

## AIDA CONSTITUTIVE MEETING AND CHAIR'S WELCOME WORDS



### AIDA Constitutive Meeting

On 23 September 2020, the Special Committee on Artificial Intelligence in a Digital Age (AIDA) held its constitutive meeting.

The Chair and the four Vice-Chairs were appointed by acclamation. Political groups also appointed the AIDA coordinators. A list of all Members forming the AIDA Bureau and coordinators is available on the [AIDA Committee webpage](#).

The newly-appointed AIDA Chair, Dragoș Tudorache, addressed his fellow Members and citizens in his [Welcome Words](#).

### Chair's insight on future works of the AIDA Committee

*"I want our new AIDA committee to be at the forefront of the debate in Europe on AI. I want our committee to build upon the excellent work Parliament has already done on AI and take this further, and to jointly develop a vision for Parliament where we want Europe to position itself on AI in the medium and long-term. We have excellent researchers, hidden champions and a strong expertise in Europe on AI, and we want to hear from them.*

*We need to build upon Europe's strength, and put our focus on developing a human-centered, trustworthy AI made in Europe.*

*I am looking forward to working closely with our rapporteur, shadow rapporteurs, coordinators and all AIDA Members, as well as with European stakeholders on AI during our mandate.*

*Dragoș Tudorache"*

## UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

[Watch the committee meeting live](#)



### AIDA meets the European Commission

The next AIDA Committee meeting will take place on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 October 2020. On 26 October 2020, a discussion on the [EU data strategy](#) will follow with the Commissioner for Internal Market, Thierry Breton.

On 27 October 2020, AIDA Members will hold an exchange of views with the Commission Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager, in charge of "A Europe Fit for the Digital Age". Following the [AIDA mandate](#), Members will engage in a discussion on the Commission's [AI White Paper](#), focusing on the outcome of the [public consultation](#) and upcoming legislation.

In the same meeting, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) will be invited to present their initiatives related to the AI, namely the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), OECD principles on AI, and the Going Digital project.

At its meeting on 9 November, AIDA Members will hear from representatives of the German Presidency as well as a representative of the German Bundestag inquiry committee on AI. More details will follow in the next edition of this Newsletter.

# KEY EUROPEAN COMMISSION INITIATIVES ON AI

## Key Commission AI initiatives

In June 2019, the [High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence](#) (AI HLEG) of the Commission presented their [Policy and Investment Recommendations for Trustworthy AI](#). This was followed on 19 February 2020, by a publication of the Commission on a “European approach to Artificial Intelligence” (non-legislative), that included [a white Paper on Artificial Intelligence](#), a [European Strategy for Data](#) and a report on the [safety and reliability aspects of AI](#). The Commission did a public consultation its white paper. The summary [report was published in June 2020](#).

Next key steps on AI, formally confirmed by the Commission in its work programme:

- [Digital Service Act](#): Q4 2020 (legislative)
- [Framework for the governance of common European data spaces](#), and the [Data Act](#) : Q4 2020 (legislative)

Follow-up to the [White Paper on Artificial Intelligence](#), including on safety, liability, fundamental rights and data: Q1 2021 (legislative)

Additional 2021 key initiatives touching on AI as communicated [by the President of the Commission to the President of the European Parliament in her letter of intent following her 2020 State of the Union speech](#)

- Communication on Europe’s Digital Decade: 2030 Digital Targets  
(see also [2018 Digital strategy](#))
- Communication on updating the new industrial strategy for Europe  
(see also [the 2018 Coordinated Plan between Member States and Commission on AI](#))

## WORKSHOP ON THE EP PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF AI

### Outcome of the workshop the EP parliamentary research in the field of AI

The workshop took place on 2 October remotely via Webex. The objective of the workshop was to help Members and staff of the AIDA Committee to start a reflection process on what could be possible topics for expertise requests.

DG-IPOL and DG-EPRS staff presented the current findings of their parliamentary research activities in the field of AI with a focus on the mandate of the AIDA Special Committee.

The workshop concluded with a discussion on key themes and the identification of knowledge gaps that could form the subject of future parliamentary research activities, such as:

- AI and biometric identification technologies: Assess the need for clarifying the rules at EU level?
- AI and the citizens: Where do my data go? AI for all? AI and Sanitary crisis? Impact of AI on labour division and organisation?
- AI and digital sovereignty: AI and Infrastructures (HPC, 5G, European cloud), Smart factories (value chains and services, SME), AI budget (20% for digital in Next Generation EU)
- AI and global context: Diplomacy, defence, standartisation.

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# OTHERS NEWS

### Next AIDA Committee meetings:

- Monday, 26 October 2020 - 13.45 - 15.45
- Tuesday 27 October 2020 - 13.45 - 15.45
- Monday 9 November 2020 - 13.45 - 15.45

### Recent AI studies from EPRS and policy departments:

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/EPRS/TD\\_AIDA\\_2020\\_final.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/EPRS/TD_AIDA_2020_final.pdf)

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