

Digital & Social – EU Transformation Talks in Berlin



Panel: Regulatory frameworks and digital transformation in the public sector

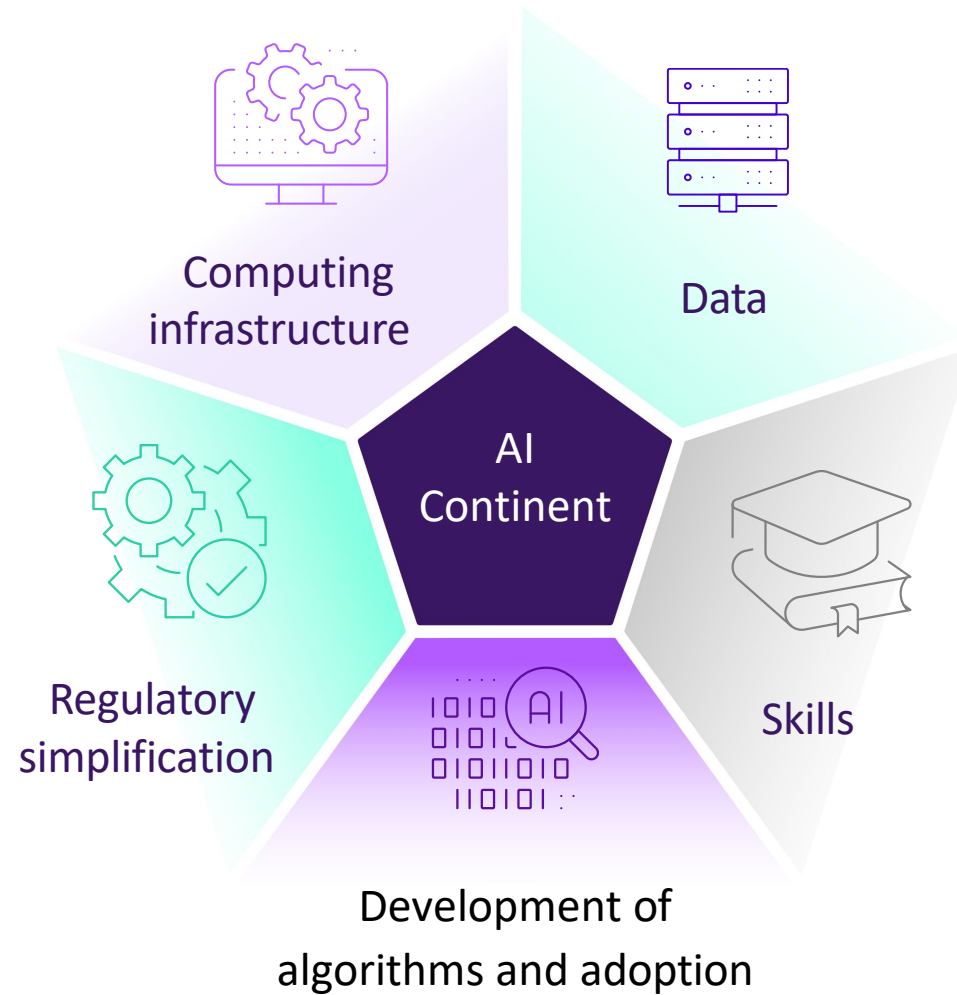
