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Major developments

- Cloud and AI Development Act Presidency compromise text
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Cloud and AI Development Act Presidency compromise text

Our policy team has obtained the Irish Presidency's first partial compromise text on the Cloud and AI Development Act, covering Pillar 3 on autonomy, including Articles 16–44, Annexes II and III and related recitals.

On the EU cloud sovereignty framework, the Presidency clarifies that assurance levels apply to specific cloud services rather than providers, adds a dedicated revocation procedure and limits future delegated acts to amending certain criteria rather than the assurance levels themselves.

On public-sector cloud risk assessments, the Commission would no longer be able to impose assurance levels through implementing acts and would instead issue recommendations, while the deadline for any required migration to another cloud service would be extended from 12 to 18 months.

The Presidency also removes the Commission's proposed power to extend mandatory risk assessments to critical private-sector entities, while simplifying several procurement provisions and extending the rules to contracting entities covered by the Utilities Directive.

On third-country and data requirements, the compromise introduces a cybersecurity derogation allowing certain metadata and telemetry data to be processed outside the EU where strictly necessary, while strengthening requirements around third-country control, authentication and access logging.
The Working Party on Telecommunications and Information Society is expected to discuss the file on 24 November 2026.

The file will then be discussed at the Telecommunications Council on 1 December, when Parliament's joint ITRE-IMCO committee will also consider its recently published draft report.

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Industry associations call for proportionate and risk-based approach to trusted ICT supply chain rules under CSA2

- Eight European industry associations urge the EU co-legislators to revise the Trusted ICT Supply Chain Framework under the proposed Cybersecurity Act 2 (CSA2). They warn that the current proposal risks creating regulatory complexity, legal uncertainty and additional costs for European businesses.
- The associations, representing sectors including telecommunications, cloud infrastructure, energy, automotive, manufacturing and healthcare, call for evidence-based risk assessments conducted in consultation with industry before designating high-risk suppliers, with mitigation measures prioritised over outright prohibitions. They also seek clearer definitions of ICT components, realistic replacement timelines, and safeguards against supply chain disruption.
- Further recommendations include ensuring equal treatment of EU and non-EU suppliers, meaningful Member State and industry involvement in designation decisions, and fair treatment of replacement costs.

Plenary greenlights Omnibus IV files, which seek to boost the competitiveness of small mid-cap enterprises

- The European Parliament Plenary has given its final approval to legislative files introducing the concept of small mid-cap enterprises (SMCs) and extending to them various exemptions previously available to small and medium enterprises (SMEs). These files are part of the Omnibus IV Package. The aim is to boost competitiveness, avoid cliff-edge situations where companies' obligations drastically increase when they grow beyond the SME threshold, and support companies in scaling up.
- SMCs will be defined as companies with fewer than 1,000 employees and either up to EUR 200 million in turnover or EUR 172 million in total assets. Existing SME exemptions will be extended to SMCs under seven legislative acts, including the GDPR, Prospectus Regulation, Batteries Regulation and trade defence instruments. Within five years, the Commission will report on the SMC threshold and its impact on administrative burdens.
- Parliament also backed new rules promoting digital formats for product compliance information, streamlining communication between economic operators and authorities, and introducing common specifications as a legally recognised fallback option when no harmonised standards exist.

EU and Kenya strengthen digital cooperation through new partnership roadmap

- The EU and Kenya held their second Digital Dialogue in Brussels on 23–24 November 2026, launching a roadmap to deepen cooperation on digital infrastructure, AI, data protection, digital identity and online safety.
- Both sides agreed to advance strategic infrastructure investments, including fibre connectivity, submarine cables, satellite networks and sovereign cloud and data centres. Cooperation will also expand through EU-Kenya AI Factories partnerships, an advanced AI talent initiative and exploration of an open-access computing facility for startups, SMEs and researchers.

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Commission allocates €16.6 million to strengthen multilingual pan-European reporting

- The European Commission has selected four projects under its 2026 Pan-European Reporting call, allocating €16.6 million to improve the quantity, quality and reach of independent reporting on EU affairs across Member States and languages. The initiative supports both audiovisual and online journalism, particularly in countries where coverage of EU affairs remains limited.
- The projects will run for 14–24 months, producing multilingual news, newsletters, investigative reports and audiovisual content, while maintaining full editorial independence.

Live coverage

- Meeting Summary: Education, Youth, Culture and Sports Council - Regulation on EU KIDS ACT (20 November 2026)

In other news

- The EDPS launched a collaboration with Oxford University's Institute for Ethics in AI to explore how philosophical and ethical frameworks can inform AI governance, privacy, human agency and fundamental rights.
- The European Parliament's resolution on Digital Markets Act enforcement was published in the Official Journal on 24 November 2026, calling for stronger enforcement, greater interoperability and data access, and closer scrutiny of AI and cloud gatekeepers.
- Insurance Europe calls for the Cloud and AI Development Act (CADA) to preserve insurers' freedom to choose global technology providers, explicitly safeguard DORA's sectoral framework, avoid indirect sovereignty requirements and prevent regulatory fragmentation. It also recommends accelerating permitting procedures, facilitating public-private partnerships and involving insurers early in data centre projects.

What's on Tomorrow?

EU-Western Balkans summit

European Parliament Plenary Session (continues until Thursday)

- Specific programme implementing Horizon Europe framework programme for research and innovation – Vote

Coreper I Meeting

- Advancing inclusion and full participation of persons with disabilities through digital and assistive technologies - Exchange of views
- Regulation on network charges - General approach
- Regulation establishing a framework of measures for strengthening the Union innovation ecosystem (European Innovation Act) - Progress report
- Council Recommendation on regulatory sandboxes - Adoption
- European Partnerships - Exchange of views

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Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth – Industry

- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1252 – Debrief on Interinstitutional Technical meetings and examination of the Presidency revised compromise text

President **von der Leyen** participates in the EP plenary debate on Europe's role and capacity to protect the international order and secure a just and lasting peace for Ukraine; participates in the EU-Western Balkans Summit.

