AI Act Implementation Timeline

1

Entry into Force

1 AUGUST 2024

The AI Act will enter into force.

2

Unacceptable AI

1 FEBRUARY 2025

Prohibitions on unacceptable risk AI systems (manipulation, social scoring systems, and biometric categorization) will become applicable as well as the general provisions.

3

General Purpose AI

1 MAY 2025

Application of codes of practice for General Purpose AI systems

4

Competant Authorities

1 AUGUST 2025

- Obligations on providers of General Purpose AI models will go into effect.
- Member states must appoint competent authorities to oversee the AI Act.
- The Commission will conduct an annual review of the list of prohibited AI practices.

5

Monitoring

1 FEBRUARY 2026

The Commission will issue an implementing act on post-market monitoring requirements.

6

High Risk AI

1 AUGUST 2026

- Obligations on high-risk AI systems listed in Annex III become applicable.
- This includes AI systems used in biometrics, critical infrastructure, education, employment, access to essential public services, law enforcement, immigration, and administration of justice.
- The Commission will review, and potentially amend, the list of highrisk AI systems.

a

Sandboxes

Member state authorities must have established at least one operational AI regulatory sandbox.

b

Penalties

Member states must have implemented rules on penalties, including administrative fines.

7

Third Party conformity

1 AUGUST 2027

Obligations for high-risk AI systems that are not prescribed in Annex III but are intended to be used as a safety component of a product, or the AI is itself a product, and the product is required to undergo a third-party conformity assessment under existing specific EU laws (e.g., toys, radio equipment, in vitro diagnostic medical devices, civil aviation security, agricultural vehicles) will become applicable.

8

Larger IT Systems

2030

Obligations will go into effect for certain AI systems that are components of the large-scale IT systems established by EU law in the areas of freedom, security and justice, such as the Schengen Information System.

GOODWIN