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AI POLICY NEWS

Lawmakers Seek to Create a European "Office" to Enforce EU rules on AI

EURACTIV reports that the lawmakers behind the EU AI Act launched the idea of an AI Office to streamline enforcement and solve competency disputes on cross-border cases. The AI Office would provide support, advise and coordination to national authorities and the European Commission, notably on cross-border cases. It would also propose amendments to the AI definition under the regulation. Last week, Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union has presented the final version of the AI Act.

CAIDP, EU AI Act

Lawmakers and NGOs are Calling on EU States to Ban Biometric Mass Surveillance As Negotiations on the AI Act Come to an End

Several EU parliament negotiators gathered in the European Parliament to discuss how far the AI Act should go in banning Biometric Mass Surveillance (BMS) in Europe. They were joined by 20 NGOs coming from all over the EU, representing a "Reclaim Your Face" coalition of 76 NGOs in favour of a strong ban. The event ended with several commitments not to sign a trilogue agreement that does not include a ban on BMS. "We should – and I will do my best to – have a complete ban in the Parliament. We need to make a public case/debate of this, because people need to know what we are trying to defend against control and fake security pushed by the governments," said co-Rapporteur Brando Benifei.

CAIDP, Ban Facial Surveillance Technology and Other Forms of Mass Biometric Identification

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Belgian Government Unveils Plan to Become a 'Smart AI Nation'

The Belgian government has announced the launch of a national AI development plan that seeks to transform the country into a "Smart AI Nation." The main objective is to achieve a balance between innovation and protection of the fundamental rights of individuals. Minister of Telecommunications Petra De Sutter stated, "This AI plan is an important step towards using artificial intelligence responsibly and on a human scale."

CAIDP, EU AI Act

Amid Protests, Iran is Accelerating Adoption of Chinese Surveillance and Censorship Technology

A recent article in The Diplomat reports that the Iranian government has begun to rely more heavily on artificial intelligence to prevent crowds from gathering and to identify protesters. Chinese officials have agreed to transfer their expertise in digital surveillance to Iran and collaborate with Iranian officials to develop smart cities utilizing Chinese technology. According to reports, 15 million cameras have already been installed in 28 Iranian cities, transferring data to two control centers in Tehran and an unidentified location in China.

US Commerce Secretary Emphasizes AI as a Key Topic for Upcoming EU-US Trade and Technology Council

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo met virtually with EU Commission

Executive Vice President Margrethe Vestager to discuss ongoing collaboration within the U.S.-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC). Secretary Raimondo stressed the importance of maintaining progress within the TTC, especially when it comes to AI, semiconductors, and information communication technology services. The U.S.-EU TTC Ministerial is scheduled for December 5.

CAIDP, AI Bill of Rights

European Commission's Joint Research Centre Publishes Glossary of Human-centric AI

Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission has published a glossary of AI terminology with a human-centric focus. JRC collected 230 different terms from over 10 different general sources, including standards, policy documents and legal texts, as well as multiple scientific references addressing concepts pertaining to trustworthy artificial intelligence, including transparency, accountability and fairness.

CAIDP, AI Frameworks

FPF Indicates that Certain Obligations in the AI Act May Require Further Development

The Future of Privacy Forum (FPF) has published a follow-up indicating that certain obligations outlined in the AI Act may require further development or clarification. Further, the FPF observes that clarification may be necessary in areas such as accuracy and transparency, and that the Act may address significant gaps in individuals' rights to seek redress for data misuse.

CAIDP, EU AI Act

CAIDP ACTIONS

CAIDP Urges US National AI Advisory Committee to Comply with Federal Advisory Committee Act

CAIDP team wrote to the National Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee (NAIAC) regarding the NAIAC's failure to comply with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. In our web page, we have addressed the concerns outlined in this letter. We intend to closely monitor the situation.

