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**EU TECH REGULATION AND
POLICY ORIENTATIONS**
WHAT LIES AHEAD?

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The EU tech regulatory landscape can be daunting, given the explosion in tech regulation in recent years. Texts are often technical and complex, requirements can be stringent and burdensome and the interplay between all these different pieces of legislation can be difficult to manage for organisations.

Awareness of the regulatory framework is key, in terms of obligations and risk management but also of opportunities.

You may have seen some of our publications aimed at helping you apprehend and make sense of key existing and upcoming EU tech legislation.



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EU tech legislation – What's been moving in 2024?¹

2024 has been a major year with the adoption, entry into force or application of key tech-related legislation. Here are examples of that legislation and other initiatives that have been moving in 2024².

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of the EU Cybersecurity Act, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised Security of Network and Information Systems Directive (NIS 2), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Critical Entities Resilience Directive (CER), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA), <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyber Resilience Act and Cyber Solidarity Act 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EU Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act), AI Liability Directive and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision of the European High Performance Computing Joint Undertaking (EuroHPC JU) Regulation 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA) Regulation, Payment Services Directive (PSD 3), Payment Services Regulation, Digital Euro Regulation and Financial Data Access (FIDA) Regulation
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Services Act (DSA) and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Digital Markets Act (DMA) 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Product Safety Regulation and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Machinery Regulation 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gigabit Infrastructure Act
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDPR Procedural Regulation 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips Act and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Critical Raw Materials Act 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regulation to Prevent and Combat Child Sexual Abuse
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Health Data Space Regulation 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political Advertising Regulation and <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European Media Freedom Act 	



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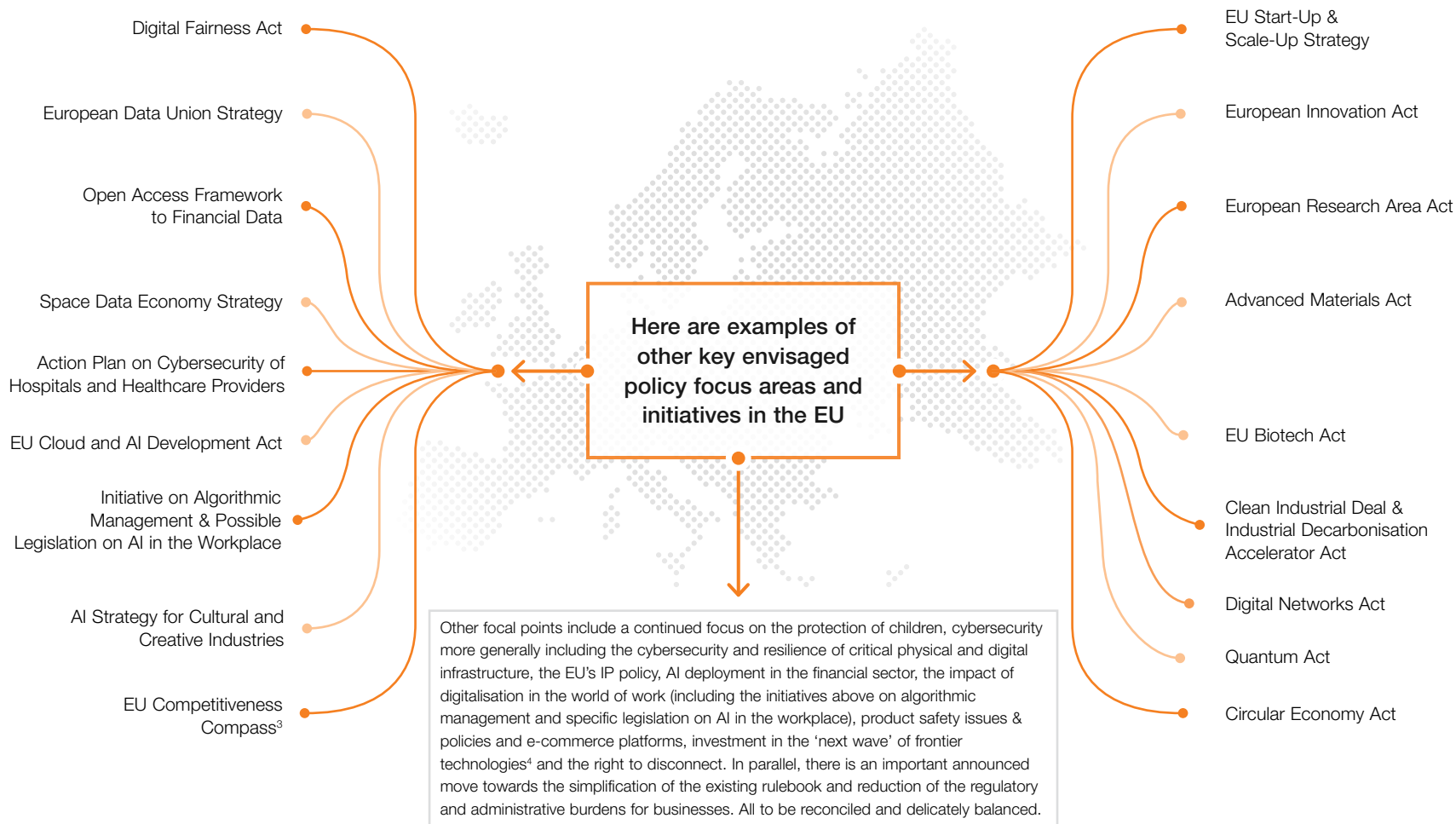
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1. Organised around key themes, e.g. cybersecurity, online services / platforms, digital ID, data, AI, although some cut across themes. Links included where the text has been published in the Official Journal of the EU.

2. This covers anything from discussions / debates and proposed revisions in the context of the legislative process through the adoption or entry into force of the relevant legislation to the entry into application of all or part of its requirements. Also, EU texts are often supplemented or to be supplemented by other key documents such as implementing / delegated acts, related national implementation measures where needed, codes of practice / conduct, critical guidance and harmonised standards. For specific information, please reach out.

You will probably have heard of many of the texts and initiatives above.

But have you heard of the following?



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Days

These are some of the other tech-relevant hot topics and initiatives the new European Commission, which took office on 1 December 2024, should be pushing looking ahead. And some are expected to be delivered on within **100 days**.

We will be monitoring this closely – together with all the other tech-related legislation and initiatives in the EU, including as mentioned in this piece, their implementation and enforcement, as well as opportunities to get involved and help shape a legal framework that ensures responsible, safe and secure innovation and tech development, uptake and deployment.

! Issues addressed in this document are time-sensitive and moving, and developments need to be constantly monitored.

3. Announced as the new European Commission's first major initiative, built around 3 pillars and encompassing various different aspects: closing the innovation gap with the US and China; a joint plan for decarbonisation and competitiveness; and increasing security and reducing dependencies.

4. Supercomputing, Semiconductors, IoT, Genomics, Quantum Computing, Space Tech and beyond.



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