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to the Commission
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Subject: Opportunity to reform the Artificial Intelligence Act before 2026

Concerns have been raised that some of the provisions of the EU's Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act)[1], particularly those on high-risk systems, could hinder innovation and deter investment. EU start-ups and SMEs already face higher compliance costs than their global competitors and experts warn that the EU risks missing out on transformative benefits in areas such as education, healthcare and transport – harming competitiveness and limiting potential gains for citizens[2].

The principal drafter of the AI Act, Gabriele Mazzini, has himself publicly expressed doubts about the current framework and called for major revisions[3], while Mario Draghi has urged a suspension of the high-risk provisions and broader reform of the digital acquis[4]. Importantly, the AI Act's high-risk requirements will not apply until August 2026. This transitional period provides an opportunity for the EU to reflect and act.

1. Does the Commission intend to review and reform the high-risk categories mentioned in the AI Act before their entry into force in 2026?

2. Will it consider suspending or reclassifying certain obligations if evidence shows they harm competitiveness and innovation?

3. How will the Commission ensure that the AI framework does not put EU businesses at a structural disadvantage compared with global competitors?

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[1] Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of 13 June 2024 laying down harmonised rules on artificial intelligence (OJ L, 2024/1689, 12.7.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj (http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1689/oj)).
[2] https://www.bruegel.org/analysis/european-union-ai-act-premature-or-precocious-regulation.
[3] https://www.nzz.ch/technologie/hauptautor-des-ki-gesetzes-der-eu-packt-aus-ld.1899070.
[4] https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2025/09/16/draghi-calls-for-pause-to-ai-act-to-gauge-risks.