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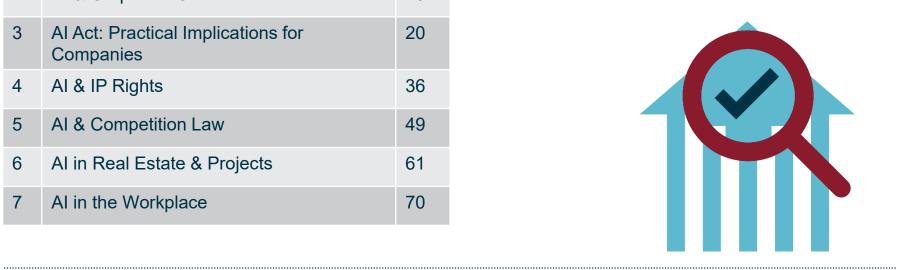
# Unlocking AI's potential: Practical Legal Insights for Companies

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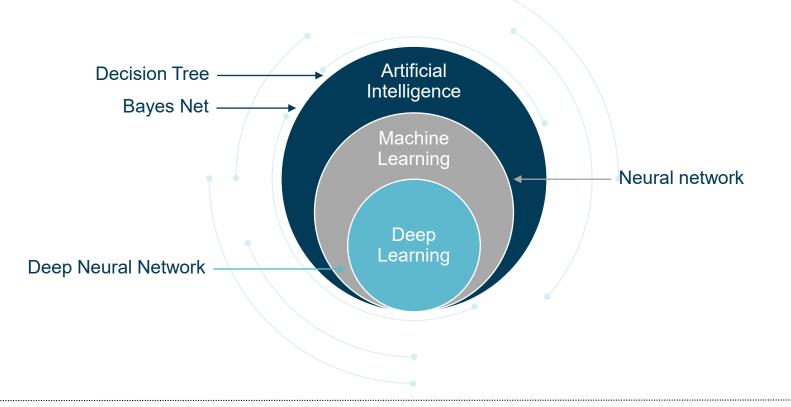
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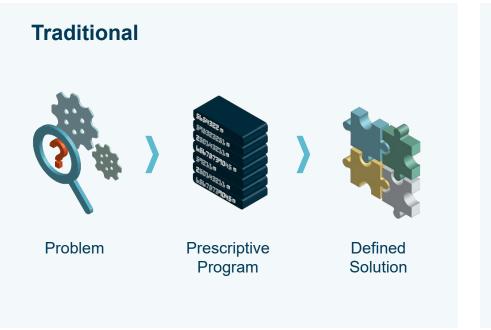


# Setting the scene

# **Introduction: What is Artificial Intelligence?**



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### **Machine Learning**



Problem

Training Process (data dependent)

Variable Solution

# Introduction: What is Artificial Intelligence? – The basics



Training



## Supervised

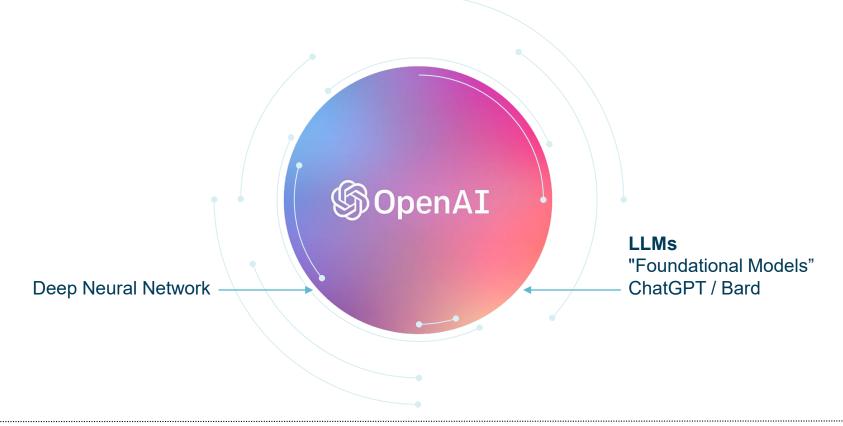
Known results (labelled data)

### **Unsupervised** Unknown results (unlabelled data)

### Reinforcement

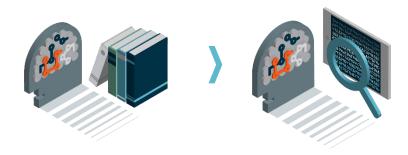
Competitive closed environments

# **Introduction: What is (Generative) Artificial Intelligence?**



# Introduction: What is Generative Artificial Intelligence?

### Transformer models – (GPT = "Generative Pretrained Transformer")







Training

# Unsupervised

(No need to label data)

### **Training Data**

- Massive amounts
- Chat GPT approx. 45-60 Terabytes of data (one million feet of bookshelf space)

