

# AI REGULATORY LANDSCAPE

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# AGENDA

- 1) Brief overview of key AI regulations
- 2) Fireside chat - the evolving landscape of AI regulation, with Aaron Cooper

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# REMINDER:

**Pre-existing laws  
apply to AI**



- Privacy (GDPR, state laws, etc.)
- Anti-discrimination
- Consumer protection
- Criminal laws
- Copyright
- Antitrust / unfair competition

# WHAT IS IN PLACE SO FAR?

## EU AI Act

1<sup>ST</sup> comprehensive AI regulation with global reach

## Biden Executive Order

Impacts federal use of AI; agency enforcement of existing laws; oversight of frontier models; IaaS large training run reporting

## Federal Agency Actions

Under OMB guidance, agencies are implementing AI risk management programs, designating Chief AI Officers, etc.

## Colorado AI Act

1<sup>st</sup> state regulation broadly focused on risky uses of AI

## Various states

Narrow-focus AI bills, targeting biometrics, hiring, etc.

## China & other countries

AI laws with limited global impact so far

# AI REGULATION LANDSCAPE: COMMON THEMES



At all stages, protect:

- Data security
- Privacy
- IP rights



At all stages, focus on preventing:

- Algorithmic discrimination in hiring, school admissions, etc.
- Generation of harmful content



Pre-release, implement:

- Risk planning
- Modifications to mitigate risk
- Guardrails
- Documentation



Post-release, maintain:

- Guardrails
- Transparency (letting users know they are dealing with AI)



Post-release, actively:

- Monitor
- Perform risk mitigation

# BIDEN EXECUTIVE ORDER ON AI

**Numerous  
responsive actions  
taken by federal  
agencies**



- Guidelines for AI use in Federal Government, Critical Infrastructure, etc.
- Implementing AI risk management programs
- Guidance for reporting by IaaS providers & frontier model developers
- Furthering research
- Designating Chief AI Officers
- Federal AI hiring spree

# WHY FOCUS ON THE EU AI ACT?




- 1<sup>st</sup> comprehensive AI regulation with global impact
- Likely precedent for AI regulation elsewhere
- Pressure to pre-commit (e.g., AI Pact)
- Several leading emerging AI regulations largely lie within its framework  
*(risk-based, focused on consequential decision-making, impact assessments)*

## ***However:***

- It's likely some AI regulation will go further in certain areas
- It's important to monitor for the outliers & potential impact

# EU AI ACT: RISK-BASED FRAMEWORK\*

Category	Unacceptable Risk	High Risk (Focus of the Act)	Limited Risk	Minimal Risk
Description	Manipulate or monitor behavior; certain biometric ID apps	Adverse impact on fundamental rights, or harm to health or safety	Not high risk, but interacts with humans	Remainder / no interaction with humans
Requirements	<p><b>Prohibited</b></p> 	<p><b>Extensive requirements</b></p> <p>(see later slide)</p>	<p><b>Notice of interaction with AI</b></p> <p>(unless reasonably apparent)</p>	<p><b>No obligations</b></p> <p>(but adoption of AI code of conduct encouraged)</p>

\* The Act also regulates general purpose AI (GPAI) and frontier models regardless of use case



# WHAT IS 'HIGH-RISK'? (& EXEMPTIONS)

Annex I Of The Act	High-risk product already covered by specific EU legislation & the existing law requires 3 <sup>rd</sup> party conformity assessment ( <i>e.g., AI in medical devices</i> )
Annex III Of The Act	Listing of high-risk categories ( <i>e.g., AI used in healthcare, education, employment, critical infrastructure, law enforcement, biometrics, etc.</i> )
Annex III Exemptions	<p>If covered by Annex III, <u>not deemed high-risk</u> IF the AI System is intended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Perform a narrow procedural task,</li><li>• Improve the result of a previously completed human activity,</li><li>• Detect decision-making patterns or deviations from prior patterns and is not meant to replace or influence the previous human assessment, without proper human review, <b>OR</b></li><li>• Perform a preparatory task to an assessment relevant to the use cases listed in Annex III</li></ul> <p>➤ <b>However, if it performs profiling of humans, always considered high-risk</b></p>

# EU AI ACT – OBLIGATIONS RE: HIGH-RISK SYSTEMS

## Prior to Launch

- Risk planning, identification & mitigation
- Set up risk & quality management systems
- Proper data selection, security & governance
- Technical documentation, instruction, auto logging in place
- Focus on accuracy, robustness & cybersecurity
- Design for proper human oversight

## As of Launch Date

- Conduct and maintain:
  - **Conformity Assessment**
  - **Fundamental Rights Impact Assessment (if impacted)**
  - **GDPR Data Protection Impact Assessment (if PII present)**
- Mark system with “CE” to indicate conformity with Act
- Register in EU high-risk AI system database

