

**D9+-declaration: Responsible AI enabling the economy towards a post COVID-19 world**

The D9+ has initiated the dialogue on a European approach towards artificial intelligence. A trustworthy and responsible and truly European way is of utmost importance to the D9+-countries if the EU is to be a leader within artificial intelligence and be able to utilize the technology's full potential.

The D9+ countries will engage with other member states in order to formulate a joint position, thereby contributing to the future discussion on a European way on artificial intelligence.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has emphasized the vast potential of digital technologies in general and especially artificial intelligence, as a technology contributing to both tackling the pandemic as well as playing a key role in the recovery of our economy. Overall, artificial intelligence can both foster growth and jobs as well as address societal challenges.

The increased deployment of artificial intelligence has reinforced the need for trustworthy artificial intelligence, as some applications of artificial intelligence can pose serious risks for individuals and society.

The D9+ holds the common view that we need to create a single market for artificial intelligence, where ethics and trust goes hand in hand with innovation and economic growth. It is therefore essential to strike the right balance through a risk-based approach that minimizes risks and facilitates the development of new solutions for the challenges still ahead of us. In this respect, we need clear, operable and futureproof framework that can pave the way for a European way on artificial intelligence.

If we truly want to reap the benefits of artificial intelligence post COVID-19 and position Europe at the forefront of the digital transformation, we must continue to improve our abilities and framework conditions in order to develop and deploy trustworthy artificial intelligence, making this a trademark for the EU.

We, the undersigned, look forward to continuing the dialogue and the path towards the European way for AI, setting global standards.

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