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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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European Standardisation Organisations (ESOs) are bound by the provisions on transparency of the Regulation on Standardisation¹. If these provisions are not met, the Commission can decide not to cite offered harmonised standards in the Official Journal.

There are however no legal requirements on ESOs to disclose to the public information on participants and their contributions, but this information is available for participants of the respective technical committee. Sharing information on specific contributions goes beyond the reporting obligations of ESOs to the Commission.

The Commission's request to the ESOs to develop harmonised standards for the AI Act² contains, in line with the Regulation on Standardisation³, requirements to facilitate the appropriate representation and effective participation of relevant stakeholders. The ESOs are required to report on the fulfilment of this and other requirements to the Commission every three months.

The AI Act lays down a single set of rules for AI in the EU, creating a level playing field for all companies that want to do business in the EU. Only AI systems classified as high-risk AI need to fulfil the requirements for high-risk AI systems. Standards play a key role to provide technical solutions to providers to ensure compliance with the AI Act, to promote innovation as well as competitiveness and growth in the single market. All companies that aim to develop trustworthy AI can benefit from using these standards. Standards will thus help the development of AI in the EU.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council Text with EEA relevance.

² Commission Implementing Decision C(2025)3871 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardisation and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation as regards high-risk AI-systems in support of Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Implementing Decision C(2023)3215.

³ Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council Text with EEA relevance.