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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection and for the
Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council
laying down harmonised rules on Artificial Intelligence (Artificial Intelligence
Act) and amending certain Union Legislative Acts
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Rapporteur for opinion: Susana Solís Pérez

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The proposal for Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council laying down harmonized rules on Artificial Intelligence (hereinafter “AI Act”) is part of the broader agenda to boost Europe in the digital age and achieve its environmental and climate objectives . This stems from the fact that AI currently plays a role in all aspects of European daily life activities.

AI systems will become more and more embedded into products and services therefore requiring a horizontal legislative approach as set out in the AI Act. The Rapporteur is fully aligned with this as she considers that we must establish the common rules to provide a cross-cutting approach to all sectors, including the healthcare sector. By doing so, the European Union has a chance to lead and set the standards of AI worldwide, as it has already done with data protection through GDPR. The EU could also become a global leader in niche sectors that require a very forward-looking perspective such as the regulation of neurological rights.

Overall the AI act should preserve European values, facilitating the distribution of AI’s benefits across society, protecting individuals, companies and the environment from risks while boosting innovation and employment and making Europe a leader in the field.

In this regard, the Rapporteur wants to emphasize the importance of sandboxes in certain areas (e.g. Health) and how it could be extended to other areas such as Hospitals, Health Authorities and research centers in order to reinforce and expand the leading position of the health system in all the Member States and at EU level. Health is wealth. By applying AI in health using interoperable health data we could further increase this wealth from health systems to society at large. The Rapporteur also highlights the potential implications of AI systems in mental health.

The Rapporteur for the opinion deems that the proposal insufficiently anticipates the risks of not having a common and consistent regulatory approach.

As a horizontal legislative initiative, the proposed AI Act is expected to intersect with several regulations currently in place (e.g GDPR or MDR) and several legislative initiatives that might intersect in the future such as the European Health Data Space. All these initiatives should be aligned with the AI Act to ensure a common and consistent regulatory approach therefore avoiding duplication of functions or discoordination among bodies and authorities at both the EU and Member State level.

The Rapporteur for the opinion is concerned that the AI Act does not provide sufficient protection to the environment.

The Special Eurobarometer 513 Climate change published in 2021 shows that tackling climate and environmental-related challenges is one of the main concerns for European citizens. Therefore, the Rapporteur proposes that the AI Act shall include the environment among the areas that require a high level of protection. In order to do so, the environment has been included in all the recitals and articles together with health, safety and the protection of fundamental rights. This will entail the classification as “high risk AI” of all those systems that can have major negative implications on the environment. At the same time, the Rapporteur has reinforced the right to proper redress mechanisms in case of negative environmental impacts as set out in the Aarhus Convention, and has set the principle of “Do no significant harm” as

established in the Taxonomy Regulation as a limit to ensure that AI systems abide with the EU's high level of environmental standards and rights.

The Rapporteur for the opinion considers that the AI Act shall not just cover users but must expand its scope to end recipients too.

Many of the applications mentioned in the proposed AI Act will involve not just users but end recipients. In the case of healthcare applications this distinction is crucial as there is a clear differentiation between the intended use and capabilities of patients and doctors. Therefore, the draft report now includes a new definition of end recipients and grants them the appropriate degree of transparency and provision of specific information.

AMENDMENTS

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) The purpose of this Regulation is to improve the functioning of the internal market by laying down a uniform legal framework in particular for the development, marketing and use of artificial intelligence in conformity with Union values. This Regulation pursues a number of overriding reasons of public interest, such as a high level of protection of health, safety and fundamental rights, and it ensures the free movement of AI-based goods and services cross-border, thus preventing Member States from imposing restrictions on the development, marketing and use of AI systems, unless explicitly authorised by this Regulation.

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Or. en

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) This Regulation should serve as a basis to promote health, wellbeing, prevent diseases, and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyles.

Or. en

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation Recital 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1b) This Regulation should preserve the European values facilitating the distribution of AI benefits across society, protecting individuals, companies and the environment from risks while boosting innovation and employment and making Europe a leader in the field.

