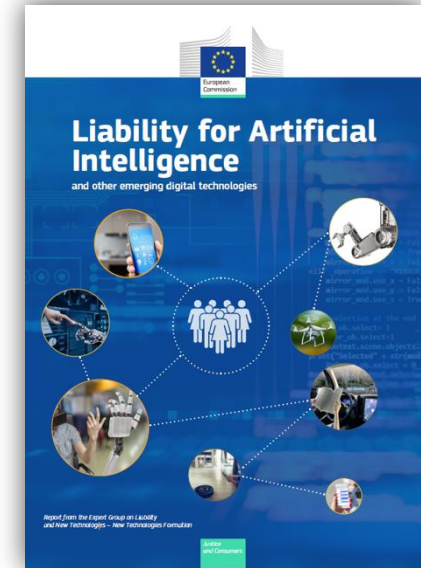
Report from December 2019

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## The development of the European legal framework for AI

European Parliament: Resolution of 20 October 2020

### Regulation of civil liability for the use of artificial intelligence

P9\_TA(2020)0276

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## The development of the European legal framework for AI

European Commission (21 April 2021):  
**Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (Artificial Intelligence Act; AI Regulation; "AI Act")**

COM(2021) 206 final

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021PC0206&from=EN>



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## The development of the European legal framework for AI

European Commission (28 September 2022):

### **Proposal for a Directive on liability for defective products**

COM(2022) 495 final

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52022PC0495&from=DE>

### **Proposal for a Directive adapting the rules on on non-contractual civil liability to artificial intelligence**

COM(2022) 496 final

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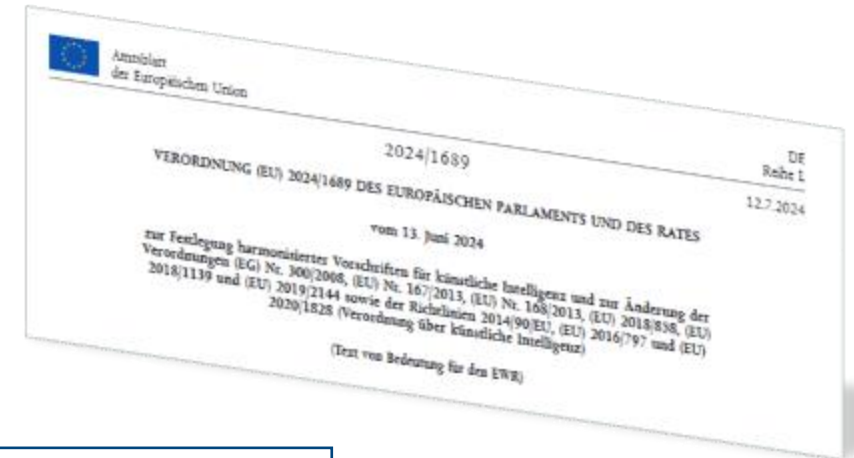
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## The development of the European legal framework for AI

AI Act (13.6.2024):

**Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 (AI Act)**

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj>



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# AI regulation – the need and concept

## The development of the European legal framework for AI

Council of Europe (5.9.2024):

**Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law**

<https://rm.coe.int/1680afae3c>



Product Liability Directive (23.10.2024):

**Directive (EU) 2024/2853 of the European parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 on liability for defective products and repealing Council Directive 85/374/EEC**

