

**Question for written answer E-001729/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Fears and regrets expressed by Gabriele Mazzini about the Artificial Intelligence Act

The combined share of artificial intelligence (AI) patents awarded between 2010 and 2022 shows that only 2% originated from the EU and the UK, while 61% came from China, 16% from the United States and 21% from the ‘rest of the world’¹. In January, the Commission launched measures to ‘support European startups and SMEs in developing trustworthy AI that respects EU values and rules’². Parliament adopted the AI Act in March 2024³.

Everyone agrees that the dangers of unethical use of AI need to be recognised, but European countries also need to remain competitive with Chinese and US giants in this crucial area.

Gabriele Mazzini, the lead author at the Commission of the proposal for an AI Act, has apparently stated that ‘the regulatory bar may have been placed too high’, fearing that legal uncertainty will paralyse European firms, benefiting in particular the US tech giants⁴.

Does the Commission share Mr Mazzini’s fears and regrets?

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¹ The AI index report, Measuring trends in AI – Stanford University – <https://aiindex.stanford.edu/report/>

² Commission launches AI innovation package to support Artificial Intelligence startups and SMEs – European Commission press release – 24 January 2024.

³ Artificial intelligence: MEPs adopt landmark legislation – European Parliament press release – 13.3.2024.

⁴ ‘Europe Has US Tech in Its Sights. It Might Miss,’ Lionel Laurent - Bloomberg - 1.8.2024.