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## Weekly Policy News Summary

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### **Commission appoints expert group and launches European AI Alliance**

The Commission appointed [52 experts](#) to advise the Commission on artificial intelligence (AI) and set up a collaboration platform to help build a community of stakeholders – the [European AI Alliance](#). The expert group will help the Commission implement the European approach on AI presented this April. More specifically the experts will draft ethical guidelines by the end of this year and a set of recommendations by mid-2019. The recommendations will feed into the policy development process, the legislative evaluation process and the development of a next-generation digital strategy. The Group will also prepare draft ethics guidelines that will build on the work of the [European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies](#) and of the [European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights](#) in this area. The guidelines will cover issues such as fairness, safety, transparency, the future of work, and more broadly the impact on upholding fundamental rights, including privacy and personal data protection, dignity, consumer protection and non-discrimination. They will build on contributions from stakeholders through the European AI Alliance. Everyone interested in AI can join the European AI Alliance and address all aspects of AI in discussions via the platform and via dedicated events.

### **Smart cities report**

The Alliance for Internet of Things Innovation (AIOTI) was launched in 2015 by the Commission and several relevant stakeholders (mainly industry) in the IoT domain to create a dynamic European ecosystem that can boost the market in its multiple application domains. AITOI WG8 is devoted to the study of smart cities, providing relevant guidance and paving the way for a widespread consensus at European level that can be used as reference for interoperability and replication. They prepared a report on the Smart City Replication Guidelines Part 1: Cross-Domain/Application Use Cases. [Download Smart City Replication Guidelines Part 1: Cross-Domain/Application Use Cases Report June 2018](#) . According to the “Smart Cities” working group (WG8) Report, a successful Smart City Large Scale Pilot will tackle the demand side real needs and problems (citizens and cities) and will build on supply side technologies and challenges. It will demonstrate scalability and replicability through interoperability at the data layer, sustainability from economic and social perspectives, and will boost local digital life and economy in European cities. [Download Smart City LSP Recommendations Report . Proposal for](#)

### **Commission: Proposal for a Regulation on establishing the space programme**

Following the proposal for a budget of €16 billion for the new EU Space programme and based on the new “Space strategy for Europe”, the Commission released a proposal for Regulation on establishing the space programme. Full text of the proposal is available at: [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/budget-june2018-space-programme-regulation\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/budget-june2018-space-programme-regulation_en.pdf)

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