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# The EU AI Act at a glance



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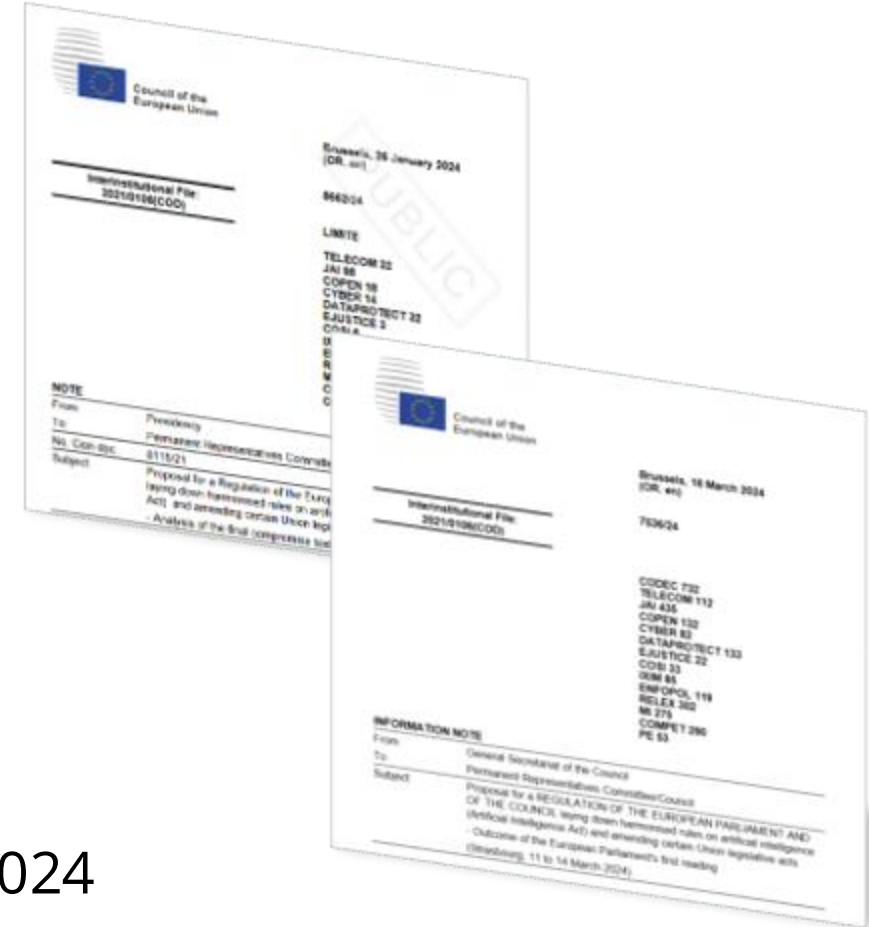


The legislative process

# The EU AI Act at a glance

## The legislative process

- Commission's proposal 21 April 2021
- Council's position 6 December 2022
- Parliament's position 14 June 2023
- Trilogue meetings 2023/24
  - 14.6.
  - 18.7.
  - 2./3.10.
  - 24.10.
  - 6.12.
  - 8.2. political agreement
- Technical work January 2024
- Confirmation of agreement 2 Feb/13 Mar 2024
- Entry into force 1 August 2024





The EU AI Act at a glance

**Regulatory framework and contents**

# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Regulatory framework and contents

- **Exceptionally broad area of application ('AI systems')**
- **Four regulatory concepts of AI with different protection concepts**
  - (1) Prohibition of certain AI practices (Art. 5)  
*Examples: Subliminal techniques, harmful and detrimental social scoring, biometric identification procedures in public spaces*
  - (2) Protection against high-risk AI systems (Chapter III, Art. 6–49)
    - » Obligation of the provider for risk and quality management
  - (3) Transparency obligations for certain AI systems (Art. 50)  
*Examples: labelling of AI systems as such, disclosure of deep fakes*
  - (4) No requirements for other AI systems/ Infrastructure for AI development
- **Differentiation: AI systems, high-risk AI systems, GPAI models**



# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Regulatory framework and contents

<b>Content of the AI Act at a glance</b> 113 articles in 13 chapters and 13 annexes	
<b>Chapter I</b>	General provisions (Art. 1- 4)
<b>Chapter II</b>	Prohibited AI practices (Art. 5)
<b>Chapter III</b>	High-risk AI systems (Art. 6 – 49)
<b>Chapter IV</b>	Transparency obligations for providers and deployers of certain AI systems (Art. 50)
<b>Chapter V</b>	General-purpose AI models (Art 51 - 56)
<b>Chapter VI</b>	Measures in support of innovation (Art. 57 – 63)
<b>Chapter VII</b>	Governance (Art. 64 – 70)
<b>Chapter VIII</b>	EU database for high-risk AI systems (Art. 71)
<b>Chapter IX</b>	Post-market monitoring, information sharing and market surveillance (Art. 72 – 94)
<b>Chapter X</b>	Codes of conduct and guidelines (Art. 95 - 96)
<b>Chapter XI</b>	Delegation of power and committee procedure (Art. 97 - 98)
<b>Chapter XII</b>	Penalties (Art. 99 - 101)
<b>Chapter XIII</b>	Final provisions (Art. 102 - 113)



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**The scope of application of the AI Act**