### Text "Prompt" Access

- Publicly available to all
- No need to program or to create API

# **Generative Al Example use case**

Use GenAl to generate new images

### **Prompt:**

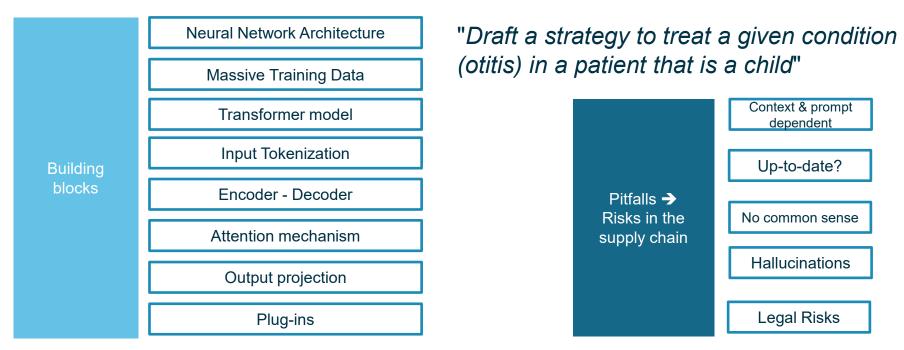
"1960s street style photo of a crowd of young women standing on a sailboat, wearing dresses made of silk, pearl necklaces, sunset over the ocean"



# Use case: GenAl for HCP's

### Using ChatGPT for patient engagement, medical education, clinical decision support?

(source: G. Briganti, How ChatGPT works: a mini review, European Archives of Oto-Rhino-Laryngology)

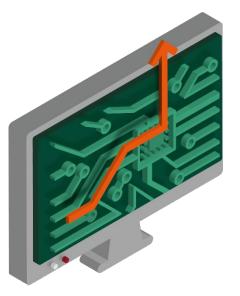




Which companies are already using Al tools at Board or Management level for decision making purposes?

Impact of AI on corporate governance:

- Role of the Board with respect to AI developed, distributed and/or used as part of its business activities and strategy and disruptive effect of AI on the business.
- Al used specially by the Board or the management to enhance deliberations and decision-making process.



### **Director's rights:**

- Right to obtain information
- Right of investigation
- Right to express disagreement

### **Director's duties:**

- Duty of loyalty: Good faith & interest of the company
- Duty of due care: intuitu personae, active participation, informed
- Duty of discretion: confidentiality
- [due diligence duty?]

The Board's powers: management of the company, strategy planning & policies and overall oversight & risk assessment

### **Principle:**

- Directors are not liable towards contractual parties of the company for commitments/obligations of the company
- Abolishment quasi-immunity of the auxiliary person!

### **Directors' liability regime:**

- BCCA regime: <u>directors</u>, <u>daily management and permanent</u> representatives of <u>directors/legal entities</u> are liable towards the <u>company and third parties</u> for:
  - faults in the performance of their mandate (management faults):

"limited to acts that are <u>manifestly</u> outside the margin within which prudent and careful directors, placed in the same circumstances, could reasonably have a differing opinion"

breaches of the BCCA or the AoA

### Liability towards third parties

Tort: infringement of general duty of due care

### → Fault, damage & causal link must be proven

Role of the Board with respect to AI developed, distributed and/or as part of its business activities and strategy and disruptive effect of AI on the business

- understanding AI as a matter of corporate strategy and risk;
- considering the impact of AI activities on employees, customers, other key stakeholders, and the environment; and
- overseeing the company's compliance with laws and regulations that are relevant to AI and the development of related policies, information systems, and internal controls.



Structure approach based on risk assessment, transparency and oversight





Al used specially by the Board or the management to enhance deliberations and the decision-making process.

- Administrative tasks
- Corporate strategy / financials
- M&A
- Investment
- Risk, recruitment, discovery processes, sales and marketing, etc.
- → By Board of directors, management and external consultants
- Assisted > augmented > autonomous governance intelligence



Towards Robot Directors?

Pros	Cons	
Timing / Real Time	Black box - inexplicability	
Correlations big amounts of data	Biased	Corporate and duty
Predictions/scenario analysis	Causal relationship	
Neutral / no groupthink	Corporate interest	
	Confidentiality	

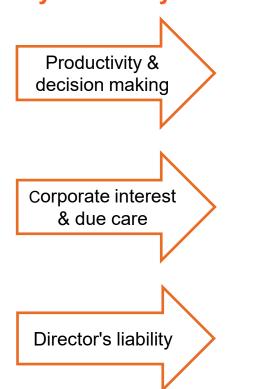
### **Recommendations: be critical**

- Verify the needs for implementing Al tools in your Board processes
- Involve experts in selection of AI, monitoring and supervision
- Set up Al governance, Al compliance and Al ethics policies and attribute roles and responsibilities to different persons, committees, etc. Supervise compliance with such policies

- Especially using augmented AI tools that make recommendations, scenarios or even decisions:
  - debate with other directors during board meeting, express disagreements, ask questions and challenge management
  - understand outcome and justify reasoning
  - are technical and legal requirements met (AI Act compliance etc.)?
  - record outcome of discussions, justification and verifications in minutes
  - request reports (reliability, technical aspects, ground of the content and data)
- Training and knowledge awareness



# Al at board level: (artificial) governance intelligence Key take aways:



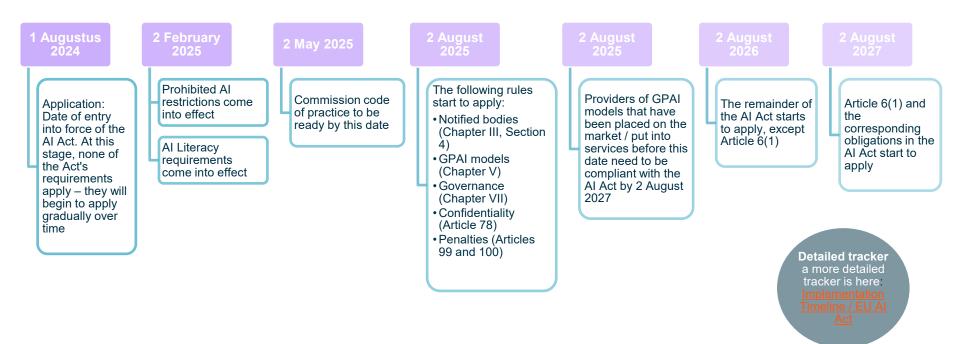
The development and/or use of AI in companies and in the boardroom is growing fast and will increase productivity and decision-making.

