

Parliament's emerging position on the Digital Omnibus on AI

During its March II part-session, the European Parliament is expected to vote its negotiating position on the Digital Omnibus on AI – a set of amendments to the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Act. The proposal seeks to address specific implementation issues identified since the AI Act's adoption and to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden. The Council has agreed its general approach to the file. Once Parliament officially adopts its position, the EU co-legislators can launch trilogue negotiations.

European Commission proposal

On 19 November 2025, the Commission adopted a [proposal](#) for a Digital Omnibus on AI. This proposal aims to adjust the timeline for applying high-risk AI rules, extending the existing deadlines. The new deadlines would be linked to the availability of harmonised standards, with final dates of 2 December 2027 and 2 August 2028 applying, for stand-alone and embedded high-risk AI systems respectively. Systems placed on the market before 2 August 2026 would have to comply with obligations to mark AI-generated content within six months. Furthermore, the proposal would strengthen central enforcement through an EU AI Office, extend simplified documentation and penalty considerations to medium-sized companies, and revise rules regarding bias correction, AI literacy and the registration of non-high-risk AI systems.

Council position

On 13 March, the Council agreed its [general approach](#), largely maintaining the Commission's proposal, and adding bans on AI generating non-consensual sexual and intimate content or child sexual abuse material. The Council however favoured fixed deadlines for the delayed application of high-risk AI rules: 2 December 2027 for stand-alone high-risk AI systems, and 2 August 2028 for high-risk AI systems embedded in products. Furthermore, the Council reinstated a simplified registration obligation for non-high-risk AI systems, and the standard of strict necessity for processing special categories of personal data for bias correction.

European Parliament position

On 18 March, the IMCO and LIBE committees adopted a [joint report](#) on the file. The [report](#) aligns with the Council's proposal for fixed deadlines for the delayed application of rules governing high-risk AI systems. Additionally, it proposes a targeted ban on AI systems that generate sexual and intimate content without consent, and reformulates the conditions for processing special categories of personal data for bias detection and correction. The report also reinstates a simplified registration requirement for non-high-risk AI systems, maintains the extension of the simplified documentation process for medium-sized companies with minor modifications on fines, and lightens the regulatory burden for AI systems embedded in products already subject to sector-specific rules. Furthermore, it modifies the transitional period for compliance with obligations to mark AI-generated content to three months. Finally, it envisages that providers and deployers of AI systems should support the improvement of AI literacy among their staff and ensure that the Commission and Member States encourage and support AI literacy in society.

First-reading report: [2025/0359\(COD\)](#); Committees responsible: LIBE and IMCO; Rapporteurs: Arba Kokalari (EPP, Sweden) and Michael McNamara (Renew, Ireland). For further information, see our 'EU Legislation in progress' [briefing](#).



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