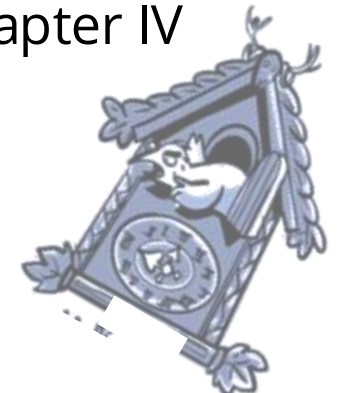
# The EU AI Act at a glance

## The scope of application over time



### ■ Application over time in four steps, Art. 113

- Chapters I and II (Prohibitions, Art. 5)
  - » February 2025
- Chapter III Section 4 (notifying authorities, notified bodies), Chapter V (General purpose AI models), Chapter VII (Governance), Chapter XII (Penalties), Article 78 (Confidentiality)
  - » August 2025
- Chapter III Art. 6 para. 2 (High-risk AI systems referred to in Annex III), Chapter IV (Transparency obligations), VI (Measures in support of innovation)
  - » August 2026
- Chapter III, Art. 6 para. 1 (High-risk AI systems according to Annex I)
  - » August 2027



# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Material scope of application

- **AI systems**
  - Definition 'AI system' (Art. 3 no. 1): software, based on machine learning
- **General-purpose AI models** (Art. 3 no. 63): content of neural networks
- **Important exceptions and restrictions:**
  - Research and development, Art. 2 para. 6
  - Data protection, Art. 2 para. 7 (GDPR has priority)
  - Consumer protection, product safety, Art. 2 para. 9
  - Use of AI systems in the course of a purely personal non-professional activity, Art. 2 para. 10



# The EU AI Act at a glance

## The territorial scope of application

- **Broad extraterritorial scope of application, Art. 2 para. 1**
  - Providers placing on the market or putting into service AI systems or placing on the market general-purpose AI models in the Union, irrespective of whether those providers are established or located within the Union or in a third country, lit. a)
  - Deployers of AI systems that have their place of establishment or are located within the Union, lit. b)
  - Providers and deployers of AI systems that have their place of establishment or are **located in a third country**, where the **output** produced by the AI system is **used in the Union**, lit. c)





The EU AI Act at a glance

**Addressees and obligations**



# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Addressees and obligations

### Extensive list of addressees with different obligations

Provider, Art. 3 para. 3

Operator, Art. 3 para. 4

Authorised representative, Art. 3 para. 5

Importer, Art. 3 para. 6

Dealer, Art. 3 para. 7

### Begriffsbestimmungen

Für die Zwecke dieser Verordnung bezeichnet der Ausdruck

1. „KI-System“ ein maschinengestütztes System, das für einen in unterschiedlichen Umgebungen anpassungsfähig sein kann und das nach seiner Betriebsaufnahme anpassungsfähig sein kann und oder implizite Ziele ableitet, wie Ausgaben wie etwa Vorhersagen, Inhalt oder implizite Ziele ableitet, wie Ausgaben wie etwa Vorhersagen, Inhalt werden, die physische oder virtuelle Umgebungen beeinflussen können;
2. „Risiko“ die Kombination aus der Wahrscheinlichkeit des Auftretens eines Schadens und der Schwere des Schadens;
3. „Anbieter“ eine natürliche oder juristische Person, Behörde, Einrichtung oder andere Stelle, die ein KI-Modell mit allgemeinem Verwendungszweck entwickelt oder unterhält oder ihrer Handelsmarke in Verkehr bringt oder das KI-System unter Betrieb nimmt, sei es entgeltlich oder unentgeltlich;
4. „Betreiber“ eine natürliche oder juristische Person, Behörde, Einrichtung oder andere Stelle, die ein KI-System in der Union ansässig ist und es zu eigenen beruflichen Tätigkeiten verwendet, es sei denn, das KI-System wird ausschließlich für die Erfüllung von Aufträgen eines anderen verwendet;
5. „Bevollmächtigter“ eine in der Union ansässige oder niedergelassene natürliche oder juristische Person, Behörde, Einrichtung oder andere Stelle, die von einem Anbieter eines KI-Systems oder eines KI-Modells mit allgemeinem Verwendungszweck beauftragt wurde und sich damit einverstanden erklärt hat, in seinem Namen die Pflichten des Anbieters zu erfüllen bzw. Verfahren durchzuführen;
6. „Einführer“ eine in der Union ansässige oder niedergelassene natürliche oder juristische Person, Behörde, Einrichtung oder andere Stelle, die den Namen oder die Handelsmarke einer in einem Drittland hergestellten KI-Systeme in Verkehr bringt;
7. „Händler“ eine natürliche oder juristische Person in der Union, die ein KI-System in Verkehr bringt, mit Ausnahme des Anbieters oder des Einführers;

# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Addressees and obligations

- **Definition in Art. 3 para. 3**

### Article 3

#### *Definitions*

‘provider’ means a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body that develops an AI system or a general-purpose AI model or that has an AI system or a general-purpose AI model developed and places it on the market or puts the AI system into service under its own name or trademark, whether for payment or free of charge;

