DOT Europe publishes position paper on the Artificial Intelligence Act

Brussels, 14 September 2021 – DOT Europe, the voice of digital, online and tech companies in the EU, expresses its support for the Commission's risk-based approach, while cautioning against vaguely defined categories for AI and high-risk applications.

In its position paper published today DOT Europe calls for an improved definition of AI that excludes purely statistical or linear programming systems from the definition and limiting the scope of high-risk AI to dangerous and harmful applications. It also recommends modifying impractical requirements for training data, clarifying the balance of responsibilities along the supply chain and streamlining the enforcement mechanism.

Siada El Ramly, Director General of DOT Europe, said: "The AI Act could provide a cornerstone for regulation of AI in the EU, thereby strengthening innovation and investment in the AI sector. However, it is important that complex enforcement mechanisms and vaguely defined categories do not undermine the proposal's objectives."

DOT Europe will closely follow deliberations on the AI Act in the Council and the European Parliament, calling on co-legislators to focus the regulation on harmful applications of AI and avoid hasty categorization.

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