Or. en

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) Artificial intelligence is a fast evolving family of technologies that can contribute to a wide array of economic and societal benefits across the entire spectrum of industries and social activities. By improving prediction, optimising operations and resource allocation, and personalising digital solutions available for individuals and organisations, the use of artificial intelligence can provide key competitive advantages to companies and support socially and environmentally beneficial outcomes, for example in healthcare, farming, education and training, infrastructure management, energy, transport and logistics, public services, security, justice, resource and energy efficiency, and climate change mitigation and adaptation.

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and adaptation.

Or. en

Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) According to the definition of the World Health Organisation (WHO), "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." In order to improve the health of the population in the Union and reduce health inequalities, it is essential not to focus only on physical health. Digital technologies and especially Artificial Intelligence can have a direct negative impact on mental health. At the same time, we must unleash the full potential of AI in the development of prediction, detection, and treatment solutions for mental health.

Or. en

Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3b) The right to physical and mental health is a fundamental human right and universal health coverage is a Sustainable Development Goal that all signatories have committed to achieve by 2030.

Or. en

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation Recital 3 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3c) The EU commits to progressing towards the recognition of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, as laid out in Resolution 48/13 of the U.N. Human Rights Council.

Or. en

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) Tackling climate change and environmental-related challenges and reaching the objectives of the Paris

Agreement are at the core of the Communication on “The European Green Deal”, adopted on 11 December 2019, where the Commission recalled the role of digital technologies such as artificial intelligence, 5G, cloud and edge computing and the internet of things to accelerate and maximise the impact of policies to deal with climate change mitigation and adaptation, protect the environment and address biodiversity loss.

Or. en

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4b) In its White Paper on "Artificial Intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust" of 19 February 2020, the Commission recalls that artificial intelligence can contribute to finding solutions to some of the most pressing societal challenges, including the fight against climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation and highlights the potential benefits and risks of artificial intelligence in relation to safety, health and wellbeing of individuals.

Or. en

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4c) AI applications can bring

environmental and economic benefits and strengthen predictive capabilities that contribute to the fight against climate change, to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to achieving our target of becoming the first climate-neutral continent. In this sense, the use of AI has the potential to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by up to 4 % by 2030 but it is important that AI systems and associated machinery are designed sustainably to reduce resource usage and energy consumption, thereby limiting the risks to the environment;

Or. en

Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation Recital 4 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4d) Traditional identification of species has been time consuming and costly, which hinders real time biodiversity assessments. The integration of AI systems has the potential to move away from manual sorting and identification of species, which can play a role in animal conservation by allowing authorities to quickly identify, observe and monitor endangered species populations and help inform additional measures if needed for conservation purposes.

Or. en

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) A Union legal framework laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence is therefore needed to foster the development, use and uptake of artificial intelligence in the internal market that at the same time meets a high level of protection of public interests, such as health and safety and the protection of fundamental rights, as recognised and protected by Union law. To achieve that objective, rules regulating the placing on the market and putting into service of certain AI systems should be laid down, thus ensuring the smooth functioning of the internal market and allowing those systems to benefit from the principle of free movement of goods and services. By laying down those rules, this Regulation supports the objective of the Union of being a global leader in the development of secure, trustworthy and ethical artificial intelligence, as stated by the European Council³³, and it ensures the protection of ethical principles, as specifically requested by the European Parliament³⁴.

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Amendment 14

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Recital 6**

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The notion of AI system should be clearly defined to ensure legal certainty, while providing the flexibility to accommodate future technological developments. The definition should be based on the key functional characteristics of the software, in particular the ability, for a given set of human-defined objectives, to generate outputs such as content, predictions, recommendations, or decisions which influence the environment with which the system interacts, be it in a physical or digital dimension. AI systems can be designed to operate with varying levels of autonomy and be used on a stand-alone basis or as a component of a product, irrespective of whether the system is physically integrated into the product (embedded) or serve the functionality of the product without being integrated therein (non-embedded). The definition of AI system should be complemented by a list of specific techniques and approaches used for its development, which should be kept up-to-date in the light of market and technological developments through the adoption of delegated acts by the Commission to amend that list.

