

EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, CONTENT AND TECHNOLOGY

The Director-General

Brussels CNECT/A2/LJ

Their Excellencies The Deputy Permanent Representatives of the Member States to the European Union

# Subject: National implementation of the Artificial Intelligence Act

Your Excellency,

Thank you very much for the support that your Member State already provided for the implementation of the Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 (Artificial Intelligence Act – AI Act).

The AI Act sets landmark new EU rules to create the conditions for a well-functioning single market for AI and ensure that AI developed and used in Europe is safe and respects fundamental rights. The enforcement of these rules is of critical importance. The AI Act has attracted the attention of regulators, academia, civil society and stakeholders worldwide, who are closely watching how the new rules will be supervised and the tangible effects the AI Act will bring to the EU economy and citizens.

A large part of the AI Act's supervision and enforcement will take place on national level. The AI Act requires Member States to appoint national competent authorities, where necessary to empower them to supervise, monitor and enforce the AI Act, and to lay down rules regarding penalties and other enforcement measures. While I am fully aware of the ongoing preparations in your Member State, I wish to underline the importance of a timely establishment of the national governance to prepare the start of its application and enforcement. Clear contact points and regimes for fines are also an important step towards legal certainty for the market.

By 2 August 2025, Member States are required to notify to the Commission the national competent authorities and, among them, a single point of contact (Article 70 para. 2), report on the status of the financial and human resources of those national competent authorities (Article 70 para. 6) and notify the national rules on penalties and other enforcement measures (Article 99 para. 2). Please transmit these to <u>CNECT-A2@ec.europa.eu</u>, in the form set out in the <u>Annex</u> to this letter.

My services stand ready to support you in all your preparations for the appointment and empowerment of the national competent authorities and preparation of national laws on penalties and in any other AI Act-related matter. In my services, Mr Kilian Gross

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<u>Kilian.GROSS@ec.europa.eu</u> and Ms Laura Jugel <u>Laura.JUGEL@ec.europa.eu</u> are at your disposal for any clarifications you may need.

The AI Act sets up a robust supervisory structure, which requires Member States and the Commission to work hand in hand for the effective enforcement of the rules. It is now time to all work together to ensure a single, well-coordinated, coherent and strong framework for AI in the EU.

Yours sincerely,

Roberto Viola

# Annex

# Practical guidance for the fulfilment of Articles 70(2), (6) and 99(2) AI Act

You are kindly requested to provide the information specified below and make your submissions to <u>CNECT-A2@ec.europa.eu</u>:

# I. Notifications according to Article 70(2) AI Act

Please provide the full list of national competent authorities that have been established or designated according to Article 70(1) AI Act, which among those authorities has been determined as single-point-of-contact, and where this information has been made publicly available pursuant to Article 70(2) AI Act. Please provide for each authority the scope of their competences under the AI Act.

Specific information as regards market surveillance authorities:

- 1. If market surveillance authorities have been designated or established in derogation of the default rule set out in Article 74(3) AI Act, please provide a justification why you deem that the appropriate circumstances are fulfilled and which measures have been implemented to ensure appropriate coordination with relevant sectoral market surveillance authorities.
- 2. If market surveillance authorities have been designated or established in derogation of the default rule set out in Article 74(6) AI Act, please provide a justification why you deem that the designated authority/-ies is/are relevant, the appropriate circumstances are fulfilled and which measures have been implemented to ensure appropriate coordination, as required by Article 74(7) AI Act.
- 3. Please indicate the legal conditions under national law determining that the market surveillance authority designated according to Article 74(8) AI Act is the competent data protection supervisory authority under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or Directive (EU) 2016/680, or that this authority has been designated pursuant to the same conditions laid down in Articles 41 to 44 of Directive (EU) 2016/680.
- 4. Please provide the legal conditions under national law determining the empowerment of the market surveillance authority/-ies pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and any additional powers foreseen under the AI Act.

## Specific information as regards notifying authorities:

- 1. Please indicate if the assessment and monitoring to be carried out by the notifying authority/-ies according to Article 28(1) AI Act has been delegated to a national accreditation body within the meaning of, and in accordance with, Regulation (EC) No 765/2008.
- 2. Please indicate how the notifying authority/-ies are established, organised and operated in such a way that no conflict of interest arises with conformity assessment bodies, and that the objectivity and impartiality of their activities are safeguarded in accordance with Article 28(3) AI Act.
- 3. Please indicate how the notifying authority/-ies are organised in such a way that decisions relating to the notification of conformity assessment bodies are taken by

competent persons different from those who carried out the assessment of those bodies in accordance with Article 28(4) AI Act.

4. Please indicate how the notifying authority/-ies are equipped in such a way that they have an adequate number of competent personnel at their disposal for the proper performance of their tasks, including their available expertise in fields such as information technologies, AI and law, including the supervision of fundamental rights, in accordance with Article 28(7) AI Act.

#### Legal act determining the designation of national competent authorities:

Please provide the full name and reference to the legal act determining the designation of national competent authorities, and, where available, the hyperlink to its publication.

If, on 2 August 2025, such legal act has not yet been formally adopted, we kindly ask you to submit the following information:

- 1. Information about the progress of the legal act:
  - a. Any interim steps already taken necessary for its adoption and their timing
  - b. Any interim steps still to be taken necessary for its adoption and their timing
  - c. The expected adoption date
- 2. Please indicate any foreseeable elements in your legislative, administrative or political context that might impact the expected date of adoption.

## II. Notifications according to Article 70(6) AI Act

Please provide a report on the status of the financial and human resources of the national competent authorities, with an assessment of their adequacy.

#### III. Notifications according to Article 99(2) AI Act

Please provide the full name and reference of the draft or adopted legislative act, and, where available, the hyperlink to its publication.

If, on 2 August 2025, the legislative act has not yet been formally adopted, we kindly ask you to submit the following information:

- 1. Information about the progress of the legislative act:
  - a. Any interim steps already taken necessary for its adoption and their timing
  - b. Any interim steps still to be taken necessary for its adoption and their timing
  - c. The expected adoption date(s)
- 2. Please indicate any foreseeable elements in your legislative or political context that might impact the expected date(s) of adoption.