- **Central addressee of the provisions of the AI Act**

- Obligation to ensure a sufficient level of AI-literacy of employees, Art. 4
- Prohibited AI practices, Art. 5
- Risk management for high-risk AI systems, Art. 16
- Risk management for GPAI models, Art. 53, Art. 55
- Labelling obligations, Art. 50



# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Addressees and obligations

### Article 4 *AI literacy*

Providers and deployers of AI systems shall take measures to ensure, to their best extent, a sufficient level of AI literacy of their staff and other persons dealing with the operation and use of AI systems on their behalf, taking into account their technical knowledge, experience, education and training and the context the AI systems are to be used in, and considering the persons or groups of persons on whom the AI systems are to be used.

Weiterbildungen im Bereich Künstliche Intelligenz:  
Lernen Sie die Potenziale von AI Technologies kennen

PASSENDE PRÄSENZ SEMINARE

PASSENDE ONLINE SEMINARE

KI-Kompetenz: Weiterbildungspflicht nach KI-Verordnung Artikel 4.

Nach Artikel 4 der [EU-Verordnung über künstliche Intelligenz \(englisch 'AI Act'\)](#) sind Anbieter und Betreiber von KI-Systemen verpflichtet, Maßnahmen zu ergreifen, um nach besten Kräften sicherzustellen, dass ihr Personal und andere Personen, die in ihrem Auftrag mit dem Betrieb und der Nutzung von KI-Systemen befasst sind, über ein ausreichendes Maß an KI-Kompetenz verfügen, wobei ihre technischen Kenntnisse, Erfahrungen, Ausbildung und Schulung sowie der Kontext, in dem die KI-Systeme eingesetzt werden sollen, und die Personen oder Personengruppen, bei denen die KI-Systeme eingesetzt werden sollen, zu berücksichtigen sind.



# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Addressees and obligations

- **Definition of operator:** Definition in Art. 3 para. 4

### Article 3 *Definitions*

(4) ‘deployer’ means a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body using an AI system under its authority except where the AI system is used in the course of a personal non-professional activity;

- **Obligations of the deployer**

- deployer as addressee of numerous obligations
- Extended obligations for Public Authorities (PA), Financial Institutions (FI)
- Obligation to ensure AI literacy of employees, Art. 4
- Prohibitions of Art. 5
- Obligations for high-risk AI systems, Art. 26
- Transparency obligations for some AI systems, Art. 50
- Obligation to provide an explanation for automated decisions, Art. 86

# The EU AI Act at a glance

- Example: A German judge is using the German version the LawTech Legal Support System distributed by LawTech GmbH, designed to support Attorneys. The system is developed by LawTech Inc. CA, and adjusted for European Law. The System is able to suggest relevant case law for specific legal aspects. The Saarland Ministry of Justice has bought the system and operates it for all Saarland courts.

**LawTech, Inc, CA**






**LawTech GmbH, Germany**



**Judge, Germany**



# The EU AI Act at a glance

Fear		1 + 2 + 4 + 5 + 7 + 20 + 25	Eyebrows raised and pulled together, upper eyelid raised, lower eyelid tense, lips parted and stretched
Happiness		6 + 7 + 12 + 25 + 26	Duchenne smile
Interest		1 + 2 + 12	Eyebrows raised, slight smile

Barrett et al, *Emotional Expressions Reconsidered*, p. 7

## Example:

- Emotional AI Ltd, Shanghai, develops the AI system „Readme“ to recognise emotions for interviews of all kinds
- The system is operated by AI Analytics, Inc., San Francisco and used for analyses of job interviews as a service for employers
- Siemens AG, Munich, has AI Analytics create analyses for decisions on hiring applicants

- **AI Act is applicable (Art. 2 - Use of the output in the EU)**
- Emotional AI is the provider of the AI system
- AI Analytics is the deployer of the AI system





The EU AI Act at a glance

**Risk management for high-risk AI systems**

# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Risk management for high-risk AI systems

<b>Chapter III</b> High-risk AI systems (Art. 6 - 49)	
<b>Section 1</b>	Categorisation of AI systems as high-risk AI systems (Art. 6 - 7)
<b>Section 2</b>	Requirements for high-risk AI systems (Art. 8 - 15)
<b>Section 3</b>	Obligations of providers and deployers of high-risk AI systems and other parties involved (Art. 16 - 27)
<b>Section 4</b>	Notifying authorities and notified bodies (Art. 28 - 39)
<b>Section 5</b>	Standards, conformity assessment, certificates, registration (Art. 40 - 49)

