

EU AI Act: the dates at a glance

What applies, what is coming and who is affected

For companies that use AI but do not develop it, three dates matter most: 2 February 2025, 27 July 2026 and 2 August 2026. There is no deadline by which Article 4 would be done; the obligation is ongoing.

February 2, 2025 ALREADY APPLIES

Article 4 (AI literacy) and the bans on certain AI practices apply

Applies to: all providers and deployers, meaning every company that uses AI professionally.

August 2, 2025 ALREADY APPLIES

Rules for general-purpose AI models apply

Applies to: providers of general-purpose AI models, not the companies that merely use such models.

July 27, 2026 ALREADY APPLIES

Digital Omnibus in force: Article 4 becomes a duty to take measures

Applies to: everyone covered by Article 4.

July 29, 2026 ALREADY APPLIES

KI-MIG in force: Bundesnetzagentur and BaFin become competent

Applies to: companies in Germany, for whom this settles who is responsible.

August 2, 2026 ALREADY APPLIES

Supervision begins; transparency obligations under Article 50 apply

Applies to: everyone under Article 4. The transparency obligations also apply to providers and deployers of certain systems, for example those that interact with people or generate content.

December 2, 2027 NEXT DATE

Requirements for high-risk systems under Annex III

Applies to: providers and deployers of high-risk systems, for example in pre-screening job applications, credit scoring or education.

August 2, 2028 STILL TO COME

Requirements for AI in regulated products under Annex I

Applies to: manufacturers of regulated products in which AI is a safety component, for example machinery or medical devices.

THREE ENTRIES FOR YOUR OWN CALENDAR

1. Look back to 2 February 2025: record which AI literacy measures have taken place since then, with date, target group and outcome.
2. Your own repeat date: because the law sets no rhythm, decide yourself when you will review the status again, for example every six months and with every new tool.
3. Check before December 2027: find out whether you use AI in an area listed in Annex III, such as pre-screening job applications. If so, additional deployer obligations apply from 2 December 2027.