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Regulation vs Innovation:
Artificial Intelligence and the New Model of European Development

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The European Union faces a major challenge in the global race for dominance in artificial intelligence (AI). The race unfolds against a backdrop of international instability and a rise in high-risk economic dependencies. Although the European Union lags behind the U.S. and China in some fields of technology, it is actively shaping its legal framework to regulate AI development. The European AI Act, which forms the world's first fully comprehensive body of laws to govern this technology, aims to balance risk mitigation and innovation friendliness.

The conference will explore Europe's ability to create its own development model that prioritizes safe, transparent, and human-centered AI, while strengthening its technological sovereignty. Discussions will focus on strategies to uphold high ethical standards, and promote data protection, and intellectual property rights while avoiding overregulation that could hamper business development. We will also explore the opportunities for collaboration among European states, especially Poland and Germany, by comparing their diverse approaches to AI development.

- Can AI drive a new European development model?

- Will the EU's AI Act bring about another "Brussels effect", setting international standards for AI regulation?

- What opportunities, challenges, and risks does AI bring to politics, society, the economy, and science?

- What distinguishes the Polish and German approach to AI development?

- How can European nations collaborate to ensure that AI is both safe and competitive?

Join us, along with Europe's foremost experts, to discuss these critical questions and examine the future role of artificial intelligence in Europe.

Simultaneous interpretation between Polish and English will be available.

The event will be live-streamed on the social media channels of the Institute for Western Affairs and recorded.

9:00 Opening

- **Dr. Justyna Schulz** – Director, Institute for Western Affairs

9:30-11:00 Panel I: Regulations, Competitiveness, and EU's Technological Sovereignty

Moderator: Tomasz Morozowski (Institute for Western Affairs)

- *AI Act in Poland – Draft Law on Artificial Intelligence*
  Aneta Zradzińska – Chief Specialist in Legislation, Department of Research and Innovation, Ministry of Digital Affairs of the Republic of Poland; co-author of the draft act on AI systems

- *The Strategic Role of Large-Scale AI Models in Europe for Technological Sovereignty and Competitiveness*
  Daniel Abbou – Managing Director, German AI Association (KI Bundesverband)

- *The Surprising Ways how the AI Act enables Innovation*
  Tristan Post – CEO and Founder of the AI Startegy Institute and Lecturer for AI at the Technical University Munich

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel II: The Impact of AI Development and its Regulation on Selected Areas of Policy, Economy, and Science

Moderator: Piotr Andrzejewski (Institute for Western Affairs)

- *AI's Impact on the Future of Academia*
  Kinga Flaga-Gieruszyńska – Professor and Vice-President, University of Szczecin; Head of Research Group for Civil Procedural Law, Medical Law, and New Technologies; member of Rector's AI Tools Committee

- *Shaping AI Policy Research in Germany*
  Licinia Güttel – Doctoral Researcher, Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford; Associate Researcher, Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society, Berlin (HIIG)

- *Artificial Intelligence in the Polish Labor Market: Who Will Feel Its Impact the Most?*
  Jakub Witczak – Digital Economy Analyst at the Polish Economic Institute. Graduate in Economics from the University of Warsaw

13:00-14:00 Lunch