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Glossary:

REGULATION: EU legislative act that is binding in its entirety and is to be applied in its entirety across the EU by all EU Member States.

DIRECTIVE: EU legislative act that sets out a goal that all EU Member States must achieve. However, it is up to the EU Member States to adopt their own laws on how to achieve the EU goals enshrined in the Directive.

AI HLG: High-Level Group on Artificial Intelligence

DG CNECT: Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology

EIF: European Internet Forum

ENISA: European Union Agency for Network and Information Security

EU: European Union

GDPR: General Data Protection Regulation

ITRE: European Parliament Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

MFF: Multi-Annual Financial Framework – the EU budget

S&D: Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament

TRILOGUES: Informal negotiations between the European Parliament, Commission and Council of the EU to reach an agreement on a specific legislative proposal. Agreement then needs to be formally adopted by the Parliament and Council.

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Council adopts position on Cybersecurity Act



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On 8 June, the Council formally adopted **its position** on the Cybersecurity Act. The agreement is a milestone in the legislative process, as it will serve as a basis for the negotiations with the European Parliament, expected to begin in the autumn.

According to the adopted text, Member States support an approach for cybersecurity certification schemes which would cover products, processes, services and systems throughout their life cycle. In addition, the Council position includes references to encourage increased stakeholder participation in the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security's (ENISA) work, both in proposing candidate schemes and in their participation.

Once the European Parliament adopts its position, with a vote expected in the Industry Committee (ITRE) on 9 July and in Plenary sitting on 11 September, interinstitutional negotiations between representatives of the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council will start, with the objective of reaching a comprehensive agreement on the text.

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EIF EVENT

On 19 June, IEEE participated in a European Internet Forum (EIF) event on Artificial Intelligence and Ethics. Professor Raja Chatila, Chair of IEEE Global Initiative for Ethical Considerations in AI and Autonomous Systems, delivered a presentation at the event, presenting IEEE global initiative on ethics and AI and stressing that the ethics debate has gained momentum.

During the event, which was hosted by Member of European Parliament, Emilian Pavel (S&D, Romania), Lucilla Sioli, Director for Digital Industry at DG CNECT (European Commission) reiterated the Commission’s strategy goals on AI and underlined that the EU will develop a list of principles for businesses to avoid market fragmentation.



IBM EVENT

IEEE’s work on AI and ethics was also recognized during an event organized by IBM, where IEEE’s Ethics in Action initiative was referenced as an example of one of the first initiatives worldwide in reaction to AI developments.

During the event, an official from the European Commission gave an overview of the objectives of the High Level Group on AI (AI HLG), which was established by the Commission on 14 June. The group, which met for the first time on 27 June, will advise on AI-related challenges and opportunities and be responsible for the development, of the draft AI Ethics Guidelines. The AI HLG will also drive the work of the wider AI Alliance, set up by the European Commission, to receive feedback from as wide a group of stakeholders as possible. IEEE has been selected to be part of the AI HLG and will be represented by Professor Raja Chatila.

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EU Institutions reach agreement on Electronic Communications Code



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Following long and difficult political discussions between EU institutions, negotiators from the European Commission, European Parliament and Council reached **agreement** on the proposal establishing the European Electronic Communications Code on 6 June.

According to the agreed text, the new Electronic Communications Code will enhance the deployment of 5G networks in the EU and will facilitate the roll-out of new, high capacity fixed networks 'by making rules for co-investment more predictable and promoting risk sharing in the deployment of very high capacity networks'.

The European Parliament and Council must now formally adopt the new Code, which Member States will have two years to transpose it into national law.

Meanwhile, at the Digital Assembly 2018 in Sofia (25-26 June), Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia signed a letter of Intent to work together for the deployment of an experimental 5G cross-border corridor that will allow for the testing of autonomous vehicles.

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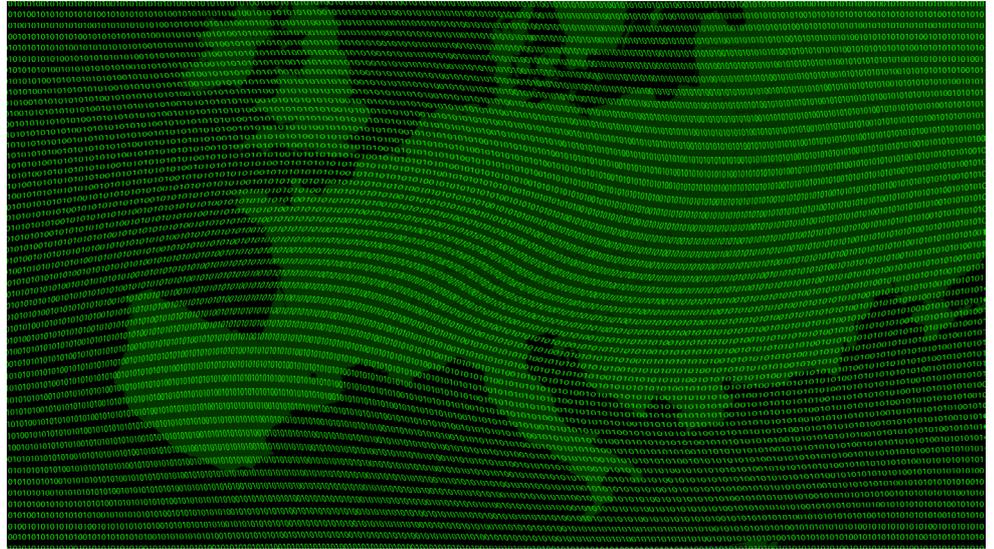
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On 19 June, representatives of the European Commission, European Parliament and Council reached a political **agreement** on new rules governing the flow of non-personal data. According to the agreement, the new rules will allow data to be stored and processed everywhere in the EU without restrictions.

In particular, the text will ensure the free flow of non-personal data across borders and will complement the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), thus creating a single European space for data.

The final agreement must now be formally adopted by Member States in the Council and the European Parliament. It will then be published in the EU Official Journal and will enter into force 20 days later. This could happen by September 2018.

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Building on the regulatory framework designed in the Digital Single Market strategy, the European Commission launched a **proposal** for the establishment of the Digital Europe Programme as part of the EU Multi-Annual Financial Framework (MFF).

According to the programme, the EU will invest €9.2 billion to increase the EU's competitiveness and to reinforce Europe's strategic digital capacities, including high-performance computing, AI, cybersecurity, and digital skills.

With the European Parliament and Member States set to start negotiations on the overall EU budget and its sectoral proposals, the European Commission has called upon them to reach a swift agreement in the upcoming months.

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