

European Tech Regulation: An Overview

Here is a look at European tech regulations that authorities have passed or proposed recently. (National legislatures adopt *directives*. *Regulations* apply in EU member states.)

The regulations govern:

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Online Intermediaries & eCommerce: ADOPTED

Law	Summary
Audio-visual Media Services Directive (EU) 2018/1808 and associated guidelines	Modernizing rules relating to provision of audiovisual services including the extension of rules to online video-sharing platforms.
Regulation (EU) 2017/1128 on cross-border portability of online content services in the internal market.	Ensures that subscribers to portable online content services provided in their member state can access and use those services when temporarily present in a different member state.
Directive (EU) 2019/789 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 laying down rules on the exercise of copyright and related rights applicable to certain online transmissions of broadcasting organisations and retransmissions of television and radio programmes, and amending Council Directive 93/83/EEC (Broadcasting Directive)	Sets rules for online broadcasting, in particular relating to the exercise of copyright and related rights (for instance, it established the “country of origin” principle).
Geo-blocking Regulation (EU) 2018/302	Prohibits the use of unjustified geo-blocking practices within the EU (restriction of customer access to online goods and services based on location).
Directive (EU) 2019/790 on Copyright in the Digital Single Market (Copyright Directive)	Introduces measures meant to modernize the EU copyright framework, including requirements for online content sharing platforms in relation to infringing content posted on their sites, and the

	extension of neighbouring rights to accord rights to press publishers in relation to the online distribution of their content.
<p>Consumer “New Deal” package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Omnibus Directive (EU) 2019/2161 • Digital Content Directive (EU) 2019/770 • Sale of Goods Directive (EU) 2019/771 	Reform of EU consumer protection regime, requiring traders to provide additional pre-contractual information to consumers when buying online, clarifying remedies in relation to digital content and services, and generally updating existing rules to reflect the evolving digital economy.
Directive on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers (EU) 2020/1828	Harmonising rules regarding consumer class actions across Europe and “qualified entities” may initiate litigation.
<p>Digital Markets Act (EU Regulation 2022/1925)</p> <p>Learn more.</p>	Regulates online intermediaries (e.g., online app stores, search engines, social media networks) that are designated as ‘gatekeepers’ by introducing specific obligations and prohibitions in relation to business practices. The goal is to ensure a fair digital economy.
<p>Digital Services Act (EU) Regulation 2022/2065.</p> <p>Learn more.</p>	Regulation aimed at controlling the dissemination of online illegal content as defined by EU member state laws (including promotion of illegal goods and services), and protecting fundamental rights of service users, targeting online intermediaries.
General Product Safety Regulation (adoption pending)	Updates and improves rules relating to the safety of non-food products on the EU market. Addresses risks created by new technologies, requiring a safety assessment that considers cybersecurity and evolving, learning and predictive functionalities of products. Online marketplaces imposed specific diligence obligations.

Online Intermediaries & eCommerce: PROPOSED

Law	Summary
Revised Product Liability Directive	Proposal to update and replace existing Product Liability Directive, including rules for circular economy business models, and allow compensation for damages caused by new technologies made unsafe by software updates, AI and failing to address cybersecurity issues.
Platform Work Directive	Will create a presumption of employment in relation to workers who provide services through gig economy platforms.
European Media Freedom Act	Rules aimed at protecting medial pluralism and independence, with specific obligations to protect media content online from unjustified removal, building on the DSA, and also contains obligations regarding state advertising and audience measurement systems.
Child Sexual Abuse Material Regulation	Targets the online dissemination of material involving the sexual abuse of children, complements the DSA, and will apply to certain online intermediaries and providers of number-independent interpersonal communications services, with a specific risk-based obligation to detect, report and remove or block child sexual abuse content from services, replacing temporary framework.
Digital Fairness	Initiative aimed at assessing whether the consumer protection regime offers adequate protection in the digital environment (including a focus on digital subscription contracts and renewals).

Data (Data Privacy & Protection, Data Innovation): ADOPTED

Law	Summary
General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) Learn more : A GDPR FAQ GDPR Readiness Assessment Tool	Regulation updating EU rules applicable to the processing of the personal data of individuals located in the EU.
Directive (EU) 2019/1024 on Open Data and the Re-Use of Public Sector Information	Requires the disclosure of specified public sector data in free and open formats.
Data Governance Act – Regulation ((EU) Regulation 2022/865)	Regulation to create a framework for making available public-sector data, which creates the role of data intermediaries, facilitates data-sharing and encourages 'data altruism' on the part of individuals and private sector entities.

Data (Data Privacy & Protection, Data Innovation): PROPOSED

Law	Summary
ePrivacy Regulation	Proposal to update ePrivacy Directive 2002/58/EC, containing rules relating to communications content and metadata, cookies and spam. Will apply to providers of electronic communications service providers.
Data Act	Regulation to facilitate access to non-personal data collected and generated by IoT devices.
eIDAS Regulation 2.0	Proposal to amend eIDAS Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 to update and expand EU digital identity framework so EU citizens may access public services across borders.

Cybersecurity: ADOPTED

Law	Summary
Cybersecurity Act ((EU) Regulation 2019/881)	Regulation introducing EU-wide cybersecurity certification regime for information communications technology products, services and processes, and strengthening the role of ENISA, the EU's agency for cybersecurity.
Network Information Security Directive 2 (NIS 2 Directive) (EU) 2022/2555 Learn more.	Expands the scope of the first NIS Directive. Covers essential services and digital service providers, requiring the adoption of specific technical and organisational measures to protect networks. Also imposes incident-notification obligations.
Digital Operational Resilience Act ((EU) Regulation 2022/2554) Learn more.	Applies to financial entities and critical information and communications technology providers, requiring the maintenance of comprehensive and codified security risk-management frameworks.

Cybersecurity : PROPOSED

Law	Summary
Cyber Resilience Act Learn more.	Imposition of security requirements on connected hardware and software products ("products with digital elements"). Would require adherence to a conformity assessment regime and incident reporting obligations.

Telecoms & Infrastructure: ADOPTED

Law	Summary
Regulation (EU) 2017/920 amending Regulation (EU) No 531/2012 as regards rules for wholesale roaming markets. Roaming Regulation 2022 ((EU) 2022/612)	Abolished mobile roaming charges within the EU.
Regulation on cross-border parcel delivery services (EU) 2018/644	Imposed price transparency relating to parcel delivery, greater consumer protection and mandatory disclosures for eCommerce providers regarding delivery services.
EU Electronic Communications Code (EU Directive 2018/1972)	Updated and consolidated the telecommunications regulatory framework for electronic communications services and networks in Europe. Extended coverage to internet-based services. Cornerstone of the EU DSM.

Telecoms & Infrastructure: PROPOSED

Law	Summary
Gigabit Infrastructure Act	This proposed regulation would seek to ensure access within the EU to faster and less expensive Gigabit networks by 2030 to meet future connectivity needs.
Chips Act	Proposed regulation to establish a framework of measures that will reinforce European autonomy in relation to semiconductor production, focusing on R&D and innovation, state aid and supply chain monitoring.

Artificial Intelligence: PROPOSED

Law	Summary
AI Act Learn more .	Regulation of 'high risk' AI systems through certification regime for such systems.
AI Liability Directive	Would adapt civil liability rules to AI, set uniform rules for access to information and alleviate the burden of proof in relation to damages caused by AI systems.