Commissioner **Lahbib** participates in European Parliament Plenary debate titled "Combating gender-based violence in the age of digital technology".

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European Commission Shaping Europe's digital future - Commission welcomes European Citizens' Panel recommendations on Democratic Resilience

> Around 150 randomly selected EU citizens from all 27 Member States have completed three months of deliberation and produced 23 recommendations to strengthen democratic life and citizen participation. The recommendations were handed to Executive Vice-President Virkkunen. Discussions covered political transparency and accountability, technological sovereignty, artificial intelligence, safe social media and information integrity, as well as media literacy, citizenship education, participation, social cohesion, democratic trust, inequalities and crisis preparedness. The full press release and further information on the European Citizens' Panel on Democratic Resilience, including supporting documents and downloads, are available from the European Commission's website.

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European Commission - Tentative agenda for forthcoming Commission meeting - Oj 2586 - Liste des points prévus à l'ordre du jour des prochaines réunions de la Commission

> Tentative agenda for forthcoming European Commission meetings, reference SEC(2026)2586, dated 24 November 2026 and prepared by the Secretariat-General. The indicative planning covers 2–15 December 2026, is subject to Better Regulation requirements and impact assessment, and may be changed by the President, who may also call additional meetings. Possible items include a strengthening energy security package, fusion strategy, the European Research Area Act, animal welfare rules, the European Product Act, DiversifyEU, the Energy Single Market, the Circular Economy Act, a European emergency response framework and the Quality Jobs Act. Relevant events include presentation of the European Fiscal Board's annual report, European Parliament plenary sittings on 14–17 December and the European Council on 17–18 December.

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JRC - Analysis of climate change impact on cultural heritage in EU online media

> A 2026 JRC–European Science-Media Hub report by Damjanovski, Reitis-Münstermann and Caielli analyses 7,355 EU online-media articles (January 2021–August 2026) on climate change and cultural heritage. Coverage is persistent but marginal and flat, driven by Earth Hour, UNESCO decisions and disasters rather than sustained monitoring. Sentiment was 45% neutral, 35% positive and 20% negative. Reporting centred on capacity/resources (48%) and policy evaluation (39.6%), while cultural identity (1.7%) and legality (0.3%) were largely absent. The EU appeared in only 153 articles, mainly as funder, standard-setter or awards body, with little visibility for concrete legislation. Coverage was highest in Mediterranean countries, especially Italy and Spain, but low in Germany and Nordic states; heritage density alone did not determine attention. Media mainly portrayed heritage as vulnerable, neglect.

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IMCO, ITRE - DRAFT AGENDA - Tuesday, 1 December 2026

> The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) will hold a joint meeting under Rule 59 on Tuesday 1 December 2026, from 14.30 to 15.30 in Brussels (ANTALL, room 2Q2). The draft agenda includes adoption of the agenda, chair's announcements, consideration of the draft report on the Cloud and AI Development Act (2026/0138(COD), COM(2026)0502), and any other business. Diego Solier (ECR) and Reinier Van Lanschot (Verts/ALE) are the rapporteurs. The deadline for tabling amendments will be 10 December 2026 at 12.00.

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ITRE - DRAFT AGENDA - Monday, 30 November 2026 - Tuesday, 1 December 2026

> The European Parliament's Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) will meet in Brussels on 30 November and 1 December 2026. It will adopt its agenda and recent minutes, hear from ACER on energy regulation, and hold a coordinators' meeting in camera. Electronic votes will cover accelerated renewable-energy permitting (rapporteur Niels Fuglsang), robotics, and EU association agreements with Andorra and San Marino (both involving Borys Budka). Members will receive reports on missions to Lithuania and the United Kingdom, consider Oliver Schenk's draft report on Chips Act 2.0, and participate in a Rule 59 joint committee procedure. The meeting will also address Disability Rights Week, assistive technologies and AI with Alejandro Moledo, neuromorphic computing, other business, and future meeting dates.

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Assessing the impact of the Digital Markets Act on European SMEs and innovation - Answer for question E-004136/26

> Executive Vice-President Ribera said the Association for Competitive Technology is largely funded by companies designated as Digital Markets Act (DMA) gatekeepers. She rejected its report's claims, stating that seven large digital companies are designated and that the DMA is benefiting SMEs: over 60 companies use interoperability with Apple iOS features, while EU users choose Firefox every 10 seconds via DMA choice screens. Gatekeepers may introduce compliant products and services, and Commission decisions rely on extensive evidence. The first three-yearly review, published in April 2026 after contributions from over 400 stakeholders, found meaningful changes after two years, while highlighting the need to monitor unintended effects and focus on cloud services and AI.

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Liberties - Who Controls the AI Entering Europe's Hospitals?

A report by Júlia Keserű and the Liberties network examines how health AI is developed, funded, procured and governed in the EU. It finds that hospitals often cannot identify or control AI introduced through vendors and software updates; procurement notices are scarce and vague. Investment is concentrated in France and Sweden, risking inequality, while patient data may leave hospitals through vendors, cloud services or unauthorised "shadow AI". The EU trails the US in companies, unicorns and funding, and its single market has not enabled cross-border expansion. Public grants rarely lead to hospital adoption, while overlapping GDPR, Medical Device Regulation, AI Act and health-data rules complicate safeguards. Keserű and Éva Simon call for meaningful hospital oversight, resources and enforceable patient rights. A wider project will inform a report due in January 2027.

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