

**Question for written answer E-002792/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Is the Commission strangling European innovation in artificial intelligence?

The Commission has launched a so-called ‘Code of Conduct’ for companies developing artificial intelligence systems. Although formally voluntary, it is accompanied by significant regulatory pressure. Technology companies and rights holders have voiced serious concerns that such guidelines risk stifling innovation, undermining Europe’s global competitiveness, and imposing disproportionate burdens compared to non-EU competitors, particularly in the United States and China. There is also growing fear that ‘trustworthy AI’ may become a pretext for ideological filtering or even political censorship. Is the Commission constructing a bureaucratic straitjacket for European innovators in the name of ethics?

1. How will the Commission ensure that the proposed AI Code of Conduct will not serve as a tool for ideological enforcement or political censorship of generative models?
2. What safeguards has the Commission implemented to prevent the code from placing excessive compliance burdens on EU-based companies, thereby weakening their position vis-à-vis competitors from outside the EU operating under more-flexible frameworks?
3. How does the Commission intend to strike a balance between protecting copyright holders and allowing the development of competitive AI systems, given that excessive restrictions on training data may significantly hinder technological advances in the EU?

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