- Demanding requirements for high-risk AI systems
- Extensive obligations for providers and deployers of high-risk AI systems
- Supervision much stricter for other AI systems



The EU AI Act at a glance

**General-purpose AI models (GPAI)**

# The general-purpose AI (GPAI) model

## Definition

- Definition in Art. 3 para. 63

### **Article 3**

#### *Definitions*

„ ‘general-purpose AI model’ means an AI model, including where such an AI model is trained with a large amount of data using self-supervision at scale, that displays significant generality and is capable of competently performing a wide range of distinct tasks regardless of the way the model is placed on the market and that can be integrated into a variety of downstream systems or applications, except AI models that are used for research, development or prototyping activities before they are placed on the market;“

- Very vague definition

# The general-purpose AI (GPAI) model

## Obligations of providers of GPAI models

- **Obligations under Art. 53 para. 1**

- Technical documentation, para. 1(a)
- Information to providers of AI systems, para. 1(b)
- Comply with Union copyright law and related rights, para. 1(c)
- Publicly accessible summary of training data, para. 1(d)

- **Exemption for open-source models, para. 2**

# The general-purpose AI (GPAI) model

## The GPAI model with systemic risks

- **Definition in Art. 51**

### **Article 51**

*Classification of general purpose AI models as general purpose AI models with systemic risk*

1. A general-purpose AI model shall be classified as a general-purpose AI model with systemic risk if it meets any of the following requirements:
  - (a) it has high impact capabilities evaluated on the basis of appropriate technical tools and methodologies, including indicators and benchmarks;
  - (b) based on a decision of the Commission, ex officio or following a qualified alert from the scientific panel, it has capabilities or an impact equivalent to those set out in point (a) having regard to the criteria set out in Annex XIII

### **Obligations set out in Art. 55**

- Evaluation of the model, para. 1 lit. a)
- Risk assessment, para. 1 lit. b)
- Information about “serious incidents,” para. 1 lit. c)
- Cybersecurity, para. 1 lit. d)





The EU AI Act at a glance



**Transparency obligations and individual rights protection**

# Transparency in relation to AI-generated content

## Conceptual regulatory gaps

### **Transparency obligations for providers**

- Clarification of interaction with an AI system to the natural person concerned (Art. 50(1))
- Obligation of AI system providers to apply watermarking (Art. 50(2))

### **Transparency obligations for deployers**

- Reference to the use of emotion recognition and biometric categorisation (Art. 50(3))
- Disclosure of deepfakes (Art. 50(4) subpara. 1)
- Disclosure of AI processing of published texts for information on matters of public interest (Art. 50(4) subpara. 2)

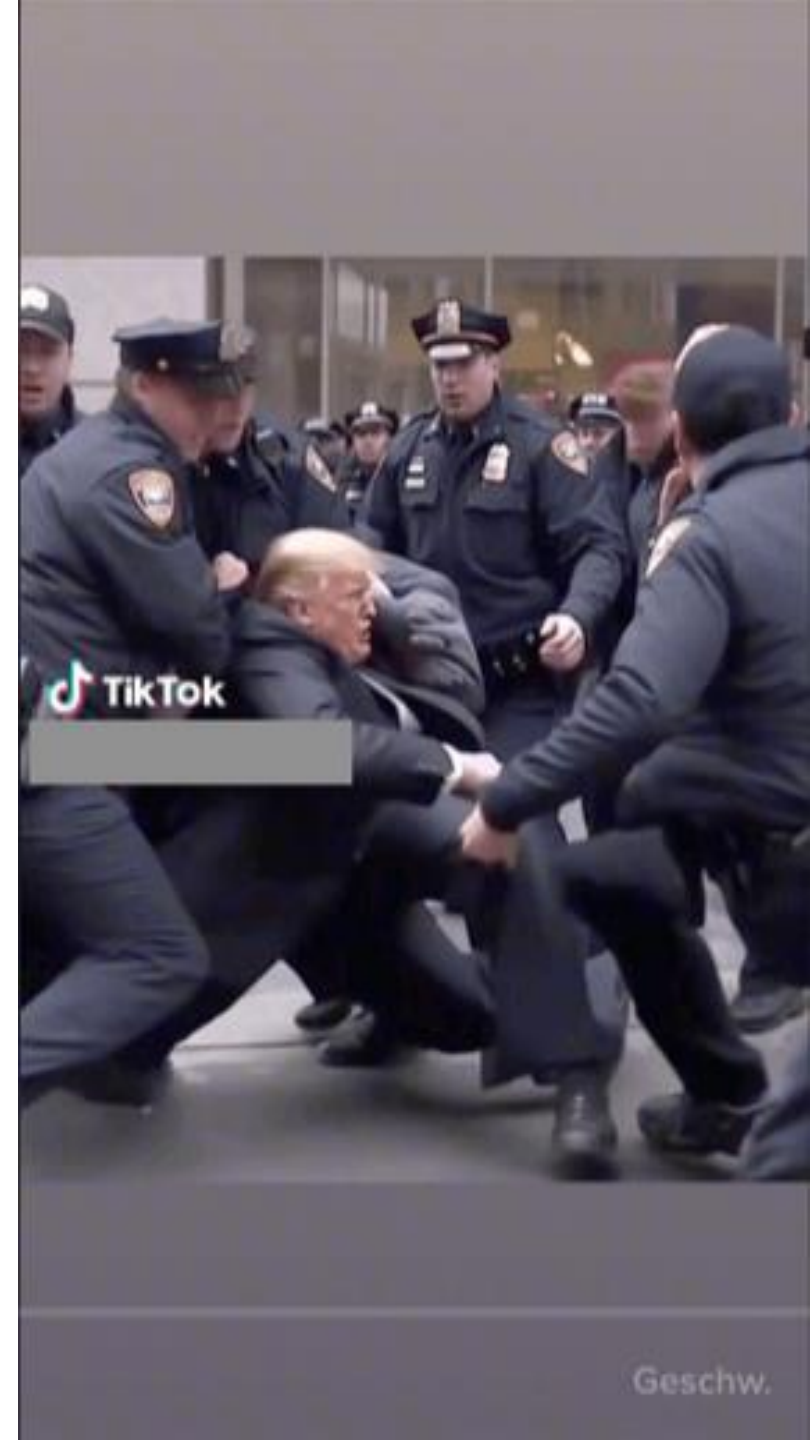
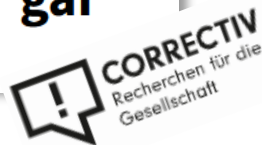
# Transparency in relation to AI-generated content

