



INVITATION

“AI Act Status Update –

**How to balance potential risks and benefits of industrial AI in
horizontal regulation”**

Thursday, 28 April 2022, 14.30 – 15.30

Zoom-Event

Speakers:

- **Axel Voss**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Dr. Sabine Donauer**, AI Center of Excellence, Infineon Technologies
- **Irina Orssich**, DG Connect, European Commission

Moderation: Jack Parrock

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Concept:

Artificial intelligence (AI) is one of the key drivers in for the success and growth of a future-proof European data economy and crucial to secure the competitiveness of European industry. As enabler industry at the interface between IT and production, the electrical and digital industry has a special role to play in this context. The use of AI can, for example, optimize production processes and raise them to a new level of efficiency. It makes a significant contribution to resource efficiency and sustainability, of which the electro and digital industry is a key enabler.

On April 21st 2021 the European Commission has presented its proposal for a Regulation on Artificial Intelligence ("AI Act"). The AI proposal aims to create a legal framework for AI systems, referring to a risk-based approach, regulating their placing on the market and putting into service in the EU. Of particular interest for industrial actors are so-called "high-risk AI systems" that require additional requirements when placed on EU markets.

Almost a year after its release we want to have a look at the **current state of discussions** around the AI Act within EU institutions and among the private sector. A **balanced approach** between mitigating potential risks and enabling future innovation surely is needed when regulating AI. In order to enable the full potential for industrial AI, the legislator should carefully assess regulatory gaps when addressing AI as a technology in its entirety. Particularly, in the case of AI embedded in products, potential risks regarding product safety and security are already limited by existing regulation and functional constraints. We want to discuss with the EU Council Presidency, the European Parliament, and the electrical industry the right way forward for European AI.



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- 14:30 – 14:35 h **Opening**
Dr. Hardy Ostry, Director, European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- 14:35 – 15:10 h **Panel Discussion**
Axel Voss, Member of the European Parliament
Dr. Sabine Donauer, AI Center of Excellence, Infineon Technologies
Irina Orssich, DG Connect, European Commission
- 15:10 – 15:25 h **Q&A**
- 15:25 – 15:30 h **Closing Remarks**
Nils Scherrer, Manager Political Affairs & Digitalisation, ZVEI