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# Is there now a blueprint for digital and tech regulation?

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# **Speakers**









# Agenda

- 1 HOW DID WE GET HERE?
- THE BLUEPRINT FOR DIGITAL AND TECH REGULATION
- 3 REGULATION IN PRACTICE: AADC
- 4 SO WHAT DOES LEGAL DO?

# How did we get here?



Intermediary Liability



Al and Robotics



Value / Harmful Content



Invasive / Impactful Technologies

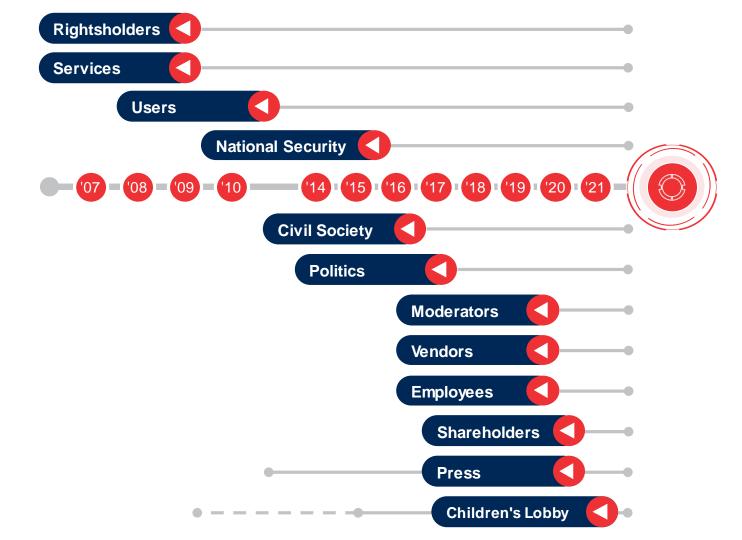


**Network Security** 

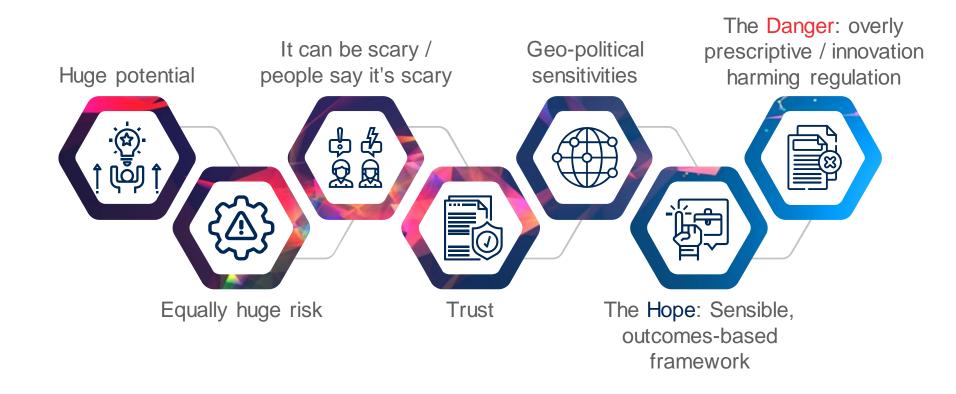


Children





## Why is digital and tech regulation so "in"?



## The perfect storm.



### **EU AI** Regulation

### **Health Warning**



Brussels, 21.4.2021 COM(2021) 206 final 2021/0106 (COD)

Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

LAYING DOWN HARMONISED RULES ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACT) AND AMENDING CERTAIN UNION LEGISLATIVE ACTS

{SEC(2021) 167 final} - {SWD(2021) 84 final} - {SWD(2021) 85 final}

- Very broad, very long
- Not in force yet
- Expect a lot of lobbying

# Scope

**Definition of AI system (art 3(1)):** 

# "Al System"

"software that is developed with one or more of the techniques and approaches listed in Annex I and can, for a given set of human-defined objectives, generate outputs such as content, predictions, recommendations, or decisions influencing the environments they interact with;"

- Machine learning
- Logic and knowledge-based approaches
- Statistical approaches

# **Application**

Who would be caught? (art 3(1) and art 3(4))

"Provider" of an Al System:

"develops an AI system or has it developed and places it on the market"

"User" of an Al System:

"Using an AI system under its authority" except in personal non-professional capacity

- Own developed products
- Use of own and third party systems in developing products (and to third parties using those products)

The blueprint for digital and tech regulation



Accountability



Transparency



Proactive measures



Fixed Contact Point



Higher Penalties

# Some common themes emerging.

	EU GDPR	EU Copyright Directive	EU AVMS Reforms	EU P2B Regulation	EU Terrorist Content*	EU DSA*	EU AI Regulation*
Nominal Focus	User Privacy	Artists' Rights	User Protection	Big Tech Market Pow er	National Security	Harmful content	AI
Principle 1: Accountability	Express accountability principle	Platforms responsible for third party infringement	Platforms responsible for harmful content	Platforms must treat traders equally	Platforms responsible for terrorist content	Duty of care; responsible for harmful content	Providers and users responsible for AI used
Principle 2: Transparency	Privacy notice + justifications for processing	Reporting requirements	Registration w/ regulator	Disclosure and reporting requirements	Terms, policies, reporting	Terms, policies, reporting [to regulators], "reasons"	Registration, reporting requirements, disclosure obligations
Principle 3: Proactive Obligations	Internal audits + security measures	Filtering obligations	Gate, rate, block obligations	Algorithm changes (potentially)	Block obligations	Risk Assessments and mitigations	Conformity assessment / risk management systems
Principle 4: Fixed Point	DPO	Platform	Editor	Platform	Terrorist Content Rep	Single point of contact	Human oversight
Principle 5: Higher Penalties	Up to 4% WWT	Direct liability for infringement	Up to regulator	Civil Liability Regulatory Actions	Up to 4% WWT	Up to 6% WWT	Up to 6% WWT

Regulation in practice: AADC

# Age Appropriate Design Code ("AADC")

- Statutory Code
- Applies from 2 September 2021
- Online services and processing of children's personal data
- Applies to information society services likely to be accessed by anyone under the age of 18
- Includes 15 standards of age appropriate design



### The standards



### Developments outside of the UK

- Ireland: "Fundamentals for a Child Oriented Approach to Data Processing" (Fundamentals)
- Netherlands: "Code of Children's Rights"
- France: CNIL recommendations on protection of minors online



So what does Legal do?

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# **Challenging regulation?**



Freedom to do business



No obligation to Monitor (ECD)



Freedom of expression (and information)



Country of Origin Principle (ECD)



National Constitutional Principles?

# Questions

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