The EU Al Act: Key Dates for Compliance

The EU AI Act has been formally adopted and the countdown to the start of enforcement has begun.

Here are the key dates you need to know as you build your compliance roadmap:



12 JULY 2024

The Act was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

01 AUGUST 2024

The Act entered into force, but the obligations and enforcement provisions are not yet in effect (Art. 113).

02 MAY 2025

The European Al Office must publish Codes of Practice relating to General-Purpose Al Models by this date (Art. 56(9)).

02 AUGUST 2025

If the General-Purpose Al Model Codes of Practice are not finalized or adequate by this date, the European Commission may provide common rules for the **GPAIM** obligations (Art. 56(9)).

The Chapter addressing penalties under the Act takes effect, except for the fines relating to General-Purpose Al Models found in Art. 101 (Ch. XII).

02 FEBRUARY 2026

The European Commission must adopt an implementing act establishing a template for post-market monitoring plans of High-Risk Al Systems by this date (Art. 72).

The European Commission must provide guidelines for the practical implementation of the classification rules for High-Risk Al Systems by this date (Art. 6).

02 AUGUST 2026

Member States must implement rules on penalties and other enforcement measures by this date (Art. 99).

The remainder of the Act (except those provisions identified above or below) also takes effect (Art. 113).

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OBLIGATIONS IMPOSED DIRECTLY ON CLIENTS

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training obligations

02 AUGUST 2025

(Art. 4; Art. 113).

take effect

The Prohibited AI practice restrictions take effect (Ch. II; Art. 113).

02 FEBRUARY 2025

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The General-Purpose Al Model obligations take effect for **GPAIMs** placed on the market on or after this date (Ch. V; Art. 111(3); Art. 113).

The High-Risk AI System obligations take effect for **Designated High-Risk Al** Systems classified under Annex III that are:

02 AUGUST 2026

- 1) Placed on the market on or after this date, or
- 2) Subject to significant changes in their design on or after this date (Ch. III; Art. 111(2); Art. 113).

The transparency obligations for AI systems interacting directly with individuals or exposing individuals to AIgenerated content take effect (Ch. IV).

02 AUGUST 2027

The High-Risk Al System obligations take effect for Regulated High-Risk Al Systems classified under Annex I that are:

- 1) Placed on the market on or after 02 August 2026, or
- 2) Are subject to significant changes in their design on or after 02 August 2026 (Art. 6(1); Art. 111(2); Art. 113).

The General-Purpose Al Model obligations take effect for **GPAIMs** placed on the market before 02 August 2025 (Art. 111(3)).

31 DECEMBER 2030

Al systems which are components of the large-scale IT systems established by the legal acts listed in Annex X that have been placed on the market before 02 August 2027, must be brought into compliance with the Act by this date (Art. 111(1)).

02 AUGUST 2030

The High-Risk Al System obligations apply to High-Risk Al Systems intended to be used by public authorities, even if they were placed on the market before 02 August 2026, and haven't yet been subject to significant changes in design (Art. 111(2)).