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Delegations will find in annex the presentation on "Next steps for the AI Office".



Next steps for the Al Office

DG CNECT - Communication Networks, Content and Technology

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Mission and tasks

Background:

- Clear need for reinforced governance at EU level
- ❖ Political agreement on AI Act from 8 December introduces role of AI Office
 - Supervision and enforcement of the Al Act: supervision of the Al Act on EU-level, in particular the enforcement of rules on GPAI, and general support to the implementation (e.g. Secretariat for Al Board)
 - Global vocation: contributing to a strategic, coherent and effective EU approach to international cooperation on AI
 - Coordination for Al policy at EU level: cooperation with all relevant EU bodies,
 Member States, and stakeholders and civil society
 - Support excellence: building knowledge and capacity and promoting Al innovation, in particular for Al with societal and economic benefits

Supervision and enforcement

National competent authorities

- Supervising and enforcing the application and implementation regarding high-risk conformity
- Carrying out market surveillance, EDPS for Union entities

European Artificial Intelligence Board

 High-level representatives of each MS, advising and assisting the Commission and MS, sharing of regulatory expertise

European Al Officeestablished within the Commission

- Developing Union expertise and capabilities in the field of artificial intelligence
- Enforcing and supervising the new rules, including for GPAI models (evaluations, requesting measures) and AI Board secretariat

Advisory Forum

- Balanced selection of stakeholders, incl. industry, SMEs, civil society, academia
- Advising and providing technical expertise to the Commission and the Al Board

Scientific Panel

- Pool of independent scientific/technical experts
- Supporting the AI Office in the implementation and enforcement as regards GPAI models, with access by Member States



Organisation and Financing

Structure:

- Established via Commission decision (2024) 390 of 24 January
- ❖ Part of DG CNECT and subject to management plan of DG CNECT

Financing:

- Creation of a new budget line under DEP (following EP and Council joint statement)
- Budget will cover staff (estimated need: 100 FTE), administrative and operational expenses

Next steps:

- → Commission decision enters into force on 21 February 2024
- → Recruitment and set-up; first tasks ahead of entry into application (e.g. codes of practice)
- → Rules on GPAI models that are enforced by AI Office start to apply 12 months after entry into force of AI Act (~ May 2025)



Thank you