CAIDP, US National AI Advisory Committee

Campaign Launched to Ban Facial Surveillance Technology

CAIDP has launched a campaign to ban facial Surveillance Technology. In the 2022 report [*Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values*] CAIDP stated these are "sophisticated image processing systems, designed specifically to identify individuals in public spaces by name. In some countries, this system of unique identification is then tied to elaborate government databases for scoring people based on their allegiance to the government in power." CAIDP recommended that countries halt the use of facial recognition for mass surveillance. The campaign to Ban Facial Surveillance Technology is open to signature by individuals and organizations.

CAIDP, Ban Facial Surveillance Technology

CAIDP, AI and Democratic Values

Support the Campaign

A Manifesto in Defence of Democracy and the Rule of Law

Building upon A Manifesto in Defence of Democracy and the Rule of Law, the Transatlantic Reflection Group on Democracy and the Rule of Law has reconvened to draft a second consensus manifesto that shifts focus from the design of law to the enforcement of law.

The Manifesto on Enforcing Law in the Age of AI offers 10 recommendations for addressing the key enforcement challenges. CAIDP strongly supports this initiative.

Read the Manifesto

Sign the Manifesto

AI Policy Summit 2022, Panel 3 "Future of AI & Democratic Values and Fundamental Rights"

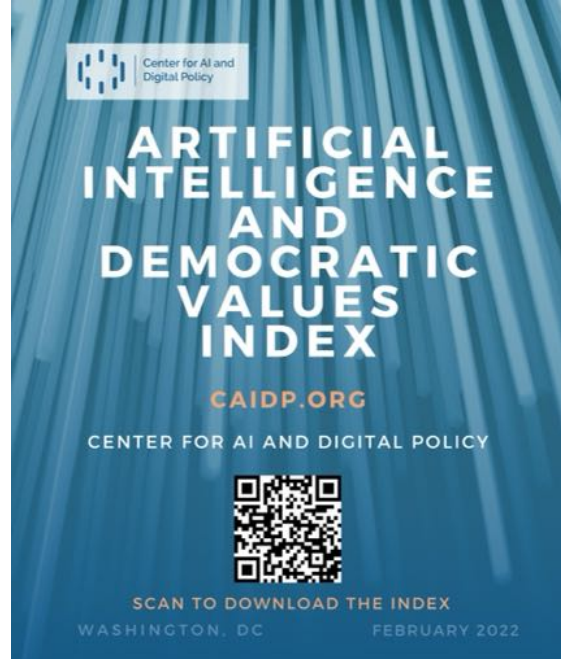## Civil Society Statement on the Council of Europe Treaty on AI

Several Civil Society organizations, including CAIDP, responded to the EU statement directed toward the members of the Council of Europe (CoE) Committee on AI (CAI) and Observers (which includes Civil Society Organizations) regarding the upcoming/draft COE Convention on Artificial Intelligence.

CAIDP, Council of Europe AI Treaty

Read the Joint Statement

AI AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES INDEX 2021

CAIDP's <u>Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values Index</u> evaluates national AI policies and practices.

<u>Country Focus: Estonia</u>

Estonia has set out a short-term AI Strategy formed from the AI Taskforce Report. As a member of the European Union and the Council of Europe, Estonia is committed to the protection of human rights, ethics in AI, and algorithmic transparency. Estonia has also endorsed the OECD AI Principles and signed the Declaration of Collaboration on AI in the NordicBaltic Region which includes a commitment "to develop ethical and transparent guidelines, standards, norms and principles that can be employed as a steering mechanism to guide AI programmes." In spite of these commitments, neither the AI Strategy nor the AI Taskforce Report consider the issues of ethics and human rights in significant depth. Due to the short-term nature of the current AI Strategy, there is an opportunity – and apparent intention – for Estonia to adopt a clear ethical framework in practice.

GLOBAL ACADEMIC NETWORK (GAN) NEWS

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<u>Urvashi Aneja</u> is the founding

director of Digital Futures Lab - a multidisciplinary research network that examines the complex interactions between technology and society in the global south. Her current work examines the ethics and governance of AI in the global south; digital public infrastructure and platforms for public service delivery; and labor rights and wellbeing.