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Amendment 15

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Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13a) AI systems shall fully respect the climate and environmental standards and priorities of the Union and the principle of 'do no significant harm' within the meaning of Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment.

Or. en

Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13b) AI in the field of health interventions has the potential to improve health outcomes, enhance the quality of care to patients respond to unmet needs, and also to foster the competitiveness of stakeholders and to improve the cost-effectiveness and sustainability of health services and medical care. The EU has the potential to become a leader in the

application of AI in the healthcare sector.

Or. en

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation Recital 13 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(13c) AI can unlock solutions in the health sector that could save millions of lives, improve our standard of living and improve patient care, especially in diagnosis, prognosis and treatment, patient engagement, adherence, management and follow-up, clinical decision-making, including predictive analytics, screening and optimization of clinical pathways, and pathology. AI can also improve prevention strategies, health system management and in the organization and provision of health services and medical care, including health promotion and disease prevention interventions.

Or. en

Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 27

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) High-risk AI systems should only be placed on the Union market or put into service if they comply with certain mandatory requirements. Those requirements should ensure that high-risk AI systems available in the Union or whose output is otherwise used in the Union do not pose unacceptable risks to important Union public interests as recognised and protected by Union law. AI systems identified as high-risk should be limited to those that have a significant harmful impact on the health, safety and fundamental rights of persons in the Union and such limitation minimises any potential

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Or. en

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) AI systems could produce adverse outcomes to health and safety of persons, ***in particular when such systems operate as components of products***. Consistently with the objectives of Union harmonisation legislation to facilitate the free movement of products in the internal market and to ensure that only safe and otherwise compliant products find their way into the market, it is important that the safety risks that may be generated by a product as a whole due to its digital components, including AI systems, are duly prevented and mitigated. For instance, increasingly autonomous robots, whether in the context of manufacturing or personal assistance and care should be able to safely operate and perform their functions in complex environments. Similarly, in the health sector where the stakes for life and health are particularly high, increasingly sophisticated diagnostics systems and systems supporting human decisions should be reliable and accurate. The extent of the adverse impact caused by the AI system on the fundamental rights protected by the Charter is of particular relevance when classifying an AI system as high-risk. Those rights include the right to human dignity, respect for private and family life, protection of personal data, freedom of expression and information, freedom of assembly and of association, and non-discrimination, consumer protection, workers' rights, rights of persons with

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Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 32

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 23

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 34

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 24

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Recital 37

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 25

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 38

Text proposed by the Commission

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public trust and ensure accountability and effective redress. In view of the nature of the activities in question and the risks relating thereto, those high-risk AI systems should include in particular AI systems intended to be used by law enforcement authorities for individual risk assessments, polygraphs and similar tools or to detect the emotional state of natural person, to detect ‘deep fakes’, for the evaluation of the reliability of evidence in criminal proceedings, for predicting the occurrence or reoccurrence of an actual or potential criminal offence based on profiling of natural persons, or assessing personality traits and characteristics or past criminal behaviour of natural persons or groups, for profiling in the course of detection, investigation or prosecution of criminal offences, as well as for crime analytics regarding natural persons. AI systems specifically intended to be used for administrative proceedings by tax and customs authorities should not be considered high-risk AI systems used by law enforcement authorities for the purposes of prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of criminal offences.

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Or. en

Amendment 26

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 43

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 27

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 45

Text proposed by the Commission

(45) For the development of high-risk AI systems, certain actors, such as providers, notified bodies and other relevant entities, such as digital innovation hubs, testing experimentation facilities and researchers, should be able to access and use high quality datasets within their respective fields of activities which are related to this Regulation. European common data spaces established by the Commission and the facilitation of data sharing between businesses and with government in the public interest will be instrumental to provide trustful, accountable and non-discriminatory access to high quality data for the training, validation and testing of AI systems. For example, in health, the European health data space will facilitate non-discriminatory access to health data and the training of artificial intelligence algorithms on those datasets, in a privacy-preserving, secure, timely, transparent and trustworthy manner, and with an appropriate institutional governance. Relevant competent authorities, including sectoral

Amendment

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ones, providing or supporting the access to data may also support the provision of high-quality data for the training, validation and testing of AI systems.