## Post Launch

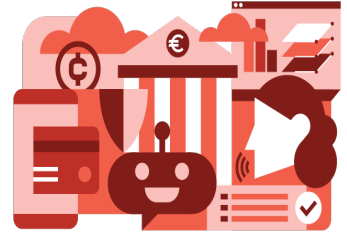
- Monitoring & risk mitigation
- Incident response & reporting
- Transparency & provision of information to users, including awareness AI is in use
- Apply appropriate human oversight based on risk
- Operate quality management system
- Maintain & update documentation

# EU AI ACT: CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT KEY ELEMENTS

- Identification & assessment of reasonably foreseeable risks
- Description / confirmation of:
  - Risk management system
  - Testing & risk mitigation measures
  - Data sets used to train & test
  - Technical documentation
  - Reporting & auto-logging functionality
  - Human oversight & AI transparency where appropriate
  - Accuracy, robustness, cybersecurity



# EU AI ACT PENALTIES



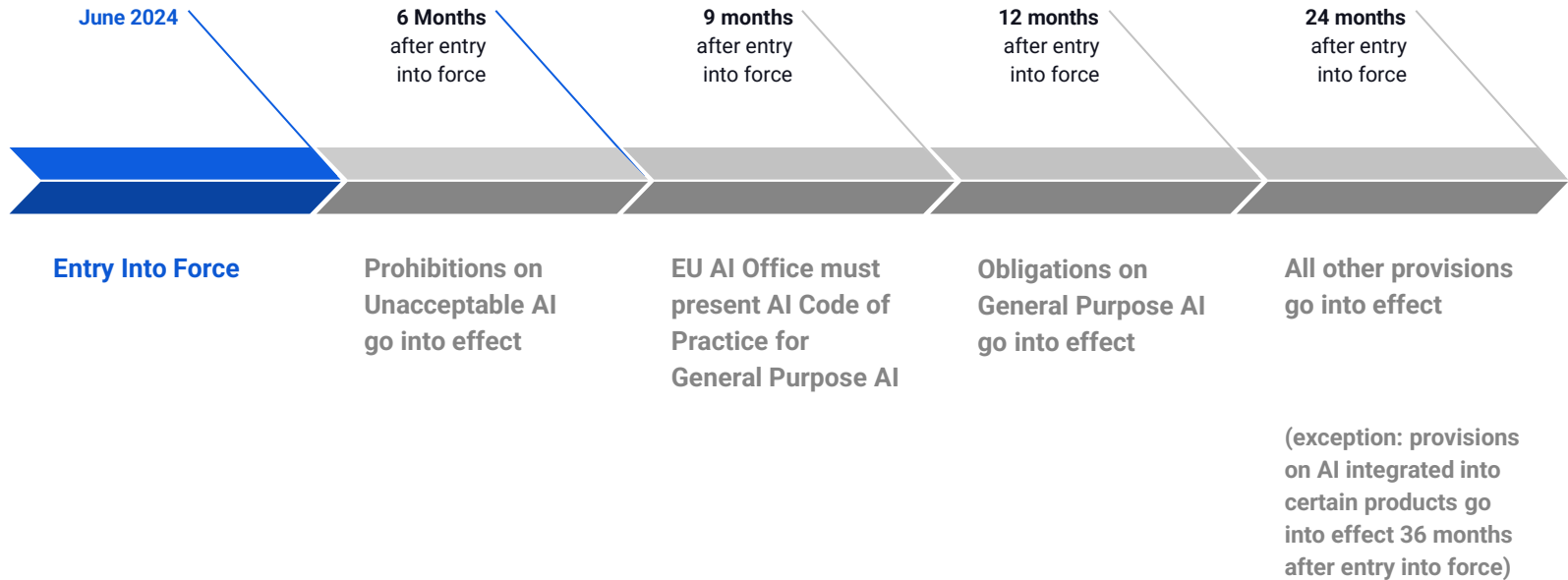
## Infraction:

Penalties up to greater of\*  
(% of global turnover OR X million Euros)

Violation of prohibition against <b>unacceptable systems</b>	7% or € 35 million
Non-compliance with AI <b>use obligations</b>	3% or € 15 million
Incomplete or faulty <b>information provided</b> to regulators	1% or € 7.5 million

*\* It's the "lesser of" for small and medium sized businesses  
( < 250 employees and annual turnover < €50 million)*

# THE EU AI ACT – IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



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AI compliance is available  
across the  
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- Model monitoring and lineage
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# PREPARING FOR AI REGULATION

If your AI app is “high-risk” – start early

- Build into your process: risk management, planning & documentation
- Focus on data security now more than ever 
- Conduct an assessment to understand how your company uses AI 
- If your AI app interacts with humans, make sure either:
  - Notice is built in, OR
  - It's obvious to a reasonable person it's AI
- Evaluate points where a human in the loop is needed 
- Work closely with your AI platform vendor

# DISCUSSION WITH AARON COOPER

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- **Background:**

- Has led BSA's global policy team since 2015
- Served as Chief Counsel for IP and Antitrust on the US Senate Judiciary Committee (2006-2013)
- Clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit
- Practiced at Covington & Burling for 6 years





# FIRESIDE CHAT:

## THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF AI REGULATION