The use of AI in your business activities and to enhance board decision making will be embedded in the corporate interest of the company and shows due care of the directors

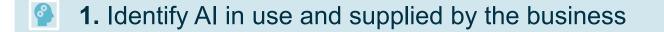
Bad use of AI or over-reliance on AI tools, absence of AI governance system or monitoring of AI potentially leads to a breach of duty of due care and the interest of the company, which could result in director's liability

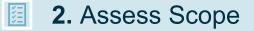
# **BALACT:** Practical Implications for Companies

# **Overview** – Implementation Timeline



Overview – Key steps for compliance



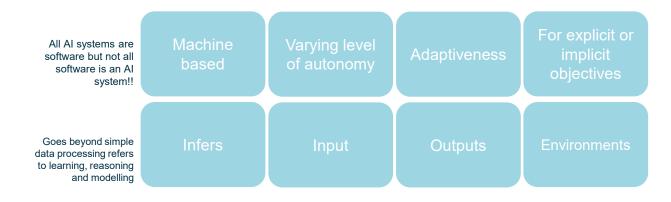


- 3. Identify Role in AI Value Chain
- 4. Identify Risk Category
  - Identify Compliance Obligations
- 6. Identify Strategic Changes and Processes

# 1. Identify AI in use and supplied by the business

### Definition of "AI system" (AIS) is based on the definition used by the OECD:

"An AI system is a <u>machine-based system</u> designed to operate <u>with varying levels of</u> <u>autonomy</u> and that <u>may exhibit adaptiveness</u> after deployment and that, <u>for explicit or</u> <u>implicit objectives</u>, infers, from the input it receives, how to generate <u>outputs</u> such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments."



## 2. Assess Scope

Providers putting AIS on the **market in the EU** regardless of establishment

Providers / deployers outside EU, IF output AIS **used in the EU** and Authorized representatives in the EU

SUPPLY OR USE WITHIN EU? Deployers of AIS established within EU

Providers putting AIS on the market within EU

Importers / distributors placing AIS on the EU market

Product manufacturer placing products with AIS **on EU market** under own name or brand Military defence + National security

Third Country Public Authorities, International Law Enforcement

**Intermediary Service Providers** 

**EXCLUSIONS?** 

Personal Al Usage

Scientific R&D, "sandbox" model testing

OSS AI Systems (not including High Risk OSS AI systems or GPAI)

# 3. Identify Role in AI Value Chain

Provider Develops or commissions the AI system or model First places on the EU market / into service in the EU (sells or installs with an end user) under its own name or trade mark, whether for payment or free.

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**Deployer** An individual or organisation using an Al system for a professional activity.

→ Any company using AI systems Distributor An individual or organisation in the supply chain, other than the provider or the importer, that makes an Al system available on

the Union market.

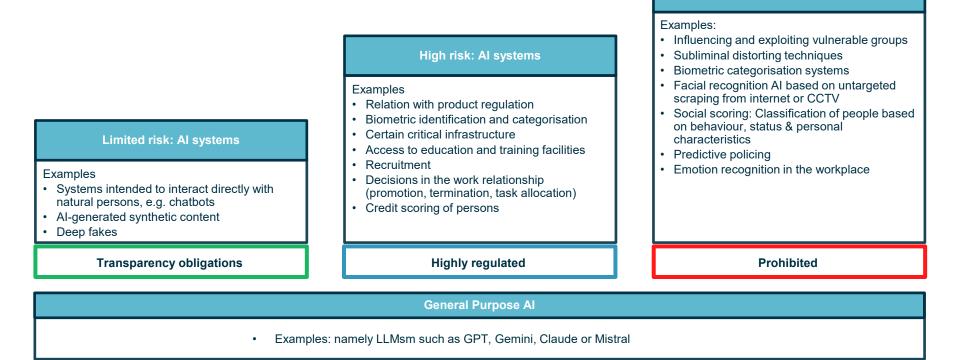
Importer An individual or organisation located or established in the EU that supplies an AI system bearing the trademark of a non-EU established entity on the EU market

Product Manufacturer

Product manufacturers placing AI system on to the market together with their product under their own name or trademark

A deployer, distributor, or importer making a **'substantial modification**' to the AI system, will be considered a **'provider**' of that system under the AI Act. The original provider will no longer be considered a provider of that particular system.

# 4. Identify Risk Category



Unacceptable risk: Al systems

# 4. Identify Risk Category (High-Risk)

Annex I (reference to other EU regulated Annex III (specific listed AI applications + systems):

- Machines
- Toys
- Medicine products
- Protective gear
- **Flevators**

exception does not apply):

- Recognizing emotions
- Critical infrastructures (e.g. supply of utilities, transport))
- Educational and vocational training (e.g. automated
- scoring of or exclusion from exams);
- Employment, workers management, and access to self-٠ employment (e.g. automated recruitment and application triage)
- Access and enjoyment of essential private and public ٠ services (e.g. benefits systems, credit, insurance);

Estimation of the EC: 5-15% of all AI applications are expected to fall under the high-risk category.

