

Commission: Interim Report on Consultation of AI White Paper

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The Commission issued a first [summary report](#) of its consultation on the White Paper on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the first half of 2020. For the White Paper à [eucrim 1/2020, 8-9](#)]. The consultation focused on three distinct aspects:

- Specific actions for the support, development and uptake of AI across the EU's economy and public administration;
- Options for a future regulatory framework on AI;
- Safety and liability aspects of AI.

According to the report, more than 1250 contributions to the consultation were submitted from all over the world. Key findings from a preliminary evaluation of the online questionnaire include the fact that 90% of the participants fear fundamental rights violations through the use of AI. 42.5% would like to restrict a future regulatory framework to only high-risk AI applications; 30.6% are sceptical of such restrictions. 60.7% of respondents are in favour of revising the existing Product Liability Directive to cover risks posed by certain AI applications. 47% of respondents are also in favour of adapting national liability rules for all AI applications to ensure adequate compensation and fair apportionment of liability. According to a preliminary impact assessment, the Commission is also considering four different options, ranging from a soft-law approach to a legal instrument with binding requirements with a scope yet to be defined and possible *ex-ante* and/or *ex-post* enforcement mechanisms. The Commission report includes links to all consultation contributions and additional position papers.

In a next step, the consultation contributions will be analysed in detail. The Commission will then publish a comprehensive impact assessment. Legislative proposals will be presented in the first quarter of 2021 at the earliest.

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