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05th September 2024, Vilnius (Lithuania)

On behalf of the European Union, the European Commission Vice-President for Values and Transparency signed the Council of Europe Framework Convention on AI.

The Convention is the first legally binding international agreement, following nearly two years of negotiations.



The objective of the treaty is to ensure that AI systems are no threats to human rights, democracy and the rule of law while enabling innovation.

This work aligns with the efforts of the European Union (EU AI Act), and of other international actors (OECD, G7, G20, UNESCO).

Other signatories of the treaty are the United Kingdom, United States, Japan, Mexico, among others.



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COMMISSION SIGNS THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON AI



09th September 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

Mario Draghi, italian economist and former President of the European Central Bank, shared his 400 pages report on EU competitiveness.



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Made of 170 recommendations, the report revolves around 3 main actions:



Closing the innovation gap with the US and China by keeping European unicorns in Europe and investing in people's skills.



Joint borrowing as well as public & private investments of €800B per year. This requires an increase of +/- 5% in EU's investment shares.



Reducing dependencies on raw materials and crucial energy sources by concluding cautious and defensive trade deals.



10th September 2024, Luxembourg

In 2017, after nearly 7 years of proceedings, the Commission found that Google were giving preferential treatment in Google search results to its own shopping services over rival offerings and decided to fine Google.



The US company brought an action in front of the the EU General Court to annul this decision. But it was dismissed, and Google appealed to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).

The 10th September 2024, the CJEU agreed with the Commission's 2017 decision to give Google a fine worth 2,400,000,000 € due to anti-competitive practices.



This case is believed to be a landmark in the history of regulation action, being one of the first case against a major digital company, and strengthening the credibility of the Digital Markets Act (DMA).

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GOOGLE FINED €2.4B IN ANTITRUST CASE (C-48/22P)



10th September 2024, Luxembourg

Back in 2014, the European Commission started investigate the tax rulings that have been granted to Apple by the Irish tax authorities, in view of a possible state aid, which was confirmed two years later.



In reaction, Ireland and Apple brought an action in front of the EU General Court to annul the Commission's decision. In 2020, they won the case to strike down the order.



The Commission then appealed to the CJEU. On 10th September 2024, the CJEU confirmed the Commission's 2016 decision that Ireland granted Apple unlawful aid and ordered Ireland to recover up to 13,000,000,000 € from Apple.

Commission's Vice-President Margrethe Vestager said the case was a win for tax justice and fiscal transparency.

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APPLE FINED €13B IN STATE AID CASE (C-465/20 P)



17th September 2024, Brussels (Belgium)

After Ursula von der Leyen secured a second term as the President of the Commission in July 2024, her first task was to put together her team of Commissioners, which she did on September 17, 2024.

For MEPs to have an opinion and to confirm or reject the candidates, hearings will take place at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Candidates + respective portfolios in the next 2 pages



Hearings
October 14-18



Final Vote
October 24



Hearings
November 04-12



Final Vote
End November



OR

Commission taking office

November 01

OR

December 01

One of these two dates will be selected at the Conference Committee Chairs on Tuesday, the 1st of October 2024.

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THE NEW COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONERS

PRESIDENT

Ursula von der Leyen



EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Teresa Ribera Rodriguez



Clean, Just and
Competitive
Transition

Henna Virkunnen



Tech Sovereignty,
Security and
Democracy

Stéphane Séjourné



Prosperity and
Industrial Strategy

Roxana Minzatu



People, Skills and
Preparedness

Raffaele Fitto



Cohesion and
Reforms

VICE-PRESIDENT

Kaja Kallas



Foreign Affairs and
Security Policy

COMMISSIONERS

Maros Sefcovic



Trade and Economic
Security & Interinstitutional
Relations and Transparency

Valdis Dombrovskis



Economy and
Productivity &
Implementation and
Simplification

Dumbravka Suica



Mediterranean

Oliver Varhelyi



Health and Animal
Welfare

Wopke Hoekstra



Climate, Net Zero
and Clean Growth

Andrius Kubilius



Defence and Space

Marta Kos



Enlargement

Josef Sikela



International
Partnerships

Costas Kadis



Fisheries and Ocean

Maria Luis Albuquerque



Financial Services
and the Savings and
Investments Union

Hadja Labib



Preparedness and
Crisis Management
& Equality

Magnus Brunner



International Affairs
and Migration

Jessika Roswall



Environment, Water
Resilience and a
Competitive Circular
Economy

Piotr Serafin



Budget, Anti-Fraud
and Public
Administration

Dan Jorgensen



Energy and Housing

Ekaterina Zaharieva



Startups, Research
and Innovation

Michael McGrath



Democracy, Justice
and the Rule of Law

Apostolos Tzitzikostas



Sustainable
Transport and
Tourism

Christophe Hansen



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