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Subject: Snowballing of artificial intelligence arrangements

On 18 June 2018 Mariya Gabriel, the Digital Economy and Society Commissioner, unveiled an action plan, to be coordinated with Member States, on artificial intelligence (AI). This is in addition to a series of initiatives already under way. A few days earlier the Commission inaugurated the European AI Alliance and appointed an expert group. Two further structures have likewise been set up, namely the AI-on-demand platform and the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition.

The AI technology sector is booming, and the innovation race is on. Tractica, a research firm, is predicting that the AI market could be worth USD 11 billion by 2024. The EU, however, is lagging woefully behind and being far outstripped by China and the United States.

What tasks and objectives have been assigned to each of the entities mentioned above?

Would it be possible to merge them in the interests of simplification and greater efficiency?