Member States shall put in place incentives to ensure that the data is completely interoperable to unlock the full potential of Europe's high quality healthcare services, while complying with the GDPR. Relevant competent authorities, including sectoral ones, providing or supporting the access to data may also support the provision of high-quality data for the training, validation and testing of AI systems.

Or. en

Amendment 28

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 47

Text proposed by the Commission

(47) To address the opacity that may make certain AI systems incomprehensible to or too complex for natural persons, a certain degree of transparency should be required for high-risk AI systems. Users should be able to interpret the system output and use it appropriately. High-risk AI systems should therefore be accompanied by relevant documentation and instructions of use and include concise and clear information, including in relation to possible risks to fundamental rights and discrimination, where appropriate.

Amendment

(47) To address the opacity that may make certain AI systems incomprehensible to or too complex for natural persons, a certain degree of transparency should be required for high-risk AI systems. Users ***and end recipients*** should be able to interpret the system output and use it appropriately. High-risk AI systems should therefore be accompanied by relevant documentation and instructions of use and include concise and clear information, including in relation to possible risks to fundamental rights and discrimination, where appropriate.

Or. en

Amendment 29

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 49

Text proposed by the Commission

(49) High-risk AI systems should perform consistently throughout their lifecycle and meet an appropriate level of accuracy, robustness and cybersecurity in accordance with the generally acknowledged state of the art. The level of accuracy and accuracy metrics should be communicated to the users.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 50

Text proposed by the Commission

(50) The technical robustness is a key requirement for high-risk AI systems. They should be resilient against risks connected to the limitations of the system (e.g. errors, faults, inconsistencies, unexpected situations) as well as against malicious actions that may compromise the security of the AI system and result in harmful or otherwise undesirable behaviour. Failure to protect against these risks could lead to safety impacts or negatively affect the fundamental rights, for example due to erroneous decisions or wrong or biased outputs generated by the AI system.

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Or. en

Amendment 31

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 59 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(59a) Considering the specific nature and potential uses of AI systems which can be addressed to natural persons who are not users or operators, it is important to ensure the protection of certain rights, notably regarding transparency and the provision of information, to end recipients such as patients of healthcare services, students, consumers, etc. The current legislation should aim at providing the appropriate type and degree of transparency as well as the provision of specific information to end recipients and establish a clear difference with users as it can increase the protection and usability of AI systems and components.

Or. en

Amendment 32

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 72

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(72) The objectives of the regulatory sandboxes should be to foster AI innovation by establishing a controlled experimentation and testing environment in the development and pre-marketing phase with a view to ensuring compliance of the innovative AI systems with this Regulation and other relevant Union and Member States legislation; to enhance legal certainty for innovators and the competent authorities' oversight and understanding of the opportunities, emerging risks and the impacts of AI use, and to accelerate access to markets, including by removing barriers for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and start-ups. To ensure uniform implementation across the Union and economies of scale, it is appropriate to

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establish common rules for the regulatory sandboxes' implementation and a framework for cooperation between the relevant authorities involved in the supervision of the sandboxes. This Regulation should provide the legal basis for the use of personal data collected for other purposes for developing certain AI systems in the public interest within the AI regulatory sandbox, in line with Article 6(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, and Article 6 of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, and without prejudice to Article 4(2) of Directive (EU) 2016/680. Participants in the sandbox should ensure appropriate safeguards and cooperate with the competent authorities, including by following their guidance and acting expeditiously and in good faith to mitigate any high-risks to safety and fundamental rights that may arise during the development and experimentation in the sandbox. The conduct of the participants in the sandbox should be taken into account when competent authorities decide whether to impose an administrative fine under Article 83(2) of Regulation 2016/679 and Article 57 of Directive 2016/680.