## Conceptual regulatory gaps

- No regulation for the use of AI-generated content
- No regulation for communication through AI systems

FAKTECHECK

**Künstliche Intelligenz generiert  
Bilder von Donald Trumps  
Festnahme – die gab es aber gar  
nicht**



# Individual rights protection

## Conceptual regulatory gaps

- **Right of appeal for everyone, Art. 85**
- **Right to explanation, Art. 86**
  - Scope of application: Decisions based on the output of an AI system
  - Entitled: Data subject
  - Obligated: Deployer of an AI system
  - Subject:
    - Role of the AI system in the decision-making process
    - Elements of the decision





The EU AI Act at a glance

**Institutional rules**

# Institutional rules

## Establishment of new authorities and facilities

### EU level

- AI Office (Art. 64)
- European Artificial Intelligence Board (Art. 65)
- Advisory forum (Art. 67)
- Scientific panel of independent experts (Art. 68)
- EU database for high-risk AI systems (Art. 71)

### National bodies of the Member States

- Notifying authority (Art. 70)
- Market surveillance authority (Art. 70)





# Institutional rules

## STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATION

### Standards

- Harmonised standards, Art. 40
- Common specifications, Art. 41

### Certification

- Notifying authority, Art. 28
- Notified bodies, Art. 31
- Procedure for notification of competent bodies, Art. 31
- Procedure for conformity assessments by notified bodies, Art. 34

## FRAMEWORK FOR SELF-REGULATION

### Codes of Conduct, Art. 95

- Codes for voluntary application of requirements
- Codes drawn by individual providers, groups of providers, stakeholders, academia etc.

### Codes of Practice, Art. 56

- Standards for GPAI Models
- Development of codes by providers and authorities

### Self-assessment for high-risk AI systems

- Internal conformity assessment, Art. 43
- Declaration of conformity, Art. 47





The EU AI Act at a glance

**Interim conclusion**

# The EU AI Act at a glance

## Interim result

The AI Act...

- ... is **not a comprehensive legal framework** for AI
  - ... does not include liability
  - ... does not include automated decisions
  - ... does not regulate data protection aspects or intellectual property rights
- ... is a "**product safety law for AI**" with additions
  - Prohibitions
  - Transparency
  - Individual rights





**Conclusion**

## A vertical wooden ladder with four rungs, set against a white background. The ladder is made of light-colored wood and has a simple, rustic design. The rungs are evenly spaced and attached to two vertical side rails. The wood shows some natural grain and minor wear. At the bottom of the image, there is a blue banner with white text that reads "INSTITUT FÜR RECHTSGEOGRAPHIE UND RECHTSINFORMATIK SAARLAND UNIVERSITÄT SANKT AUGUSTIN".

