



Reflections on AI policy in Europe.

The potential of Artificial Intelligence for the Visegrad Cooperation – V4 hopes and expectations based on the report of the AIDA Special Committee

**16th of March, 2022 11.00-13.00 CEST
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The rapid growth of artificial intelligence (AI) poses a number of key challenges to the EU and its Member States. These challenges include [1] ethical questions of how AI should be used in a company principles such as data privacy, human autonomy, and risk management, [2] regulatory challenges of how AI should be governed, how to work with local governments and other regulatory bodies to establish clear regulatory guidelines for AI and [3] security challenges of how risks might be countered, how to implement robust security measures to protect a company from cyberattacks and other risks posed by AI (measures should include data encryption, firewalls, and anti-virus software).

While all social and economic actors face such dilemmas, small and medium-sized enterprises, the main economic driving force of the V4 member states, are susceptible to one particular risk posed by artificial intelligence or digital innovation more generally: the risk of falling behind.

Acknowledging the technology's importance and the transformative potential' of Artificial Intelligence (AI) across all aspects of society, the European Parliament set up the Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Age special committee to focus on AI, learn how it might influence the EU economy, find out about different countries' approaches and come up with suggestions for future legislation.

Meanwhile, based on the experience of the inter-institutional negotiations so far, it can be assumed that the scope of the AI Act, which will enter into force in 2024, is becoming limited compared to the original proposal, and its content is getting strongly watered down. A few days before the adoption of the AIDA report, amid the negotiations on the AI Act, the purpose of this conference is twofold. It aims to bring together stakeholders, experts, professionals, researchers from the V4 countries and EU policymakers in order to assess what the multifaceted application of artificial intelligence outlined in the AIDA report, the ambitious approach presented there, designate for the V4 countries.

To what extent the report, presented by the AIDA Special Committee, shortly to be voted on at committee level and then before the European Parliament's plenary, takes into account the interests of the V4 countries? In the light of the experiences, what are the objectives of V4 countries participating in the AI Act negotiation process and what else could or should they expect from the European Union in the field of artificial intelligence? We will seek answers to these questions together with Mr Axel Voss, rapporteur of the AIDA special committee report, Mr Ernő Schaller-Baross, Hungarian member of the AIDA committee and stakeholders representing the relevant sectors within the V4 Cooperation. By creating platform to discuss the dilemmas on AI regulation and impacts of the technological development, the event is going to be followed up with non paper issued by the participants and other stakeholder organisations interested in AI Act on national level.

Organisers:

Dr. Ernő Schaller-Baross, Member of the European Parliament
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Venue: online (Microsoft Teams)

Programme

Moderator: Viktória Lilla Pató, Researcher, Europe Strategy Research Institute

- 11.00-11.15 Welcoming remarks on behalf of the hosts of the event
Dr. Ernő Schaller-Baross, MEP
Dr. András Levente Gál, Professional Leader, Digital Success Programme;
CEO, National Data Economy Knowledge Centre
Dr. Bernát Török, Director, Eötvös József Research Centre, University of
Public Service
- 11.15-11.30 Keynote speech
Axel Voss MEP, rapporteur of the AIDA report
- 11.30-11.40 Demystifying AI internal processes for policy makers-how does it work?
László Boa, Professional Leader, AI Coalition Hungary
- 11.40-11.50 Ethical and security dilemmas on AI from legal perspective
- 11.50-12.00 Building out European trustworthy and excellent AI ecosystem
Jana Novohradská - Representative of the Slovak Republic at UNESCO
- 12.00-12.45 Roundtable Discussion, Women in AI
Moderator: Dr. Bernadett Petri
Invited Attendees:
Dr. Dóra Petrányi, Women in AI Hungary initiative, CEE Managing
Director, CMS
Jana Novohradská, Representative of the Slovak Republic at UNESCO
Sara Polak, Founder, Paioneers Lab
- 12.45-13.00 Questions and Answers
- 13.00 13.10 Concluding remarks
Dr. Ferenc Kása, Professional Diplomat for Data and AI, National Data
Economy Knowledge Centre (NATUK)
- 13:10-13:20 Closing speech