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Or. en

Amendment 33

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 74

Text proposed by the Commission

(74) In order to minimise the risks to implementation resulting from lack of knowledge and expertise in the market as well as to facilitate compliance of providers and notified bodies with their obligations under this Regulation, the AI-on demand platform, the European Digital Innovation Hubs and the Testing and

Amendment

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Experimentation Facilities established by the Commission and the Member States at national or EU level should possibly contribute to the implementation of this Regulation. Within their respective mission and fields of competence, they may provide in particular technical and scientific support to providers and notified bodies.

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Or. en

Amendment 34

Proposal for a regulation Recital 76 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(76a) To ensure that there is a common and consistent approach regarding the deployment and implementation of artificial intelligence systems in the various areas and sectors concerned and to exploit potential synergies and complementarities, the Board should cooperate closely with other relevant sectoral advisory groups established at Union level, such as boards, committees and expert groups, including organisations from the civil society such as NGOs, consumer associations, and industry representatives with competence in areas related to digital technologies or artificial intelligence, such as governance, exchange, access or use and re-use of data, including health data or environmental information, while avoiding duplication of work.

Or. en

Amendment 35

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) ‘end recipient’ means any natural or legal person, other than an operator, to whom the output of an AI system is intended or to whom that output is provided;

Or. en

Amendment 36

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 14

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(14) ‘safety component of a product or system’ means a component of a product or of a system which fulfils a safety function for that product or system or the failure or malfunctioning of which endangers the health and safety of persons *or* property;

(14) ‘safety component of a product or system’ means a component of a product or of a system which fulfils a safety function for that product or system or the failure or malfunctioning of which endangers the health and safety of persons, property *or the environment*;

Or. en

Amendment 37

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 15

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15) ‘instructions for use’ means the information provided by the provider to inform the user of in particular an AI system’s intended purpose and proper use, inclusive of the specific geographical, behavioural or functional setting within

(15) ‘instructions for use’ means the information provided by the provider to inform the user *and end recipient* of in particular an AI system’s intended purpose and proper use, inclusive of the specific geographical, behavioural or functional

which the high-risk AI system is intended to be used;

setting within which the high-risk AI system is intended to be used;

Or. en

Amendment 38

Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point 34

Text proposed by the Commission

(34) ‘emotion recognition system’ means an AI system for the purpose of identifying or inferring emotions or intentions of natural persons on the basis of their biometric data;

Amendment

(34) ‘emotion recognition system’ means an AI system for the purpose of identifying or inferring emotions or intentions of natural persons on the basis of their biometric *or neurological* data;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the AI systems pose a risk of harm to the health *and* safety, or a risk of adverse impact on fundamental rights, that is, in respect of its severity and probability of occurrence, equivalent to or greater than the risk of harm or of adverse impact posed by the high-risk AI systems already referred to in Annex III.

Amendment

(b) the AI systems pose a risk of harm to the health, safety *of persons*, or a risk of adverse impact on fundamental rights *or the environment*, that is, in respect of its severity and probability of occurrence, equivalent to or greater than the risk of harm or of adverse impact posed by the high-risk AI systems already referred to in Annex III.

Or. en

Amendment 40

Proposal for a regulation Article 7 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. When assessing for the purposes of paragraph 1 whether an AI system poses a risk of harm to the health and safety or a risk of adverse impact on fundamental rights that is equivalent to or greater than the risk of harm posed by the high-risk AI systems already referred to in Annex III, the Commission shall take into account the following criteria:

Amendment

2. When assessing for the purposes of paragraph 1 whether an AI system poses a risk of harm to the health and safety or a risk of adverse impact on fundamental rights **or the environment** that is equivalent to or greater than the risk of harm posed by the high-risk AI systems already referred to in Annex III, the Commission shall take into account the following criteria:

Or. en

Amendment 41

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the extent to which the use of an AI system has already caused harm to the health and safety or adverse impact on the fundamental rights or has given rise to significant concerns in relation to the materialisation of such harm or adverse impact, as demonstrated by reports or documented allegations submitted to national competent authorities;

Amendment

(c) the extent to which the use of an AI system has already caused harm to the health and safety or adverse impact on the fundamental rights **and the environment** or has given rise to significant concerns in relation to the materialisation of such harm or adverse impact, as demonstrated by reports or documented allegations submitted to national competent authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Proposal for a regulation
Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point d