- **Relatively minor impact on the development and use of AI**
  - Approximately 1-5% of AI systems classified as high-risk AI
  - Very minor prohibitions
- **Highly complex regulations**
- **High degree of interpretation required**
  - » High level of legal uncertainty
- **Biggest advantage:** Basis for the technical standardisation of AI

# Conclusion

## Achievements of the AI Act in the legal framework for AI

- **No regulation of AI or AI systems as a whole**
  - » Product safety law for AI systems
- **Specific rules**
  - Prohibitions
  - Transparency obligations
  - Individual rights
- **Focus:** Basis for technical requirements



# Conclusion

## Unresolved issues in the AI Act

- Liability
- Intellectual property rights
- Data protection
- Automated evaluations
- Communication with AI-generated content



# Conclusion

## AI Act as a basis for innovation in Europe

### AI ACT

- Supplementing product safety law for AI
- Basis for technical standardisation of AI
- No obligations for 95-99% of all AI systems
- Global validity ➡ Level playing field for AI development



### AI ACT

- Obstacle to innovation due to ties to providers (role change)
- Very high transaction costs due to the complexity of the regulation
  - » Support through guidelines etc., is indispensable







# AI and data protection

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## Storing personal data in AI Models

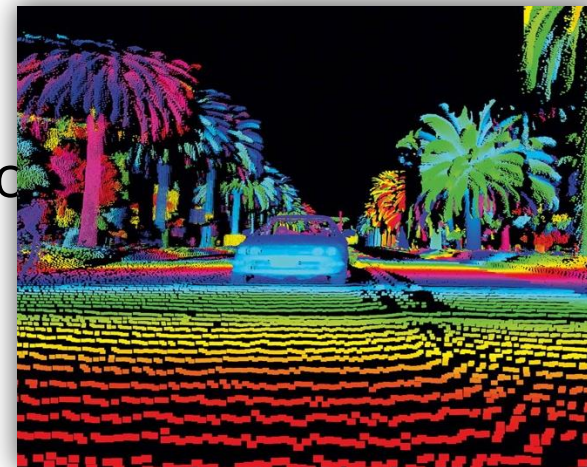
### ■ Controversial discussion

- *Position 1: no storage of personal data in AI model*
- *Argument: mere mathematical representation of information*  
(Hamburgische Beauftragte für Datenschutz und Informationsfreiheit,  
Diskussionspapier: Large Language Models und personenbezogene Daten,  
S. 1 (abrufbar unter: [https://datenschutz-hamburg.de/fileadmin/user\\_upload/HmbBfDI/Datenschutz/Informationen/240715\\_Diskussionspapier\\_HmbBfDI\\_KI\\_Modelle.pdf](https://datenschutz-hamburg.de/fileadmin/user_upload/HmbBfDI/Datenschutz/Informationen/240715_Diskussionspapier_HmbBfDI_KI_Modelle.pdf)),)
- *Position 2: storage of personal data in AI model*
- *Argument: representation allows reproduction of information*

# AI and data protection

## Sensor data. The example of autonomous driving

- Personal data if there is a person can be identified by the controller using reasonable efforts
- No processing of personal data if identification is impossible
- No processing of personal data if sensor data are processed by for the sole purpose of controlling a machine



# AI and data protection

## Justification of sensor data processing. The example of autonomous driving

### Justification for camera recording by automated motor vehicle

- Processing of camera recording for vehicle control
  - Assumed: Applicability of the GDPR
  - Justification pursuant to Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR ?
    - Legitimate interest of the driver: vehicle control
    - Legitimate conflicting interest of the data subject ?
    - Justification according to Art. 6 para. 1 (f) (+)

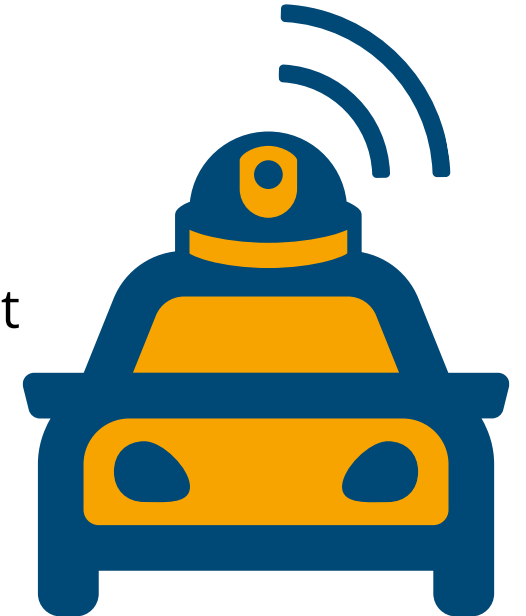


# AI and data protection

## Justification of sensor data processing. The example of autonomous driving

### Justification for camera recording by automated motor vehicle

- Transfer of video recordings to manufacturers
  - Purpose: Use of data for research and development (improving of driving function)
  - Justification pursuant to Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR ?
    - Legitimate interest of the manufacturer: research and development
    - Legitimate conflicting interest of the data subject ?
    - Justification under Art. 6 (1) (f) (+)



