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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The AI Office is a directorate within the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CNECT). The AI Office employs more than 140 staff, including over 40, predominantly technical, staff in the AI Safety Unit, and 35 in the Regulatory and Compliance Unit. There are no plans to change the institutional position of the AI Office within CNECT, which mirrors that of the directorates responsible for enforcing the Digital Services Act¹ and the Digital Markets Act².

The Digital Omnibus on AI foresees additional staffing. The next Multiannual Financial Framework, where the Commission has asked for an increase in human resources, will determine staff levels from 2028. On cyber risk, capacity is also located within CNECT's Directorate for Cybersecurity and the EU Agency for Cybersecurity.

Regarding Mythos, Anthropic is a signatory to the EU General-Purpose AI Code of Practice³ and has committed to assess and mitigate systemic risks, including cybersecurity risks, and submit results to the AI Office. As regulator, the AI Office has held technical meetings with Anthropic to support implementation of the Code. The AI Office has unique access to providers' internal safety practices and is discussing how to improve them. Where appropriate, it may run its own AI evaluations.

The Code also requires companies to work with third-party evaluators – organisations that test AI models for capabilities and risks. Once the AI Office's enforcement powers apply in August 2026, requests for information, and, if necessary, model access will become mandatory.

On 9 June 2026, Anthropic made a safeguarded Mythos-class model, Fable 5, publicly available. After US government's intervention on 12 June 2026, Anthropic withdrew the model.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/1925/oj/eng>.

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/contents-code-gpai>.