Text proposed by the Commission

(d) the potential extent of such harm or such adverse impact, in particular in terms

Amendment

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of its intensity and its ability to affect a plurality of persons;

of its intensity and its ability to affect a plurality of persons, ***the environment and biodiversity***;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) the extent to which potentially harmed or adversely impacted persons are dependent on the outcome produced with an AI system, in particular because for practical or legal reasons it is not reasonably possible to opt-out from that outcome;

Amendment

(e) the extent to which potentially harmed or adversely impacted persons, ***including end recipients***, are dependent on the outcome produced with an AI system, in particular because for practical or legal reasons it is not reasonably possible to opt-out from that outcome;

Or. en

Amendment 44

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) the extent to which the outcome produced with an AI system is easily reversible, whereby outcomes having an impact on the health or safety of persons shall not be considered as easily reversible;

Amendment

(g) the extent to which the outcome produced with an AI system is easily reversible, whereby outcomes having an impact on the health or safety of persons, ***the environment or biodiversity***, shall not be considered as easily reversible;

Or. en

Amendment 45

Proposal for a regulation

Article 9 – paragraph 4 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The risk management measures referred to in paragraph 2, point (d) shall be such that any residual risk associated with each hazard as well as the overall residual risk of the high-risk AI systems is judged acceptable, provided that the high-risk AI system is used in accordance with its intended purpose or under conditions of reasonably foreseeable misuse. Those residual risks shall be communicated to the user.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 46

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 3**

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Training, validation and testing data sets shall be relevant, representative, free of errors and complete. They shall have the appropriate statistical properties, including, where applicable, as regards the persons or groups of persons on which the high-risk AI system is intended to be used. These characteristics of the data sets may be met at the level of individual data sets or a combination thereof.

Amendment

3. Training, validation and testing data sets shall be relevant, representative, free of errors and complete. They shall have the appropriate statistical properties, including, where applicable, as regards the persons or groups of persons on which the high-risk AI system is intended to be used, ***including end recipients***. These characteristics of the data sets may be met at the level of individual data sets or a combination thereof.

Or. en

Amendment 47

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 10 – paragraph 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Training, validation and testing data sets shall take into account, to the extent required by the intended purpose, the characteristics or elements that are particular to the specific geographical, behavioural or functional setting within which the high-risk AI system is intended to be used.

Amendment

4. Training, validation and testing data sets shall take into account, to the extent required by the intended purpose, the characteristics or elements that are particular to the specific geographical, ***environmental***, behavioural or functional setting within which the high-risk AI system is intended to be used.

Or. en

Amendment 48

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Transparency and provision of information to users

Amendment

Transparency and provision of information to users ***and end recipients***

Or. en

Amendment 49

Proposal for a regulation
Article 13 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. High-risk AI systems shall be designed and developed in such a way to ensure that their operation is sufficiently transparent to enable users to interpret the system's output and use it appropriately. An appropriate type and degree of transparency shall be ensured, with a view to achieving compliance with the relevant obligations of the user and of the provider set out in Chapter 3 of this Title.

Amendment

1. High-risk AI systems shall be designed and developed in such a way to ensure that their operation is sufficiently transparent to enable users ***and end recipients*** to interpret the system's output and use it appropriately. An appropriate type and degree of transparency shall be ensured, with a view to achieving compliance with the relevant obligations of the user, ***end recipient*** and of the provider set out in Chapter 3 of this Title.

Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation Article 13 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. High-risk AI systems shall be designed, developed and used in such a way to ensure that the outputs are sufficiently transparent, relevant, accessible and comprehensible to the end recipients in accordance with the intended purpose.

Or. en

Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Human oversight shall aim at preventing or minimising the risks to health, safety or fundamental rights that may emerge when a high-risk AI system is used in accordance with its intended purpose or under conditions of reasonably foreseeable misuse, in particular when such risks persist notwithstanding the application of other requirements set out in this Chapter.