# 4. Identify Risk Category Tier 2 – high impact Presumption of "high impact" capabilities and systemic risk if compute exceeds 10^25 FLOPS Tier 1 – low-impact Models meeting the GPAI systems definition

# 5. Identify Compliance Obligations I High-risk AI systems (1/2)

Obligations/Actions	Provider	Authorised representative	Importer	Distributor	Deployer
Risk management system (Art. 9)	•				
Post-market monitoring (Art. 72, 26)	٠				•
Reporting of serious incidents (Art. 73)	•				•
Corrective actions and informing the authorities about risk (Art. 20, 22, 23, 24, 26)	•			•	•
Cooperation with authorities (Art. 16, 22, 23, 24, 26)	•	•	•	•	•
Data protection impact assessment (Art. 26)					•
Specific actions in the context of subsequent remote biometric identification (Art. 26)					•
Fundamental rights impact assessment (Art. 27)					
TOMs for compliance with the instructions for use (Art. 26)					•
Appointing an EU representative (Art. 16, 24)			٠		

# 5. Identify Compliance Obligations I High-risk AI systems (2/2)

Obligations/Actions	Provider	Authorised representative	Importer	Distributor	Deployer
Data governance and Data management procedures (Art. 10, 26)	•				•
Technical documentation (Art. 11, 22, 23)	•	•	•		
Record-keeping obligations (Art. 12, 24)	•			•	
Transparency and information obligations towards other operators (Art. 13, 23, 24)	•		•	•	
Human supervision (Art. 14, 26)	•				•
Accuracy, robustness and cyber security (Art. 15)	•				
Quality management system (Art. 17)	•			•	
Retention obligations (Art. 18, 22, 23, 26)	•	•	•		•
Conformity assessment (Art. 16, 43, 22, 23)	•	•	•		
Declaration of conformity (Art. 16, 46, 47, 23, 24)	•		•	•	
Registration (Art. 16, 49, 22, 26)	•	• / •			•

# 5. Identify Compliance Obligations I General Purpose AI

Obligations/Actions	Provider	Authorised representative	Importer	Distributor	Deployer
Classification of GPAI models with regard to systemic risk (Art. 51)	•				
Notification about the classification to the EU Commission (Art. 52)	•				
Technical documentation (Art. 53)	•	•			
Transparency and information obligations (Art. 53)	•				
Appointment of an authorised representative (Art. 54)	•				
For systemic risks: Perform model evaluation incl. Adversarial testing (Art. 55)	•				
For systemic risks: Risk analysis and risk mitigation (Art. 55)	•				
For systemic risks: Transparency and information obligations (Art. 55)	•				
Reporting of serious incidents (Art. 55)	•				
For systemic risks: Cybersecurity measures (Art. 55)	•				

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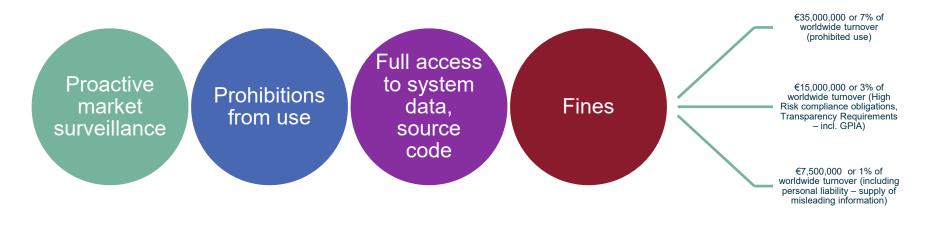
Obligations/Actions	Provider	Authorised representative	Importer	Distributor	Deployer
Information of affected persons about their interaction with an AI system and transparency regarding AI-generated content (Art. 50, 26)	•				•
Specific information obligations for biometric categorisation systems and emotion recognition systems (Art. 50)					•
Specific information obligations for "deepfake" content (Art. 50)	•				•

# 6. Identify strategic changes and processes

Establishement of an AI directory	Risk categorisation per AI system	Definition of your own role as an actor for each use case	Establishment of an AI Act risk process for AI systems
Acceptable Use Policy	Training	Definition and establishment of governance structure	Assessments of individual use cases
	Initiate conformity assessments	Develop internal instructions for compliance with AI Act obligations	



# **Overview - Enforcement & Penalties**



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# **Recap** – Key steps for compliance

- **Get an overview:** Which AI systems are under our control, used or distributed by us?
- 2 Check applicability: Does the AI Act apply to these systems? Do they fulfil the definition of "AI system"? Do they fall under an exception?
- 3 Identify roles: What role do we have for the AI system (provider, operator, importer, distributor, authorised representative)?
- 4
- **Risk classification:** Does an absolute ban apply? Does the AI system fall under a risk class?
- 5 Identify obligations: What obligations do we have in our role for this AI system?





