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Open letter to
The cabinets of Members of European Parliament
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CALL TO ACTION ON EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP IN GLOBAL AGENTIC AI GOVERNANCE EXCELLENCE

Honorable Members of the European Parliament,

In 2023 a group of 23 academics from all over Asia and Europe founded the Asia-Europe 4 Artificial Intelligence Network, with the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) as its secretariat. The network builds bridges between academics and regulators. It has grown to 110 members from 35 countries and is composed out of three Working Groups, one is the AI Governance Working Group.

The AI Governance Working Group has conducted research culminating in two reports that you can find attached. The research brought forth these action points, that we wish to bring to your attention today:

- 1. AI is rapidly evolving into systems that require a very specific form of safety expertise**
As systems become more agentic issues including instrumental convergence and the treacherous turn become more probable. Literacy on the matter is severely lacking. [1]
- 2. Safety expertise will be monetised**
Industry cases show how economic growth and valorization of AI capabilities hinge on the ability to implement adequate AI Governance and the market for AI Governance has briskly started to grow. [1]
- 3. There are no winners in the global AI risk race**
Highly agentic systems do not necessarily respect national borders and an increasing number of academics concludes this entails not only immediate economic and social threats, but also an existential threat to humanity. This demands coordinated oversight and standards at a global level. Europe should commit to playing an active role in shaping a safe, fair and level international playing field, starting with internal rules that strengthen trust in AI implementations and make AI investment more attractive. [1]
- 4. Europe can create and lead a global market for safe and trustworthy AI**
Creating frontier AI capabilities requires vast resources and the US and China will outcompete Europe in this domain. Europe however, has profound AI safety expertise and a climate in which it can be valorized into AI Governance, accreditation and certification services. These can serve companies globally in implementing systems that prioritize safety, transparency and fairness, i.e. in taking away boundaries to AI implementation in the EU as well as abroad. This process also strengthens Europe's influence on global standards, thereby strengthening the European AI Governance excellence flywheel. [1]

5. **The EU can become the global centre of excellence in governing AI systems**

The EU has created potent incentives regarding AI Governance with the AI Act and has a strong history of creating and enforcing technology regulation. Together with a focus on strengthening Europe's expertise in AI safety, the continent can quickly become the global leader in safe, socially responsible and efficient use of AI systems. When Europe succeeds to establish rules that are not only effective but also attractive in their ability to foster economic growth through increased uptake of trustworthy AI implementations, other regions will ask, "Why aren't we doing it the European way?". Even leaving a potential Brussel's effect aside, the excellence that could be grown in Europe could lead to (i) short-term strengthening of returns on AI implementations, (ii) economic growth through the expeditiously growing international demand for AI certification and governance and (iii) long-term strengthening of global stability by providing the international community with a place to go to proof that their AI models are safe. [1]

Therefore, strengthening European education in AI Governance is essential in our view. With our working paper [2], we have put forward a proposal highlighting the aspects that we deem worthy of consideration in this process.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENTS

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[2] Weuts, R., Bleher, J., Bleher, H., Flores, R.T., Xuanyang, G., Pujszo, P., & Almási, Z. (2025). **AI Governance in Higher Education: A course design exploring regulatory, ethical and practical considerations**. The Internet and Higher Education. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.06176>. (in review).