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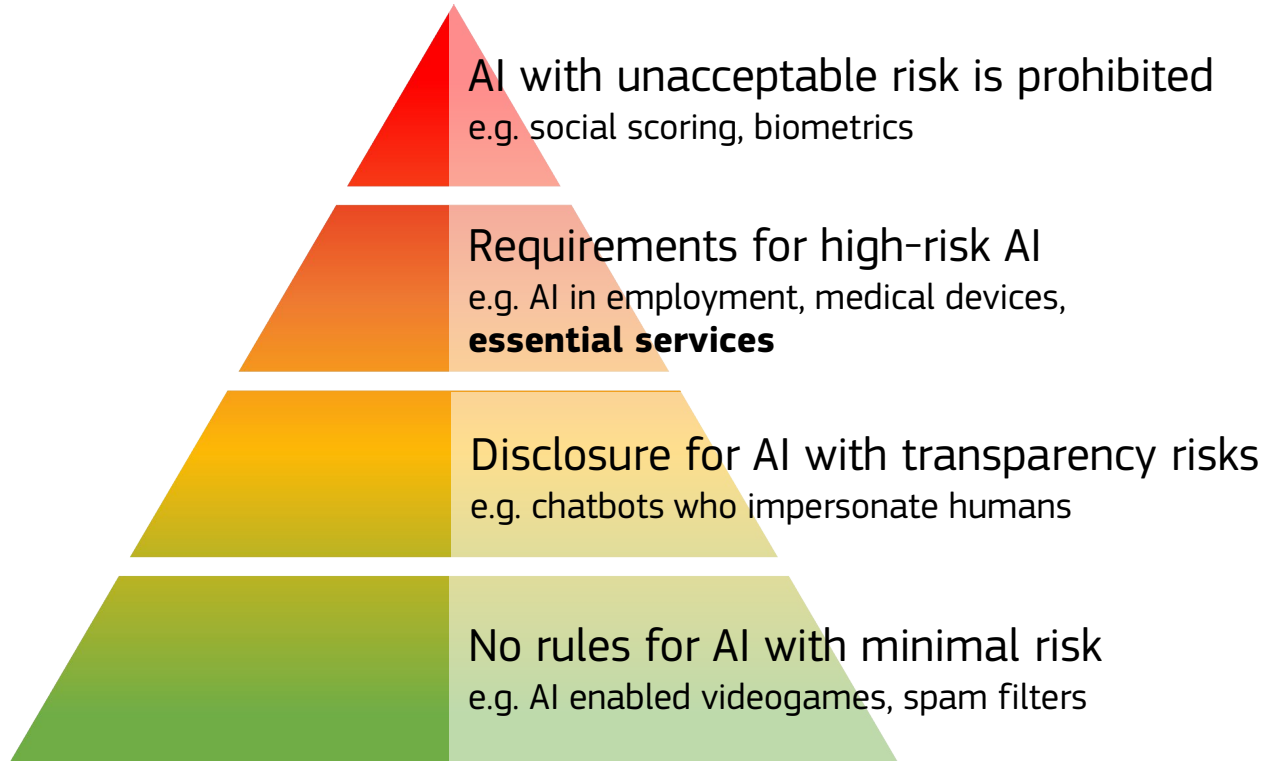
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TOWARDS THE CREATION OF THE AI CONTINENT

