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Which authorities will be in charge of the enforcement and interpretation of the EU AI Act?





Al Office

- Supervision and enforcement of rules related to General Purpose AI (GPAI) models.
- Supports the implementation of rules on prohibited AI practices and high-risk AI systems in coordination with relevant sectoral bodies.
- Issues guidelines on practical implementation of the EU AI Act (incl. templates).



European Al Board

- Composed of 1 Representative per EU Member State + AI office which serves as secretariat of the Board (+ European Data Protection Supervisor as observer).
- Advisory body in charge of the coordination and cooperation between national competent authorities and of ensuring the consistent implementation and application of the EU AI Act.
- Issues recommendations and opinions.





Notifying authorities

- At least 1 per EU Member State To be designated by August 2, 2025.
- Responsible for setting up and carrying out the procedures for the assessment, designation and notification of conformity assessment bodies and their monitoring.



Market surveillance authorities

- At least 1 per EU Member State => If several market surveillance authorities are designated, 1 will act as single point of contact – To be designated by August 2, 2025.
- Supervision and enforcement of rules related to AI systems.
- May provide guidance and advice on the implementation of the EU AI Act, taking into account the guidance and advice of the European AI Board and the AI Office.



Scientific panel of independent experts

- Composed of experts selected by the European Commission on the basis of up-to-date scientific or technical expertise in the field of AI.
- Advises and supports the AI Office with the implementation and enforcement of the EU AI Act as regards GPAI models and systems.
- Supports the work of market surveillance authorities, at their request.



Advisory Forum

- Composed of a balanced selection of stakeholders (incl. industry, start-ups, SMEs, civil society and academia).
- Provides technical expertise and advice the European Al Board and the Al Board.
- May prepare opinions, recommendations and written contributions at the request of the European Al Board and the Al Office.



Authorities and bodies protecting fundamental rights

- Supervision and enforcement of obligations under Union laws protecting fundamental rights (incl. the right to non-discrimination) in relation to the use of high-risk Al systems referred to in Annex III.
- To be identified by November 2, 2024.



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