

EU AI ACT

TIMELINE OF IMPLEMENTATION

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The AI Act enters into force, which means a **24-month countdown towards full applicability and enforcement of the AI Act (1.8.2026)**.

AUGUST 2024

NOVEMBER 2024

FEBRUARY 2025

MAY 2025

AUGUST 2025

FEBRUARY 2026

AUGUST 2026

AUGUST 2027

BEFORE THE END OF 2030

FROM 1.1.2031

FULLY OPERATIONAL PROCESS

Member States must designate their public authorities or bodies to oversee compliance with fundamental rights **within 3 months** of the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.11.2024) (Article 77(2)).

Within **9 months** of the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.5.2025), the AI Office will be required to publish Codes of Practice for General Purpose AI (GPAI) (Art. 56(9)).

The Commission (in consultation with the European AI Board) shall, no later than **18 months** after the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.2.2026), provide guidance specifying the practical implementation of the classification of high-risk AI systems, together with a full list of practical examples of the use of AI systems that are and are not high-risk. (Art. 6(5) and Art. 96).

Obligations in respect of high-risk AI systems that fall within Annex I will apply within **36 months** of the AI Act coming into force (before 2.8.2027) (Art. 113(c)).

Providers of GPAI models that have been placed on the market before the expiration of **12 months** from the date of entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.8.2025) shall take the necessary steps in order to comply with the obligations laid down in the AI Act within **36 months** from the date of entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.8.2027) (Art. 111(3)).

Providers and deployers of high-risk AI systems intended to be used by public authorities shall take the necessary steps to comply with the requirements and obligations under the AI Act within **6 years** of entry into force (by 2.8.2030) (Article 111(2)).

AI systems which are components of the large-scale IT systems established by the legal acts listed in Annex X that have been placed on the market or put into service 36 months before the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.8.2027) shall be brought into compliance with the requirements of the AI Act by **31.12.2030** (Art. 111(1)).

Chapter I General Provisions and Chapter II Prohibited AI Practices take effect **6 months** after the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.2.2025) (Art. 113(a)).

Obligations for GPAI will be applicable within **12 months** of the AI Act coming into force (by 2.8.2025) (Art 113(b)).

Member States will have to designate their notifying authorities and market surveillance authorities, which will act as a single point of contact (Art. 70(2)) within **12 months** of the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.8.2025).

Member States should lay down and notify to the Commission the **rules on penalties**, including administrative fines, and ensure that they are properly and effectively implemented by **2.8.2026** (Recital 179).

The Commission should issue guidance by **2.8.2025** to facilitate compliance with the obligations relating to the reporting of serious incidents for high-risk AI systems (for HRAI) (Art. 73(7)).

The general applicability of the AI Act and the obligations of high-risk AI systems under Annex III will apply within **24 months** of the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.8.2026) (Art. 113).

Member States must ensure that their competent authorities establish at least one regulatory sandbox for AI at national level that is operational within **24 months** of the entry into force of the AI Act (by 2.8.2026) (Art. 57(1)).

Member States shall notify the Commission of the **rules on sanctions and other enforcement measures** (by 2.8.2026) (Art. 99(2)).

The AI Act applies to operators of high-risk AI systems that have been placed on the market or put into service before the expiry of **24 months** from the date of entry into force of the AI Act (before 2.8.2026) only if, as of that date, there are significant changes in their design (Art. 111(2)).

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