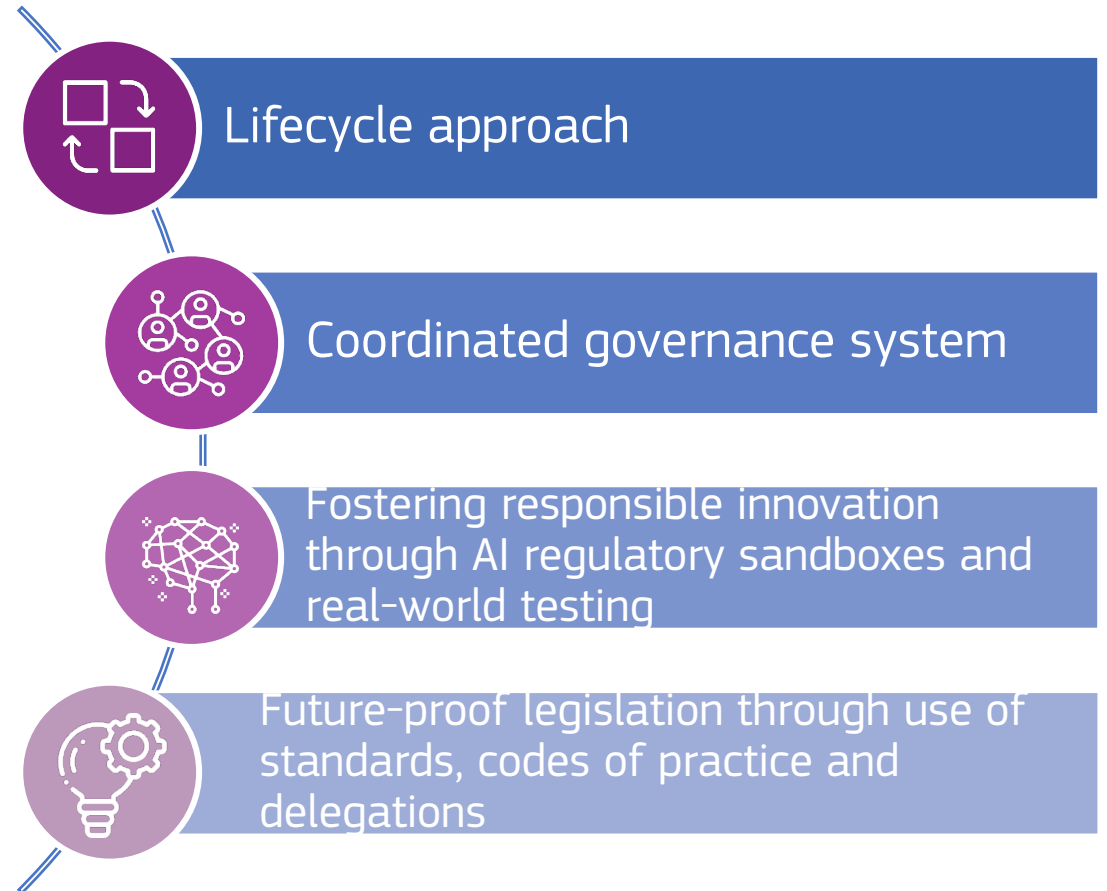


THE AI ACT

Risk-based rules for AI systems:



Transparency and risk management for powerful AI models that can be components of AI systems



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FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (FRIA)

Certain deployers of high-risk AI systems must carry out a **fundamental rights impact assessment (FRIA)** prior to the first use and **notify** the relevant market surveillance authority.

What does the FRIA cover?

- **Processes**, in which the high-risk AI system is intended to be used
- **Affected categories of natural persons and groups**
- **Specific risks of harm** and measures to be taken **in case of materialization of the risks**

Making use of synergies:

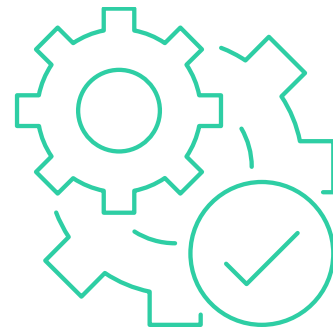
When preparing the FRIA, deployers can rely on:

- Previously conducted **data protection impact assessments**
- **Information offered by the provider** in the instructions of use (Art. 13) and the provider's risk management system (Art. 9)

Who needs to do the FRIA?

High-risk AI deployers that are

1. Bodies governed by **public law**
2. Private operators providing **public services**
3. Certain other **private providers** (credit scoring/ credit worthiness assessment of health and life insurances)



REGULATORY SIMPLIFICATION

Completing the EU ecosystem of support for AI Act compliance

Central EU support



In-depth
guidance,
standards, code
of practice



Engaging with AI
Office through
AI Pact



Free advice from
AI Act Service
Desk



Local support



**European Digital
Innovation Hubs**
as local contacts



Engaging with
authorities in
**AI regulatory
sandboxes**

EU SINGLE INFORMATION PLATFORM



Possibility for stakeholders to **submit queries about the AI Act to the AI Office** and **receive tailored feedback**

- **Multilingual** support
- **Complementary** to other schemes such as the Regulatory sandboxes, EDIHs, and national helpdesks



