



Founding Declaration of the Cooperation Network for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights in the Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence Systems in Greece

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Following the information and expertise exchange event, organized by Homo Digitalis on February 27, 2025, in Athens, as part of the implementation of the provisions of Regulation 2024/1689 (AI Act) in the Greek territory, a shared need emerged for the creation of an open and inclusive cooperation network.

Through this declaration, the undersigned organizations express their intention to jointly participate, as founding members, in the establishment of this network. The network is not limited to its founding members, but is openly addressed to civil society organizations, journalistic and academic institutions, social movements, as well as research or other independent entities wishing to become members.

The proposed purpose of the network is the protection and promotion of Human Rights, as recognized in the Constitution of Greece, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and the European Convention on Human Rights, during the development and use of artificial intelligence systems by public authorities or private entities throughout the Greek territory.

Indicatively, and not exhaustively, the rights in question include: human dignity, the right to integrity of the person, the right to liberty and security, the right to asylum, equality between women and men, respect for private and family life, the prohibition of discrimination, protection of the environment, consumer protection, protection of personal data, the right to good administration, the right of access to documents, children's rights, freedom of thought, conscience and religion, rights of the elderly, freedom of expression and information, the right of workers to information and consultation within the enterprise, freedom of assembly and association, inclusion of persons with disabilities, freedom of the arts and sciences, protection against unjustified dismissal, the right to education, the right to an effective remedy and to a fair trial, entrepreneurial freedom, the right to property, as well as the presumption of innocence and the rights of the defense, among others.

The goal of the network is to serve as a space for collaboration, dialogue, and mutual support, promoting activities related to awareness-raising, advocacy, and legal interventions. At the same time, it will seek to connect and synergize with similar initiatives in Greece and abroad, contributing to the formation of a broader cooperative ecosystem.

Moreover, the network aspires to foster a more critical approach to the development and use of Artificial Intelligence systems, one that goes beyond the minimum safeguards established by current legal frameworks and instead draws guidance from ethical codes focusing on responsibility and moral considerations. Within this context, key questions are raised regarding the ownership, management, and alternative models of AI systems, while also emphasizing the importance of Free and Open-Source Software (FOSS) technologies.

For the purposes of the network, the definition of an artificial intelligence system is accepted as described in Article 3 of Regulation 2024/1689. Specifically, an AI system is defined as “a machine-based system that is designed to operate with varying levels of autonomy and that may exhibit adaptiveness after deployment, and that, for explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input it receives, how to generate outputs such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments”.

As a working title, the following name is used: "Network for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights, Democracy, and the Rule of Law in the Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence Systems in Greece", with the short English title: “Greek AI Network – G.AI.N.” The final name of the network will be jointly decided during its founding conference, which shall take place within three (3) months from the publication of this declaration.

The founding conference will also serve as the forum for the joint decision-making on the specific terms of cooperation among the network’s members, including the decision-making process, as well as the rights and obligations of the network’s members. In all cases, the terms of cooperation will be based on the principles of equality, transparency, and respect for the autonomy of each participating entity.

Homo Digitalis assumes responsibility for carrying out preparatory actions related to the establishment of the network. This includes employing personnel to coordinate the network’s communications, organizing the founding conference, and covering related expenses associated with additional meetings of the network’s members or their representatives with state authorities, supervisory bodies, and other relevant stakeholders, for a period of one year from the network’s establishment (until May 2026).

In any case, the cooperation between Homo Digitalis and the network's members is deemed essential for the optimal management and utilization of existing resources.

The co-founding member organizations (in alphabetical order):

Ανοιχτό Εργαστήριο Αθήνα | Open Lab Athens

Δίκτυο για τα Δικαιώματα του Παιδιού | Network for Children's Rights

Ε.Κ.ΠΟΙ.ΖΩ.Ένωση Καταναλωτών «Η Ποιότητα της Ζωής» | Consumers' Association "The Quality of Life" ΕΚΡΙΖΟ

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Οργανισμός Ανοιχτών Τεχνολογιών - ΕΕΛΛΑΚ | Open Technologies Alliance (GFOSS)

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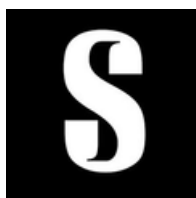
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