EUROPEAN APPROACH TO AI - THE COORDINATED PLAN ON AI

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THE COORDINATED PLAN ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A joint commitment between the Commission and Member States: Europe can maximise its potential to compete globally in Al by working together A concrete set of joint actions to create EU global leadership in trustworthy Al

COORDINATED PLAN ON AI REVIEW 2021 - FROM INTENTION TO ACTION

2018

First edition of the Coordinated Plan

- Laid ground for cooperation, defined areas for investment
- Encouraged Member States to develop national AI strategies
- Set up as a rolling plan to be updated regularly
- Monitoring development, sharing policy insights

2021

The first review and updated version of the Plan adopted in April 2021 as a part of wider AI package

WHY A REVIEW?

COVID-19 pandemic

Green Deal

Technological development

Policy alignment: 2020 White

Paper on Al

Lessons learned from first years of implementation

Recovery and Resilience Facility, Horizon Europe, Digital Europe

MAXIMIZE SYNERGIES AND ADVANTAGES OF EUROPEAN NATIONAL AI STRATEGIES THROUGH THE COORDINATED PLAN





Cooperation, structured dialogue, public debate

Sharing and pooling policy insights

Continuous monitoring and analysis

Synergies

Opportunity to bring learnings and best practices to EU level

Strategic framework for national AI strategies

Coordinated Plan on Al

A CONCRETE SET OF JOINT ACTIONS FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATES

- A set of specific actions with a clearly indicated timeline and possible cooperation and funding mechanisms
- Two-step approach: review + outlook
- Member States' Al group has key role in development, implementation and monitoring of the Plan



ACCELERATE

investments in AI technologies to drive resilient economic and social recovery

ACT

on AI strategies and programmes, ensure that the EU fully benefits from the first-mover adopter advantages

ALIGN

Al policy to remove fragmentation, address global challenges.

ACCELERATE, ACT AND ALIGN JOINT ACTIONS TOWARD FOUR KEY POLICY OBJECTIVES

SET ENABLING
CONDITIONS FOR AI
DEVELOPMENT AND
UPTAKE IN THE EU

MAKE THE EU
THE RIGHT PLACE;
EXCELLENCE FROM LAB
TO THE MARKET

ENSURE AI
TECHNOLOGIES WORK
FOR PEOPLE

BUILD STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP IN THE SECTORS

SET ENABLING CONDITIONS FOR AI DEVELOPMENT AND UPTAKE IN THE EU

- Acquire, pool and share policy insights
- Tap into the potential of data
- Foster critical computing capacity

MAKE THE EU THE RIGHT PLACE; EXCELLENCE FROM LAB TO THE MARKET

- Collaboration with stakeholders,
- Public-private
 Partnership on AI, data
 and robotics
- •• Research capacities
- Testing and experimentation (TEFs), uptake by SMEs (EDIHs)
- Funding and scaling
 innovative ideas and
 solutions

ENSURE AI TECHNOLOGIES WORK FOR PEOPLE

- Talent and skills
- A policy framework to ensure trust in Al systems
- Promoting the EU
 vision on sustainable
 and trustworthy AI
 in the world

BUILD STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP IN THE SECTORS

- Climate and environment
- -O Health
- Strategy for Robotics in the world of AI
- Public sector
- Law enforcement, immigration and asylum
- Mobility
- Agriculture

Investments: Horizon Europe, Digital Europe, Recovery and Resilience Facility

UNPRECEDENTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ACCELERATE JOINT EFFORTS

- Target: € 20 billion per year combined public and private sector investment in AI in the EU
- ► Coordinated public efforts help leverage private investments

Digital Europe Programme Build the **strategic digital capacities,** facilitate the wide deployment of digital technologies

€ 2.1 billion for Al

2021 – 2027

Horizon Europe Programme Support **research and innovation** for new knowledge and innovative solutions

€ 2.6 billion

for AI (estimated) 2021 – 2027

Recovery and Resilience Facility

Support **Member States' investments and reforms** for recovery

20% of the total
€ 670 billion earmarked for digital, including AI

2021 – 2026