2. Human oversight shall aim at preventing or minimising the risks to health, safety or fundamental rights **or the environment** that may emerge when a high-risk AI system is used in accordance with its intended purpose or under conditions of reasonably foreseeable misuse, in particular when such risks persist notwithstanding the application of other requirements set out in this Chapter.

Or. en

Amendment 52

Proposal for a regulation Article 53 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The AI regulatory sandboxes shall not affect the supervisory and corrective powers of the competent authorities. Any significant risks to health and safety **and** fundamental rights identified during the development and testing of such systems shall result in immediate mitigation and, failing that, in the suspension of the development and testing process until such mitigation takes place.

Amendment

3. The AI regulatory sandboxes shall not affect the supervisory and corrective powers of the competent authorities. Any significant risks to health and safety, fundamental rights **and the environment**, identified during the development and testing of such systems shall result in immediate mitigation and, failing that, in the suspension of the development and testing process until such mitigation takes place.

Or. en

Amendment 53

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 53 – paragraph 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Participants in the AI regulatory sandbox shall remain liable under applicable Union and Member States liability legislation for any harm inflicted on third parties as a result from the experimentation taking place in the sandbox.

Amendment

4. Participants in the AI regulatory sandbox shall remain liable under applicable Union and Member States liability legislation for any harm inflicted on third parties **or the environment** as a result from the experimentation taking place in the sandbox.

Or. en

Amendment 54

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 54 – paragraph 1 – point a – point ii**

Text proposed by the Commission

(ii) public safety and public health, including disease prevention, control and treatment;

Amendment

(ii) public safety and public health, including disease prevention, **diagnosis**, control and treatment;

Amendment 55

Proposal for a regulation

Article 54 – paragraph 1 – point a – point iii

Text proposed by the Commission

(iii) a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment;

Amendment

(iii) a high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment, ***protection of biodiversity as well as climate change mitigation and adaptation;***

Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation

Article 56 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) coordinate and contribute to guidance and analysis by the Commission and the national supervisory authorities and other competent authorities on emerging issues across the internal market with regard to matters covered by this Regulation;

Amendment

(b) coordinate and contribute to guidance and analysis by the Commission and the national supervisory authorities ***as well as advisory and expert groups, including organisations from the civil society such as NGOs, consumer associations, and industry representatives*** and other competent authorities on emerging issues across the internal market with regard to matters covered by this Regulation;

Amendment 57

Proposal for a regulation

Article 57 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Board shall be composed of the national supervisory authorities, who shall be represented by the head or equivalent high-level official of that authority, and the European Data Protection Supervisor. Other national authorities may be invited to the meetings, where the issues discussed are of relevance for them.

Amendment

1. The Board shall be composed of the national supervisory authorities, who shall be represented by the head or equivalent high-level official of that authority, and the European Data Protection Supervisor. Other national authorities ***including those which are members of relevant advisory and expert groups at Union level***, may be invited to the meetings, where the issues discussed are of relevance for them.

Or. en

Amendment 58

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 57 – paragraph 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Board may invite external experts and observers to attend its meetings and may hold exchanges with interested third parties to inform its activities to an appropriate extent. To that end the Commission may facilitate exchanges between the Board and other Union bodies, offices, agencies and advisory groups.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 59

**Proposal for a regulation
Article 58 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) ensure that there is a common and

consistent approach among the different advisory and expert groups established at Union level on matters covered by this Regulation or related to artificial intelligence systems.

Or. en

Amendment 60

Proposal for a regulation Article 59 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. National competent authorities shall be established or designated by each Member State for the purpose of ensuring the application and implementation of this Regulation. National competent authorities shall be organised so as to safeguard the objectivity and impartiality of their activities and tasks.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 61

Proposal for a regulation Article 59 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall ensure that national competent authorities are provided with adequate financial and human resources to fulfil their tasks under this Regulation. In particular, national competent authorities shall have a sufficient number of personnel permanently available whose competences and expertise shall include an in-depth understanding of artificial intelligence technologies, data and data computing, fundamental rights, health and safety risks

Amendment

4. Member States shall ensure that national competent authorities are provided with adequate financial and human resources to fulfil their tasks under this Regulation. In particular, national competent authorities shall have a sufficient number of personnel permanently available whose competences and expertise shall include an in-depth understanding of artificial intelligence technologies, data and data computing, fundamental rights, health and safety risks,

and knowledge of existing standards and legal requirements.

environmental risks and knowledge of existing standards and legal requirements.

