

Commission : *Conseil de l'UE sur l'Intelligence Artificielle*

Country : **Finland**

Topic : **“How can we frame the development and use (of artificial intelligence) in the European Union, in order to maximize economic and social benefits while guaranteeing the respect for fundamental rights, the safety of all citizens and full transparency of these new Artificial Intelligences?”**

Finland has long been invested in digital innovation and artificial intelligence. The Finnish government views IA as a powerful tool that could be very useful in several aspects. It could, for example, drive improvements on healthcare, education and the Finnish economy. However, it is imperative that these technologies are used under frameworks that ensure respect of human rights, safety and full transparency.

Of course, AI can stimulate significant economic and social benefits in Europe, but we should not forget that it raises challenges as discrimination or job displacement. Finland supports a balanced approach that encourages innovation but also ensures clear ethical guidelines.

AI is already changing many industries in Europe. AI helps improve public services, makes businesses and research more efficient, However, AI also raises several questions and challenges. One of the biggest challenges is ensuring that AI systems do not discriminate or reinforce unfair biases. If AI is not carefully used, it can make decisions that could negatively impact certain groups of people. Another major concern is privacy. AI systems collect and process large amounts of data, which can put personal information at risk. Finland believes that strong data protection laws, such as the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), are necessary to ensure that AI respects privacy rights.

Additionally, AI is expected to change the working market. While it can create new job opportunities, it may also replace some traditional jobs. Finland believes that education and training programs are essential to help workers adapt to new AI-driven industries, to avoid people feeling left behind.

To face these challenges, Finland supports the European Union’s Artificial Intelligence Act, which aims to regulate AI based on its level of risk. High-risk AI applications should follow strict safety and ethical standards. Finland also believes that AI systems should be transparent. This is essential for building public trust in AI technologies and not create a incomprehensive IA. Finland has already taken several steps to ensure responsible AI development. The Finnish Center for Artificial Intelligence (FCAI) works with universities, businesses, and public institutions to develop AI solutions that align with ethical values. Finland has also invested in AI education to equip people with the

Finland supports strong EU cooperation to create clear and fair AI regulations while working with global partners to set ethical standards. Greater transparency, stronger data protection, and AI research investment are essential. Finland also advocates for supporting small businesses in the AI sector.

AI should serve society responsibly and sustainably. With clear rules and ethical standards, it can drive economic growth and social progress. Finland remains committed to balancing innovation with fundamental rights, ensuring AI benefits everyone in the European Union.