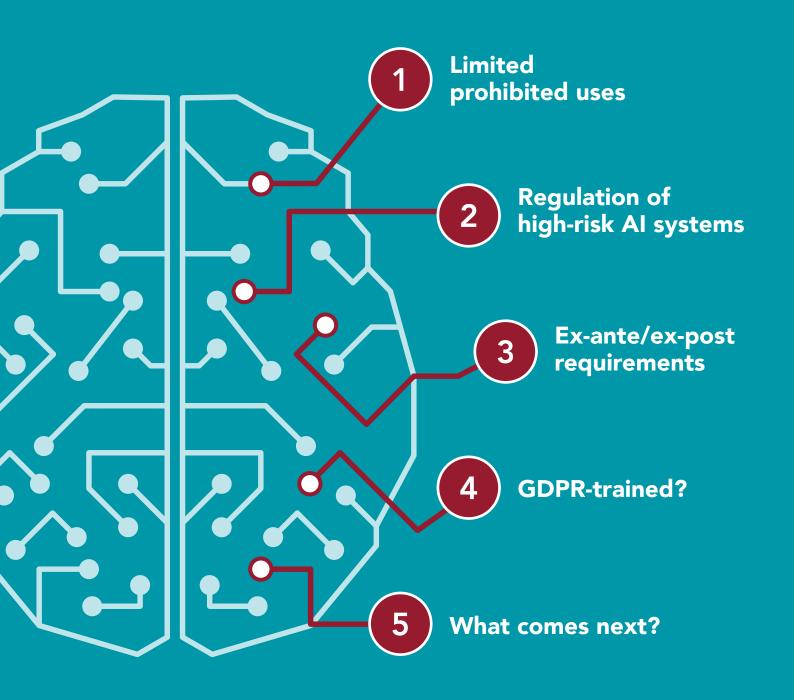
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# THE EU ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT

# Key aspects

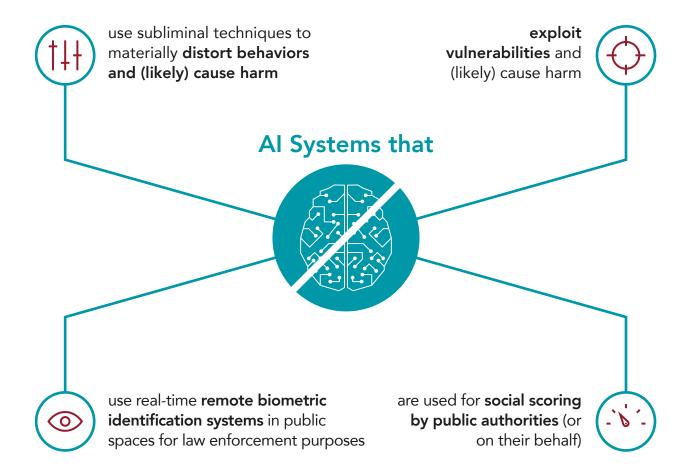
On April 21, 2021 the EU Commission published its proposal for an Artificial Intelligence Act.

Here is what you need to know



### **PROHIBITED USES**

The Regulation identifies a series of Al practices that are prohibited because they go against the EU values or because they violate EU individuals' fundamental rights.





The use of "real-time" remote **biometric identification** systems (such as facial recognition) in public spaces for law enforcement purposes will however be authorized if strictly necessary for:

1

targeted search for victims

2

prevention of specific, substantial and imminent threats or terrorist attacks 3

detection, localization, identification or prosecution of a perpetrator or suspect of certain criminal offences

### **HIGH-RISK AI SYSTEMS**

The proposal primarily focuses on high-risk AI applications and impose **stringent** requirements on 'providers' and 'users' of AI applications, as well as across the supply chain. In-scope uses are listed in 2 annexes.

#### **ANNEX II**



Al systems used as products or safety component of products covered by sectorial Union law including, inter alia:



Transport



Medical devices



Radio equipment



Safety equipment



Machinery

#### **ANNEX III**



Other high risk AI applications including, inter alia:



Biometric identification and categorization of natural persons



Management of critical infrastructure



Education and vocational training



**Employment** 



Access to essential private and public services



Administration of justice



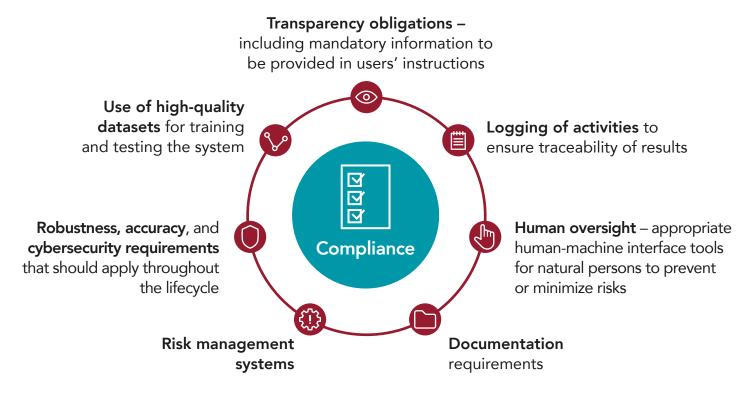
The lists should be updated by the EU Commission through delegated acts.