Eleni Kosta is full Professor of Technology Law and Human Rights at the Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology and Society (TILT, Tilburg University, the Netherlands). Eleni is conducting research on human rights with a focus on privacy and data protection, specialising in electronic communications and new technologies.

Dr. Marcos López Oneto is a lawyer, professor and researcher in the field of Artificial Intelligence Law and Labor Law. Research lines include (a) Foundations and Principles of Artificial Intelligence Law, (b) AI and Human Rights, (c) How does AI affect labor law, and (d) Evolutionary and adaptable changes to labor law in response to social changes.

Can Digital Public Goods Deliver More Equitable Futures?': A UNDP RBAP Foresight Brief

Urvashi Aneja's foresight brief for the UNDP RBAP asks, "How can governance of digital public goods help to enable sustainable development without reinforcing existing inequities or locking in a particular vision of our development futures?"

Eleni Kosta, Takes Part in ENCRYPT Project

A member of the Center for AI and Digital Policy Global Academic Network and Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology, and Society (TILT), Eleni Kosta, takes part in ENCRYPT Project. In particular, she will assist with the legal and ethical aspects of the ENCRYPT platform and solutions.

ENCRYPT project, funded under Horizon Europe, will develop a scalable, practical, adaptable privacy preserving framework, allowing researchers and developers to process data stored in federated cross-border data spaces in a GDPR compliant way.

An AI & Law book by Marcos López Oneto, entitled "Derecho al Futuro: el Derecho de la Inteligencia Artificial", has just been published in Spanish.

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT
Immigration and Privacy in the Law of the European Union - The Case of Information Systems

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AI POLICY CLINICS

The Center has launched a comprehensive underline certification program for AI Policy. The certification program is an outgrowth of the work of the Research Group and includes requirements for research, writing, and policy analysis. Research Group members who fulfill the requirements will be awarded with the AI Policy Certificate.

CAIDP offers several AI policy clinics. The clinics are intensive, interdisciplinary, semester-long courses, established to teach future leaders in the AI policy field skills in policy analysis, research, evaluation, team management, and policy formation. Topics covered include AI History, AI Issues and Institutions, AI Regulation and Policy Frameworks, and Research Methods.

GAIDP Policy Clinic remains free, empowering, and inclusive with a growing number of researchers worldwide. In our Fall 2022 cohort, we have more than 200 participants from 60 countries with extraordinary backgrounds in academics, policy, ethics, law, administration, business, and governance.

CAIDP is now accepting applications for the Spring 2023 semester. The deadline is November 15, 2022.

APPLY

AI POLICY EVENTS

- AI and Democratic Values, Obama Foundation Democracy Forum, New York City, November 17, 2022
- IGF Open Forum, *From Regional to Global: EU Digital Transformation*, European Commission, November 30, 2022
- The Athens AI Roundtable, The Future Society, December 1-2, 2022
- CAIDP Conversation with Professor Anu Bradford, author of the Brussels Effect, December 8, 2022
- Call for Panels CPDP2023 – Ideas That Drive Our Digital World - Deadline November 25

CAIDP Global AI Policy Leader Awards

In February 2023, CAIDP will give out awards to Global AI Policy Leaders in Academia, Business, Civil Society, and Government.

Individuals will be recognized who have made outstanding contributions to the development and implementation of AI policies that advance fundamental rights, democratic values, and the rule of law. Following the CAIDP mission statement, we will consider also their support for inclusion, fairness, and justice. And we will highlight their notable achievements.

We seek your help to identify, recognize, and elevate these truly exceptional people. Please send your nominations by December 15, 2022.

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Ideas that drive our digital world. The accompanying Call for Panels is out now, the deadline for submission is November 25th!

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CAIDP aims to promote a better society, more fair, more just—a world where technology promotes broad social inclusion based on fundamental rights, democratic institutions, and the rule of law. Your contribution will help us pursue this mission.

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