Fulfill obligations: Fulfill various obligations



# **IP & GenAI: A hot topic**

Business | The imitation game

# Generative AI is a marvel. Is it also built on theft?

The wonder-technology faces accusations of copyright infringement

- "ChatGPT, made by OpenAI, can be coaxed into <u>regurgitating</u> <u>newspaper articles</u> that it appears to have **memorised**"
- "Many <u>AI companies have become cagey about what data their</u> <u>models are trained on</u>, citing competitive confidentiality (and, their detractors suspect, **fear of legal action**)"
- "<u>The New York Time (...) is suing OpenAI and Microsoft</u> for infringing the **copyright** of 3m of its article"
- "The <u>new questions raised by AI</u> may lead to **new laws**"

#### Source: The Economist, April 20th-26th 2024 Generative AI is a marvel. Is it also built on theft? (economist.com)



# **IP** touch points... and uncertainties

#### **A Generative AI Tool**

- Generates new content
- In response to **prompts**
- Using machine learning
- Trained on data
- Unpredictable output

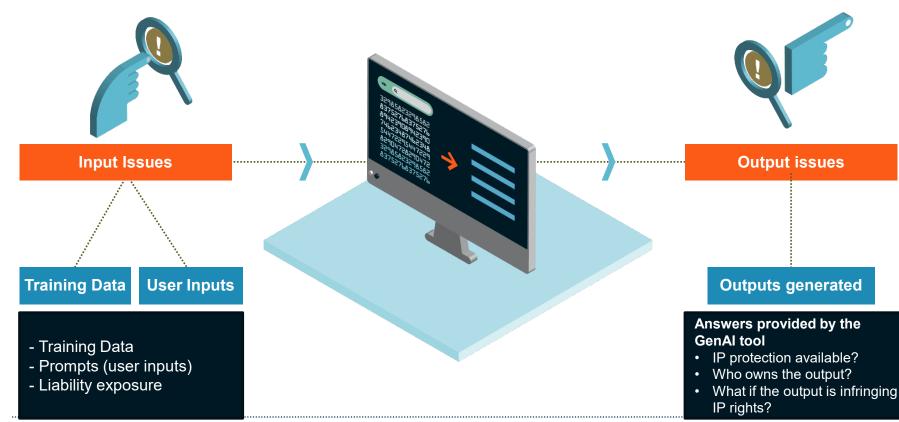
[output] [input] [technology] ['training data'] [lack of control]

#### **Machine Learning**



'Data' / 'input' / 'use' / 'creation' / 'output' → many IP touch points... and uncertainties

### **Input & Output IP – Focus points**



#### 1. Input – Prompts and Confidentiality Risks





Whoops, Samsung workers accidentally leaked trade secrets via ChatGPT

ChatGPT doesn't keep secrets.

"an employee pasted confidential source code into the chat to check for errors."

https://mashable.com/article/samsung-chatgpt-leak-details

#### Understand how user inputs are used?

- Be careful when using public GenAl systems
- ChatGPT → inputs logged and retained, sometimes used to adapt the system
- Do not use commercially sensitive information as input – risks of:
  - IP leakage & loss of trade secret protection /
  - Breach of business contracts (if including information from third parties)
- Novelty destroying disclosure

#### Implement reasonable steps

- Have a staff policy in place (inform and train your people)
- Technical, legal, organizational safeguards
- Carefully select the AI tool: Take business licenses with appropriate confidentiality provisions
- · Check settings + access rights of AI tool vendor
- Update your contracts

#### 2. Output – IP Protection, Ownership and Infringement

#### Potential legal issues



Output cannot be predicted

- **Ownership** Who owns the output of generative AI?
- Protection Copyright? Patents? Trade Secrets?
- Infringement Risks?
- Partnerships Open innovation agreements

#### 2.1 Output – Copyright Protection



is your output copyright protected?

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As an AI developed by OpenAI, my responses are generated based on patterns in data and are not considered original works. Therefore, my output is not subject to copyright protection. However, if the information I provide includes content that is copyrighted by others, that content remains protected by copyright law.

If you have specific concerns about the use of my responses, please let me know!

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#### 2.1 Output – Copyright Protection (2)



#### Intellectual Property Ownership - Copyright

#### Do not assume the output is protectable

#### Emerging, uncertain and fragmented case law

- EU © law: unlikely protection → must use the <u>GenAl system as a tool</u> and must be able to demonstrate <u>free and creative choices</u> and that <u>output reflects</u> the "personality" of a natural person (< iterative prompting)</li>
  - CN © law: might be available → Nov.2023 decision of BJ Internet Court granting protection to Al generated image. GenAl as a mere tool (specific parameters settings; various prompts; parameters adjusted → analogy with camera). Sufficient intellectual input and originality
- US © law: no protection available

#### 2.1 Output – Copyright Protection (3)

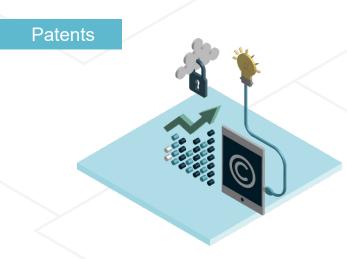
Copyright

### First AI artwork Alleged AI copies



Source: https://aibusiness.com/nlp/chinese-court-s-landmark-ruling-ai-images-can-be-copyrighted#close-modal

#### 2.2 Output – Patent Protection and Ownership



Intellectual Property Ownership – Patents

#### An Al system cannot be an inventor

- DABUS case law
- Recently amended EPO guidelines (inventor = natural person)

#### Patent protection may be available

- If AI used as a tool
- To patent aspects of the AI tool If patentability requirements met

#### **Disclosure requirements for AI inventions**

Clearer standards

#### **Ownership?**

Contractual terms to be checked

#### How to mitigate IP Output risks

- Document the role of humans >< the machine
- Check and negotiate the terms of use (ownership)
- IP contractual provisions : tackle use of GenAl tools
  - E.g. IP clauses in collaboration agreements
  - IP protection and ownership risks

**IP** infringement

#### 2.3 Output – Infringement Risks

so can your output be infringing the copyrights of third parties?