**Specific information requirements for other AI systems** that interact with humans; use emotion recognition or biometric categorization systems; or manipulate content (videos, images, etc.) to generate 'deep fake'.

# EX-ANTE REQUIREMENTS VETTED BY A CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

Before the placement of AI systems on the market or their putting into service, high-risk AI systems should undergo a conformity assessment to ensure they are in line with the requirements of the Regulation.



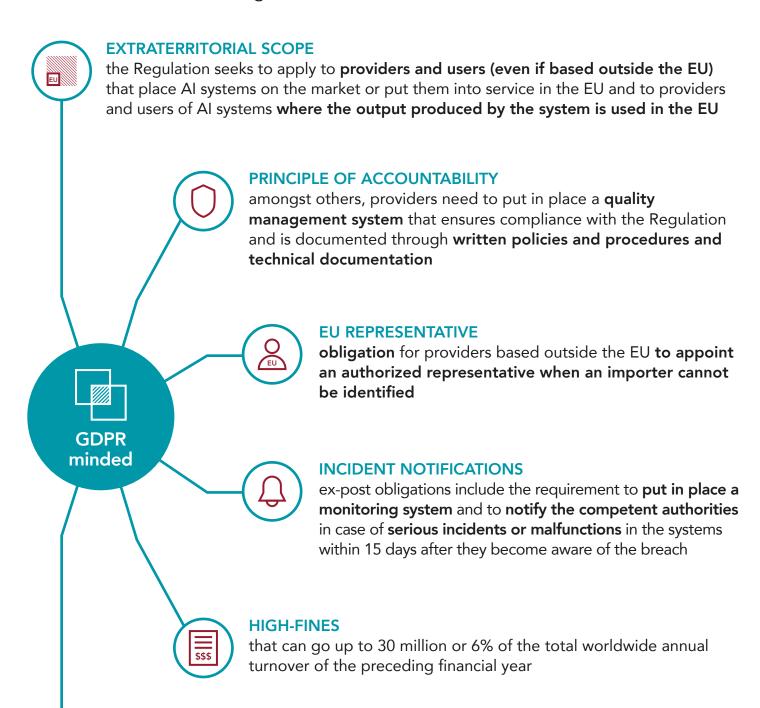


## **EX-POST REQUIREMENTS**

**Post-market requirements** (monitoring system, reporting of serious incidents and malfunctioning) and surveillance.

### A REGULATION TRAINED WITH GDPR DATA?

Various elements of the Regulation echo the GDPR.



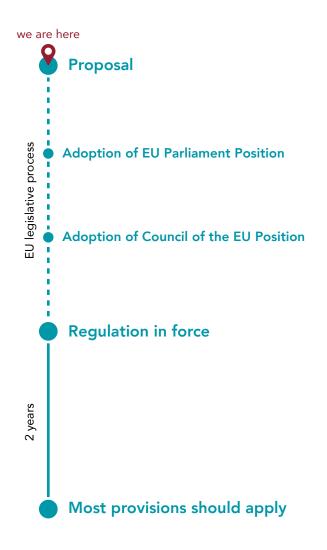
#### **ENFORCEMENT**

empowered national supervisory authorities and a European Artificial Intelligence Board to supervise the consistent application of the Regulation and issue interpretative guidance

### WHAT COMES NEXT?

The proposal will have to undergo the **EU legislative process**, which might take quite some time and lead to significant changes.

In its current format, most provisions should apply 2 years after the entry into force of the Regulation.





#### Parallel international developments

#### **OECD 2019**

"Recommendation of the Council on AI"

#### **NATO 2019**

"Coherent Implementation Strategy on Emerging and Disruptive Technologies"

#### **UNESCO 2020**

"Comprehensive global standard-setting instrument to provide AI with a strong ethical basis" (draft)

#### **COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

"Legal framework on AI design, development and application based on Council of Europe standards" (feasibility study)

#### G7-led

Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence



The **EU** is shaking the AI ecosystem and stepping in as a **key regulator**. This competes with other 'principles-based' regional approaches, such as the US one.

We will closely follow the developments of the Regulation to help understand how the "AI EU way" will play out.

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