

Question for written answer E-002743/2024
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Training AI: will the EU allow major US platforms to draw on our personal data?

The Court of Justice of the European Union¹ has banned online platforms from using their clients' personal data without restriction as to time or type of data, on the basis of the General Data Protection Regulation in particular.

However, according to the press², Microsoft is using our Word and Excel documents to train its AI models, even though:

1. consumers are not always aware that this data is being collected, or of how they can opt out;
2. sharing this data could violate our copyright;
3. the data could be transferred on to third parties (in particular, to OpenAI);
4. sharing this data with third-country AI increases our international competitors' lead, at the expense of the future development of our own AI.

EU data must, first and foremost, be used to train European AI.

1. Does the Commission intend to invalidate the data transfer clauses that major IT platforms impose on their clients?
2. If foreign AI has taken inspiration from EU data to create cultural products (films, music, images, books, etc.), can royalties be obtained?

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<https://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?text=&docid=290674&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=req&dir=&occ=first&part=1&cid=4018002>

² <https://siecledigital.fr/2024/11/26/microsoft-utilise-les-donnees-des-documents-word-et-excel-pour-entrainer-ses-modeles-dia/>