# AI and data protection

## Justification of sensor data processing. The example of autonomous driving

### Justification for camera recording by automated motor vehicle

- Transfer of video recordings to manufacturers
  - Purpose: Improving of offerings to the driver (personalised advertising)
  - Justification pursuant to Art. 6 (1) (f) GDPR ?
    - Legitimate interest of the manufacturer: distribution of services
    - Legitimate conflicting interest of the data subject: no personalised advertising
    - Justification under Art. 6 (1 ) (f) (-)



# Processing of personal data using AI systems

## Processing of personal data producing output on prompts



ChatGPT, was weißt Du über Georg Borges?

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Hagen. Parallel dazu war er von 1984 bis 1986 als Steuerfachgehilfe tätig und schloss diese Ausbildung 1987





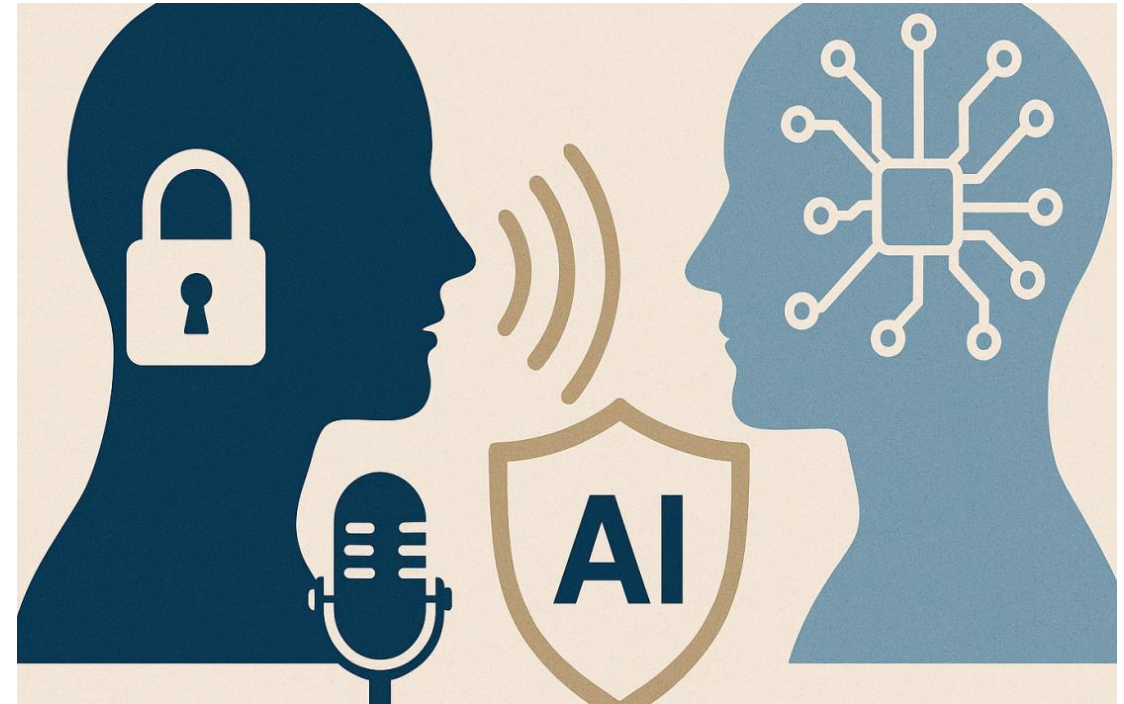
# The “right to voice” – Current discussion in German law

# The right to voice

„The defendant intruded with the economic allocation function [„vermögensrechtlicher Zuweisungsgehalt“] of the plaintiff's right to his own voice.. [...]

The decisive factor is the confusion of attribution caused by the deliberately induced similarity of the voices, which may lead viewers to believe that the voice actor who dubs the German voice of ... consented to the use of his voice for the dubbing of the videos."

*Landgericht Berlin II, judgment of August 20, 2025 - 2 O 202/24*





Thank you very much!

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