

**Delegation:** Spain

**Commission:** Artificial Intelligence

**Issue:** Framing the Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence in the European Union

The Government of Spain, under the leadership of Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez and the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (left wing party) since the year 1982, is heavily committed to positioning the country at the forefront of artificial intelligence (AI) development within the European Union. Recognizing AI's transformative potential across various sectors, Spain seeks to maximize economic and social benefits while ensuring the protection of fundamental rights, citizen safety, and transparency. As AI continues to reshape industries as well as humanity's daily life, it has now become crucial to establish clear regulations that foster innovation while preventing risks related to discrimination, misinformation, and job displacement.

The rapid advancement of AI presents several challenges that must be addressed at both national and European levels. Ethical concerns surrounding bias and discrimination in AI systems require strict oversight to ensure fair and inclusive development. At the same time, the creation of a regulatory framework must balance security and transparency without hindering the innovation process. AI's economic impact is another key issue, as automation and digitalization could disrupt labor markets, requiring proactive policies to reskill workers and ensure inclusive growth. Spain, with its diverse linguistic and economic landscape, is particularly focused on developing AI systems that respect cultural diversity and strengthen the country's technological sovereignty.

Spain advocates for a balanced approach to AI regulation, combining ethical responsibility with technological progress. The country has been actively involved in shaping European AI policies and aligning with EU directives. Spain fully supports the EU AI Act, which classifies AI systems based on risk levels and imposes strict regulations on high risk applications to protect citizens. Additionally, Spain has launched the Spanish Agency for the Supervision of Artificial Intelligence (AESIA), the first of its kind in Europe, to ensure compliance with ethical and legal standards while still fostering public trust in AI.

At the national level, Spain has implemented concrete initiatives to support AI development. The National Artificial Intelligence Strategy (ENIA), launched in 2020 and reinforced in 2024, serves as a roadmap for responsible AI innovation. The government has invested €600 million into AI research, focusing on supercomputing capabilities, ethical AI frameworks, and AI applications in key sectors like healthcare and smart cities. Spain has also introduced ALIA, a public and open source AI model trained in Spanish (de facto spoken by over 600 million people across the world) and co-official languages, ensuring linguistic inclusivity in AI development. Additionally, the country has established an AI regulatory sandbox, a controlled environment where companies can test AI solutions under regulatory supervision before market deployment.

To further strengthen AI governance, Spain has committed €150 million to support AI adoption in businesses, with €20 million specifically allocated to small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's). This initiative aims to enhance digital transformation while ensuring that

AI technologies remain accessible and beneficial to all economic sectors. As part of its commitment to workforce adaptation, Spain is also investing in AI upskilling programs to equip workers with the skills needed for an AI-driven economy.

Looking forward, Spain proposes deeper collaboration among EU member states to build a European AI Collaboration Network, facilitating knowledge-sharing and coordinated regulatory efforts. The country also advocates for an AI Ethics Certification that would establish transparency standards and increase public trust in AI applications. Additionally, Spain supports EU-wide workforce reskilling programs to help mitigate the impact of AI-driven automation on employment.

Spain remains committed to leading AI development in a way that prioritizes ethics, innovation, and economic growth. As a strongly pro-European nation, Spain believes in a unified approach to AI governance, where cooperation between EU member states ensures that AI benefits all citizens while upholding fundamental rights and security. As a leading economic and political power, the European Union cannot afford to fall behind the United States and China (who have made significant progress) in the development of this important sector. Spain stands ready to contribute to this shared vision and ensure that AI remains a force for good across the continent.