Integrated into a **Single Information Platform**

(launch in EN only – multilingual support to be available soon)

- **AI Act Explorer**
- **Compliance Checker**
- **FAQs**
- Repository of **Commission's and national resources**



[Link to the AI Act Service Desk](#)

AI regulatory sandboxes



- **Controlled framework to develop, train, validate and test innovative AI systems**
- To be set up by competent authorities by 2 August 2026
- Aim to **foster innovation, regulatory learning, accelerate access** to market
- **EU level coordinating and supporting role** (the Commission and the AI Board)

Real-world testing



- AI Act allows **testing of high-risk AI systems in real-world conditions**
- Subject to a set of harmonised **safeguards**
- Market surveillance authorities supervise

APPLY AI STRATEGY

- **AI First** : help businesses to consider AI as a useful solution to tackle their challenges while also considering the risks
- Support **adoption and integration of AI in 10 strategic industrial sectors** and the **public sector**
- **Addressing cross-cutting challenges (skills, frontier AI)**



enhance competitiveness
further develop EU's technological sovereignty



PUBLIC SECTOR FLAGSHIPS



Q2 2026: Build an AI toolbox dedicated to public administrations, featuring a shared repository of tools & solutions for AI interoperability

Q2 2026: Update the European Interoperability Framework to support AI adoption by public administrations

From Q3 2026: Accelerate the adoption of European scalable and replicable generative AI solutions in public administration

From Q3 2026: Creation of a comprehensive and technical policy toolkit to support developing generative and agentic AI

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Topic id: *DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI*

Title: ***Apply AI: GenAI for the public administration***



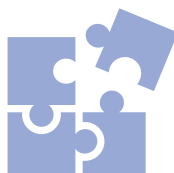
Budget: EUR **21** million



Type of Action: **Grant for procurement**



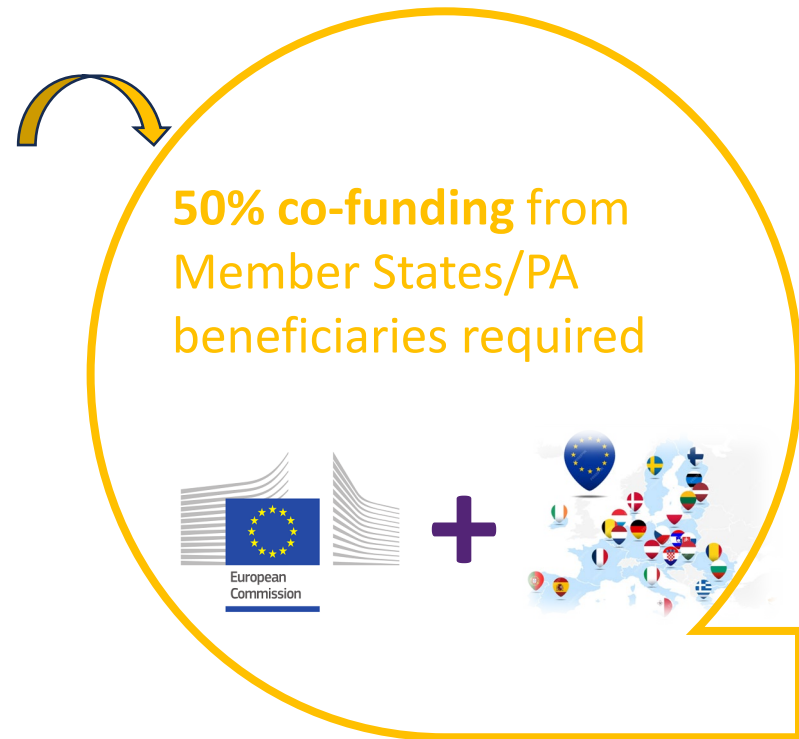
Nr of projects: circa **four projects** (EUR 5/7 million each)



Nr of **eligible proposals**: 9



Smaller projects are welcome if they show excellent impact and quality





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