Or. en

Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation

Article 62 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Providers of high-risk AI systems placed on the Union market shall report any serious incident or any malfunctioning of those systems which constitutes a breach of obligations under Union law intended to protect fundamental rights to the market surveillance authorities of the Member States where that incident or breach occurred.

Amendment

Providers of high-risk AI systems placed on the Union market shall report any serious incident or any malfunctioning of those systems which constitutes a breach of obligations under Union law intended to protect **health, safety, fundamental rights and the environment** to the market surveillance authorities of the Member States where that incident or breach occurred.

Or. en

Amendment 63

Proposal for a regulation

Article 65 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. AI systems presenting a risk shall be understood as a product presenting a risk defined in Article 3, point 19 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 insofar as risks to the health or safety or to the protection of fundamental rights of persons are concerned.

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation Article 67 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where, having performed an evaluation under Article 65, the market surveillance authority of a Member State finds that although an AI system is in compliance with this Regulation, it presents a risk to the health or safety of persons, to the compliance with obligations under Union or national law intended to protect fundamental rights or to other aspects of public interest protection, it shall require the relevant operator to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the AI system concerned, when placed on the market or put into service, no longer presents that risk, to withdraw the AI system from the market or to recall it within a reasonable period, commensurate with the nature of the risk, as it may prescribe.

Amendment

1. Where, having performed an evaluation under Article 65, the market surveillance authority of a Member State finds that although an AI system is in compliance with this Regulation, it presents a risk to the health or safety of persons ***or the environment***, to the compliance with obligations under Union or national law intended to protect fundamental rights or to other aspects of public interest protection, it shall require the relevant operator to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the AI system concerned, when placed on the market or put into service, no longer presents that risk, to withdraw the AI system from the market or to recall it within a reasonable period, commensurate with the nature of the risk, as it may prescribe.

Or. en

Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation Annex III – paragraph 1 – point 5 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) AI systems intended to be used by public authorities or on behalf of public authorities to evaluate the eligibility of natural persons for public assistance benefits and services, as well as to grant, reduce, revoke, or reclaim such benefits and services;

Amendment

(a) AI systems intended to be used by public authorities or on behalf of public authorities to evaluate the eligibility of natural persons for public assistance benefits and services, ***including healthcare services***, as well as to grant, reduce, revoke, or reclaim such benefits and services;

Or. en

Amendment 66

Proposal for a regulation Annex IV – paragraph 1 – point 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) instructions of use for the user and, where applicable installation instructions;

Amendment

(g) instructions of use for the user **and end recipient** and, where applicable installation instructions;

Or. en

Amendment 67

Proposal for a regulation Annex IV – paragraph 1 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Detailed information about the monitoring, functioning and control of the AI system, in particular with regard to: its capabilities and limitations in performance, including the degrees of accuracy for specific persons or groups of persons on which the system is intended to be used and the overall expected level of accuracy in relation to its intended purpose; the foreseeable unintended outcomes and sources of risks to health and safety, fundamental rights and discrimination in view of the intended purpose of the AI system; the human oversight measures needed in accordance with Article 14, including the technical measures put in place to facilitate the interpretation of the outputs of AI systems by the users; specifications on input data, as appropriate;

Amendment

3. Detailed information about the monitoring, functioning and control of the AI system, in particular with regard to: its capabilities and limitations in performance, including the degrees of accuracy for specific persons or groups of persons on which the system is intended to be used and the overall expected level of accuracy in relation to its intended purpose; the foreseeable unintended outcomes and sources of risks to health and safety, fundamental rights, **the environment** and discrimination in view of the intended purpose of the AI system; the human oversight measures needed in accordance with Article 14, including the technical measures put in place to facilitate the interpretation of the outputs of AI systems by the users; specifications on input data, as appropriate;

Or. en