# While my responses are generated based on patterns in data and are not direct copies of any specific source, there is a theoretical possibility that some outputs might inadvertently resemble copyrighted material. This is more likely to happen with common phrases or widely known information.

To minimise the risk of copyright infringement:

- Use Original Content: Try to use the information I provide as a basis for creating your own original content.
- Attribute Properly: If my response includes information that is clearly derived from a specific source, it's good practice to attribute that source.
- Review and Edit: Always review and, if necessary, edit my responses to ensure they meet your specific needs and comply with copyright laws.

If you have any specific requirements or need further assistance, feel free to ask!

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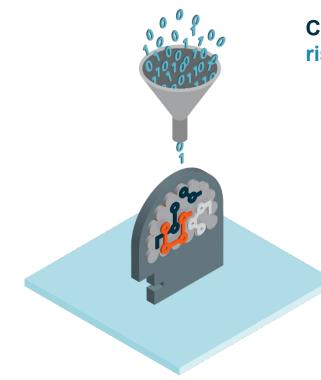
#### 2.3 Output – Infringement Risks (3.)



#### Intellectual Property – Infringement

- Output could infringe third party IP
  - If **training data** is used without appropriate licenses in place
  - If the output resembles copyrighted work or code (i.e. exact copy or reproduction of most elements)
- Risk = no safe use of the outputs
- Try to get guarantee from vendor
  - E.g.: **Microsoft Copilot** introduced an IP guarantee that covers IP infringement in certain circumstances
  - "if you are challenged on copyright grounds, we will assume responsibility for the potential legal risks involved"
  - https://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2023/09/07/copilotcopyright-commitment-ai-legal-concerns/

### **Generative AI & IP: What to consider now?**



Content creation through GenAl – opportunities and risk mitigation through a proactive approach

- Guide your employees → employee use policies
  - Tackle confidentiality; third party IP use in prompts; ...
  - Inform on legal risks
  - Raise awareness and provide training
- Carefully select third-party GenAl tool check contractual terms (confidentiality; ownership; infringement)
- Keep humans in the loop & document role of humans
- Contractual provisions
  - NDAs; Open innovation agreements



### **AI & Competition Law**

#### Data (collection)

 Data access & availability (barriers to entry)

 IP & copyright infringements can be an abuse of dominance (CJEU)

# Computational resources

•High demand & low supply (servers, chips)

•*Ex ante* regulation (Data Act & DMA) e.g. obligations on porting data Engineering talent

•Labour law

Non-compete, non-poach & nonsollicitation clauses
Wage-fixing agreements between employers

# Collusive outcome

 Increase price transparency, high monitoring fast retaliation (rewardpunishment scheme)

•Algorithmic collusion

# Abusive outcome

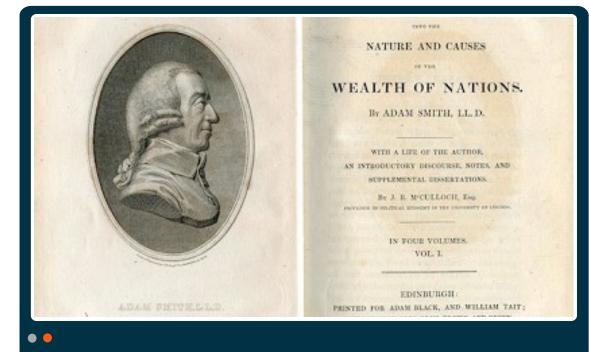
•Exclusionary conduct

•Exploitative conduct

# Adam Smith (1776)

"People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices."

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### AI & Collusive Conduct: Article 101 TFEU

- Article 101(1) TFEU prohibits <u>agreements</u> (and <u>concerted practices</u>) between undertakings that restrict competition
  - Each undertaking must act independently on the market
  - Bilateral conduct or joint intention
  - *≠* intelligent adaptation to market (parallel market behaviour is legal)
- Horizontal (between competitors) or vertical (operating at different level of supply chain) agreements

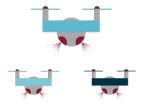


### **Algorithmic collusion**

Software can facilitate **formation** of cartels but also help avoid any **deviation** from cartels

Three types of algorithmic collusion:

- Implementation/facilitation of existing cartel: monitoring, enforcement, concealment (illegal)
- Same third-party software used by competitors (can be illegal as hub-and-spoke)
- Alignment between competitors using <u>different</u> algorithms (e.g. price adaptation software) (likely not illegal ≈ parallel conduct + difficult burden of proof)



### Case-study on Algorithmic Autonomy

- Scenario: Firms A and B independently design selflearning AI tools that autonomously decide on data analysis and behavioural models to maximize profit and adapt to market changes
  - Interdependent actions of algorithms may arise
  - Potential for market manipulation
  - Quick reaction to market changes
  - Monitoring competitors' prices
  - High market transparency in oligopolistic settings



#### Case-study on Algorithmic Autonomy

 Issue: black-box system makes it impossible to explain modus operandi / decision process of Alsystems

> Question: is this parallel behaviour (accepted under competition law) or a collusive outcome (illegal)?

