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Meeting Minutes

Participants: AT, BE, BG, HR, CY, CZ, DK, EE, FI, FR, DE, EL, HU, IE, IT, LV, LT, LU, MT, NL, PL, PT, SK, SI, ES, SE, EU, IS, LI, NO, European Data Protection Supervisor, European Commission

Chair: PL

Executive summary

On 24 March 2025, the European Artificial Intelligence Board (AI Board) convened for its third meeting in Brussels. The meeting started with a roundtable discussion of approaches to establish the national governance. The Commission presented new initiatives and priorities for AI policy, followed by a strategic discussion with Member States. Moreover, the AI Office updated on recent AI Act deliverables. The AI Office's AI Safety team held a technical briefing of recent technological developments in AI. The AI Board agreed on joint actions on common communication efforts and compliance support measures about the AI Act. As a final point, there was a report on the work of the sub-groups and several decision points related to sub-groups and observers.

0. Opening of the meeting

The Chair opened the second meeting of the AI Board with opening remarks. Members of the AI Board adopted the agenda by consensus.

1. Roundtable on national governance approaches

The Chair introduced the agenda point and gave the floor to the Commission for general remarks and a presentation of the results of a survey about the tentative planning on the national governance approaches of the Member States, carried out to prepare the roundtable.

AI Board members were invited to share their progress and experience in establishing the national governance. AI Board members emphasized the need for communication and tools to support stakeholders in the compliance. Moreover, AI Board members referred to resource issues and challenges in finding technical expertise. Several AI Board members underlined the importance of the delivery of harmonised standards for a successful implementation. Moreover, several AI Board members requested guidance from the Commission on the application of the rules related to notifying authorities and notified bodies. AI Board members also expressed the need to take a more coordinated approach on penalties.

Next steps: The AI Office will share a summary of the survey results with AI Board members and will work on guidance regarding notifying authorities and notified bodies as well as penalties. It was agreed to have a dedicated agenda item on standardisation at the next AI Board meeting.

2. Commission strategic vision on AI

The Chair introduced the agenda point and invited the Commission to present new initiatives and priorities for AI policy.

The Commission, represented by Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen, presented its plans for the upcoming AI Continent Action Plan. AI Board members welcomed the presentation, asked questions and made comments. Several AI Board members expressed support for the upcoming initiatives.

Next steps: The Commission will adopt the AI Continent Action Plan in April. There will be a discussion of the AI Continent Action Plan and the follow-up at the next AI Board meeting.

3. Recent and upcoming AI Act deliverables

The Chair introduced the agenda point. The AI Office updated on recent AI Act deliverables and presented the process for the adoption of upcoming key deliverables. This covered the AI system definition and prohibitions guidelines, the third draft of the code of practice on general-purpose AI models, the guidelines on general-purpose AI models, the template for a sufficiently detailed summary of training content, the guidelines on high-risk classification, the call for the scientific panel and the planning for the advisory forum.

AI Board members asked questions and made comments. AI Board members welcomed the progress and recent changes in the third Code of practice on general-purpose AI models. Several AI Board members highlighted the need for more consultation of Member States and longer consultation periods. Moreover, AI Board members emphasized that there is a need to provide simple, easy-to-understand communication material in addition to the more technical guidelines.

Next steps: There will be a virtual technical briefing on 3 April 2025 for the AI Board and its sub-group ‘GPAI Steering Group’ during which the third draft of the Code of practice on general-purpose AI models will be presented and discussed. Moreover, there will be a virtual technical briefing for the AI Board on 28 April 2025, open to all AI Board sub-groups, during which the content of the AI system definition and prohibitions guidelines will be presented and discussed.

4. Technical briefing on latest AI developments by AI safety team

The Chair introduced the agenda point and gave the floor to the AI Office. The AI Office’s AI Safety team held a technical briefing of recent technological developments in AI.

AI Board members asked questions and made comments. There was a keen interest among AI Board members for closer collaboration on questions of AI safety.

6. AI Act – supporting compliance and simplification

The Chair introduced the agenda point and gave the floor to the AI Office to present a proposal for an agreement on joint actions on common communication efforts and compliance support measures about the AI Act. The proposal was an outcome of a technical briefing held in preparation of the AI Board meeting.

AI Board members expressed support and made comments. AI Board members underlined the need for good, clear and accessible guidance about the AI Act’s application. Several AI Board members highlighted the central role of the future competent authorities in such initiatives and highlighted the need for a uniform interpretation and application of the AI Act across the EU.

The proposed agreement was adopted by consensus.

Next steps: The AI Office will request the nomination of national contact points.

7. AI Board Sub-groups & Observers

The Chair introduced this agenda point and gave the floor to the AI Office for an update on the recent meetings and work of the AI Board sub-groups. All ‘phase I’ and ‘phase II’ AI Board sub-groups have been established and meet on a regular basis.

The Chair then moved to a list of decision points, presented to the AI Board in writing ahead of the meeting.

First, the Chair asked for the adoption of the draft terms of reference for the ‘phase II’ AI Board sub-groups. All draft terms of reference had previously been shared for comments and discussed in the respective sub-groups. The AI Board adopted all draft terms of reference by consensus.

Second, the Chair referred to the proposal of one AI Board representative to create a new sub-group to launch a review of the AI Board’s rules of procedure. The respective AI Board representative was invited to present the proposal. Several AI Board members expressed support. The AI Board decided to create the new sub-group by consensus.

Third, the Chair referred to the request of the European Parliament’s IMCO and LIBE Secretariats to become observers to the AI Board. AI Board members asked questions and made comments. It was decided to further analyse the request.

Fourth, the Chair referred to the request of the European Forum for Innovation Facilitators to become an observer of the AI Board sub-group on AI regulatory sandboxes. AI Board members agreed by consensus.

Next steps: The Commission will launch a request for nominations for the new AI Board sub-group on the review of the AI Board’s rules of procedure.

9. Action points, other business and concluding remarks

The Chair drew conclusions from the meeting and summarized the actions points. The Chair indicated that the next AI Board meeting would take place in June 2025, for the AI Office to communicate the final date.

AI Board members were invited to raise any other business. One AI Board member made suggestions regarding the level of detail in the minutes. AI Board members made comments. It was agreed that in case an AI Board member wishes their position to be recorded in the minutes, they would explicitly indicate so during their interventions.