

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Regulation vs Innovation.

Artificial Intelligence and the New Model of European Development

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One of the main challenges facing the European Union is the global competition for dominance in the field of artificial intelligence. This takes place in the context of destabilization of the international order and amid the growing importance of risky economic dependencies. Despite technological lag compared to the USA or China, the European Union is actively engaged in shaping the legal framework for the development of artificial intelligence. The European AI Act, as the world's first comprehensive, legally binding set of regulations concerning this technology, aims to strike a balance between risk mitigation and building a friendly environment for innovation.

During our conference, we will consider whether Europe will be able to develop its own model of development based on safe, transparent, and human-centered AI, while simultaneously strengthening its technological sovereignty. We will also discuss strategies to maintain high ethical standards, data protection, and intellectual property rights, while avoiding overregulation that could hamper the business development. Additionally, we want to explore the possibilities of collaboration among European states, especially Poland and Germany, comparing their diverse concepts of AI development.

- Can AI become the driving force behind a new European development model?
- Will the EU's AI Act bring about another "Brussels effect" and set international standards for AI regulation?
- What opportunities, challenges, and risks does AI development create in the political, social, economic, and scientific spheres?
- What are the characteristics of the Polish and German models for AI development?
- How can European countries collaborate to ensure AI technology that is both safe and competitive?

Join us, along with top European experts, to explore answers to these key questions and discover the potential of artificial intelligence for the future of Europe.

We provide simultaneous Polish-to-English translation. The event will be streamed live on the social media channels of the Institute for Western Affairs and recorded.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

9:00 Opening of the conference

- **Dr Justyna Schulz** – Director of the Institute for Western Affairs

9:30–11:00 Panel I: Regulations, Competitiveness, and EU's Technological Sovereignty

- *AI Act in Poland – draft law on artificial intelligence*
Aneta Zradzińska – chief specialist in legislation, Department of Research and Innovation, Ministry of Digital Affairs of the Republic of Poland; co-author of the draft act on artificial intelligence systems.
- *The key importance of developing large-scale AI models in Europe for technological sovereignty and competitiveness*
Daniel Abbou – managing director, German AI Association (KI Bundesverband).

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Panel II: The Impact of AI Development and Its Regulation on Selected Areas of Policy, Economy, and Science

- *AI's Impact on the future of academic communities*
Kinga Flaga-Gieruszyńska – professor and vice-president of University of Szczecin; Head of the Research Group for Civil Procedural Law, Medical Law and New Technologies; member of the Rector's Commission on the Application of Artificial Intelligence Tools.
- *The shaping AI policy research in Germany*
Licinia Güttel – doctoral researcher at the Oxford Internet Institute (University of Oxford); associated researcher at the Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society in Berlin (HIIG).
- *The Case Study of Langdock and Merck: How the Application of AI to Create and Extract Value can Help us to Better Understand how Regulation can Support Innovation*
Tristan Post – CEO of the AI Strategy Institute; Technical University of Munich; Boston Consulting Group.

13:00–14:00 Lunch