- Current case law: this amounts to tacit collusion which is considered legal <u>unless</u> collusion is the only explanation (hard to prove)
- BUT possible change in future (broader notion of 'concerted practice' / 'communication')



# Al in horizontal & vertical agreements: cases

- Collusion with competitors to implement existing cartel or via third party software
  - 2016: CJEU ruled that Eturas and travel agencies engaged in concerted practices violating Article 101(1) TFEU by coordinating prices through digital platforms and information exchange. Eturas' imposition of a 3% discount cap, along with immediate technical modifications, demonstrated the collaborative effort to enforce this anticompetitive measure.
- E.g. monitoring software: manufacturers detecting deviations from "recommended" resale prices = can amount to resale price maintenance (RPM)
  - 2018: Commission fines Asus, Denon & Marantz, Philips and Pioneer EUR 111 million for imposing RPM using pricing algorithms / sophisticated monitoring tools to adapt retail prices to those of competitors
  - 2021: Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM) (2021) in Samsung case: EUR 40 million fine for RPM / AI price monitoring tools

### AI & abusive conduct

- Article 102 TFEU prohibits abusive conduct by companies that have a dominant position on a particular market
- Unilateral abusive conduct
- Use of AI to exclude competitors or to exploit other companies or consumers
  - E.g. self-preferencing (Google Shopping judgment), steering, price discrimination, refusal to supply access/information (Amazon case), interoperability etc.
- Dominant position: thumbs rule  $\rightarrow$  40 % market share of relevant market
  - Definition of the relevant market is critical issue for determining dominance
    - Market definition notice updated with guidance on defining digital markets
  - Complex in digital markets (networks effects, non-price based, multi-sided markets)



## Al & merger control

- Incumbent companies ('Big Tech') acquiring disruptive mavericks & startups (so-called "killer acquisitions")
  - E.g. 'partnership' between Microsoft and OpenAI under <u>EU scrutiny</u>
- M&A in Al-sector cannot serve for big players to reinforce their market strength
- EU retaliation:
  - Art. 22 EUMR: referral procedure (*Illumina/grail case*)
    - Nascent technologies without revenues: below threshold notification?
    - CJEU: Commission cannot review transaction when national authorities are not competent to review. Solution lies with NCAs.
  - Abuse of dominance: national authorities/courts can apply Article 102 TFEU to mergers that escape EU & national merger control review (*Towercast judgment*)
  - Under the DMA, gatekeepers must inform the EC of all the acquisitions where the target provides core platform services or any other services in the digital sector.



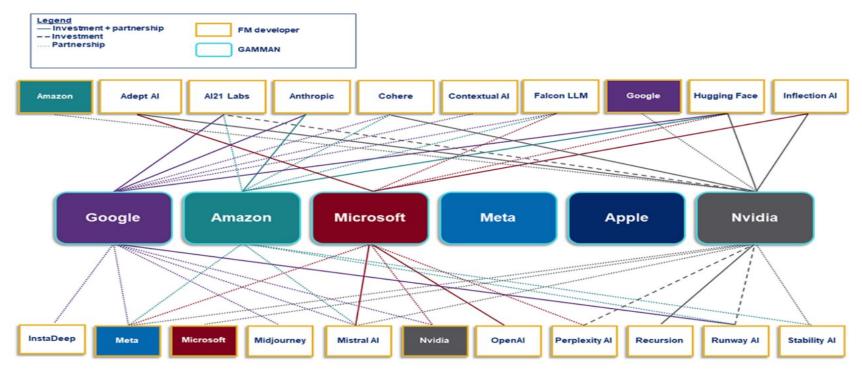
### AI & Cooperation between authorities (AI Act)

- Market surveillance authorities must inform the EC and NCAs of any information identified in the course of market surveillance activities that may be of potential interest for Competition rules.
  - Very low bar for sharing of information
  - Less need for RFIs?



## **Omnipresence of GAMMAN in Foundation Models sectors**

#### Key GAMMAN – FM developer relationships\*



\*CMA, AI Foundation Models: Technical update report, 16 April 2024, open license

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# **Key Takeaways**

- EU competition law has so far proven to be future-proof to Al-tech
- Unchanged principle: the algorithm can't do anything that would be anti-competitive if done by a real person
  - If pricing practices are illegal offline, high probability they're illegal online.
  - Firms can't avoid liability by attributing pricing to algorithms.
    - Algorithms, like employees or consultants, remain under firm's control / direction
    - Firm liable even if actions informed by algorithms
- Imputability and liability? Both company using and developer!
- **M. Vestager (2017):** "[...] when [businesses] decide to use an automated system, they will be held responsible for what it does [...] So they had better know how that system works."
- Al also used by competition watchdogs?





#### Sector views on the impact AI on real estate vary:

- According to a Big 4 2024 survey, AI, technology and digitalisation are seen as second only to ESG being the top trends for the future of real estate; while
- Others are less convinced and of the opinion that AI can help with simple tasks, however it cannot replace any jobs that seek to balance the interests of stakeholders.



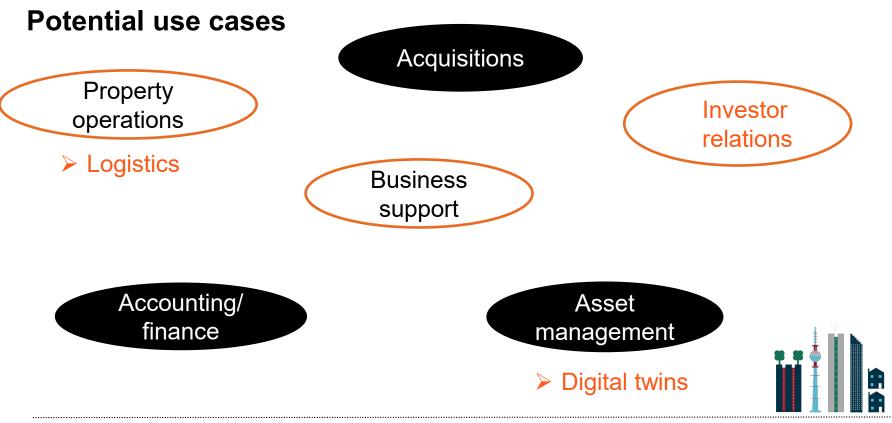
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#### Challenges to be mitigated through AI

- Challenging to attract and retain talent, meet increasing investor demands and keep up with technology trends, such as advanced data and analytics and smart buildings.
- Avoid scaling costs in line with growth of assets under management.

- > AI in real estate can support property operations, acquisition strategy and portfolio planning, changing how commercial real estate companies do business.
- A long-term strategic vision for Al will be essential.





Assessment

#### Determinant strategic advantages:



However, real estate use cases need training data to include market and company specific information, and

- Lack on publicly available information on leasing, tenant data, operating performance on individual assets;
- Al maturity of the company's technical infrastructure to assess.



- 3 points of attention
  - Permit application
  - Decision by the administration
  - Enforcement & compliance



# **Permit application**

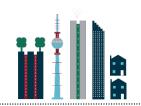
- Complete vs. admissible permit application
- Delay in obtaining the permit / refusal
- Risk of challenge by third parties



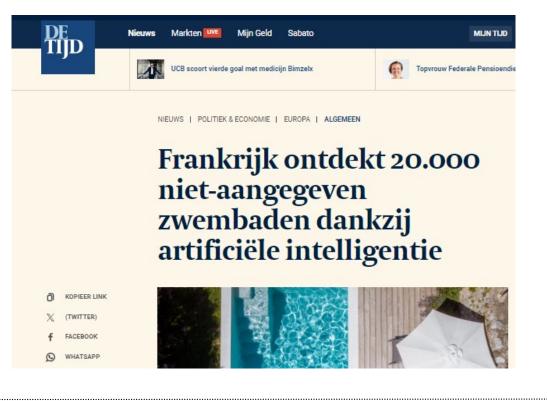
# Decision by the administration

- Duty to give reasons
  - Formal duty to give reasons
  - Material duty to give reasons

 Motivation must also be understood by the administration



### **Enforcement & compliance**





# AI in the workplace/HR?



# What are the trends, facts and figures around AI in HR?

# Impact of AI on the job market in general

- The implementation of AI in the workplace in general helps augment employee performance and improve employee experience:
- 76% of employers plan to increase their investments in AI to gain more benefits;
- 50% of employees will need reskilling initiatives by 2025 to embrace AI-enabled work trends;
- 77% of employees believe their organisation will provide training on AI-driven job changes; and
- the World Economic Forum estimated that by 2025, Al-powered automation could create 97 million new jobs (data analysts and scientists, business development professionals, digital transformation specialists, etc.), compared to the 85 million lost (such as accountants or data entry clerks).

Al might not be the job killer we are ought to think!



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# What are the trends, facts and figures around AI in HR? Loss of jobs and evolving roles

#### Need for guidelines in defining roles between Gen Al and employees:

- Termination on economic ground?
- Guidelines for unilateral changes to the employment contract by the employer:



Minor adjustments to work responsibilities



Significant changes may require employee consultation or consent

Dismissal: compliance with rules of fairness and legal validity to avoid risks of legal objections



# Talent acquisition technology How is it used?

> Candidate discovery: sourcing automation tools

One of the primary impacts of AI on Belgium's recruitment market is its potential to enhance efficiency in various recruitment processes:

- Automatization of tasks as sorting of resumes, screening candidates, and scheduling interviews, allowing recruiters to focus more on strategic decision-making and building relationships with candidates
- Reduce the risks of affecting the recruitment process by conscious or unconscious bias



# **Talent acquisition technology**

#### Candidate engagement

**Companies** rely on AI to automate and partially assist job interviews in order to improve communication between candidates and HR

- Candidate processing
- Candidate verification and assessment
- Potential information and consultation obligations towards employee representatives



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# **Risks when using AI in the employment field**

# Discrimination

Among the various risks related to the use of AI in the recruitment process:

- Biases by algorithms;
- Direct or indirect discrimination (e.g. Amazon 2015):



# **Risks when using AI in the employment field**

Recommendations for employers specifically

- Drafting appropriate policies and train personnel
- Al policies

Draft comprehensive policies regarding the permitted use of AI, including: a list of tasks for which AI can be used, a list of permitted AI tools, and contact information for inquiries regarding the use of AI.

• Training

Raise awareness as an employer about the risks associated with using AI.



**Accuracy and Hallucinations** 

# Thank you!



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