



# DIGITAL EUROPE PROGRAMME

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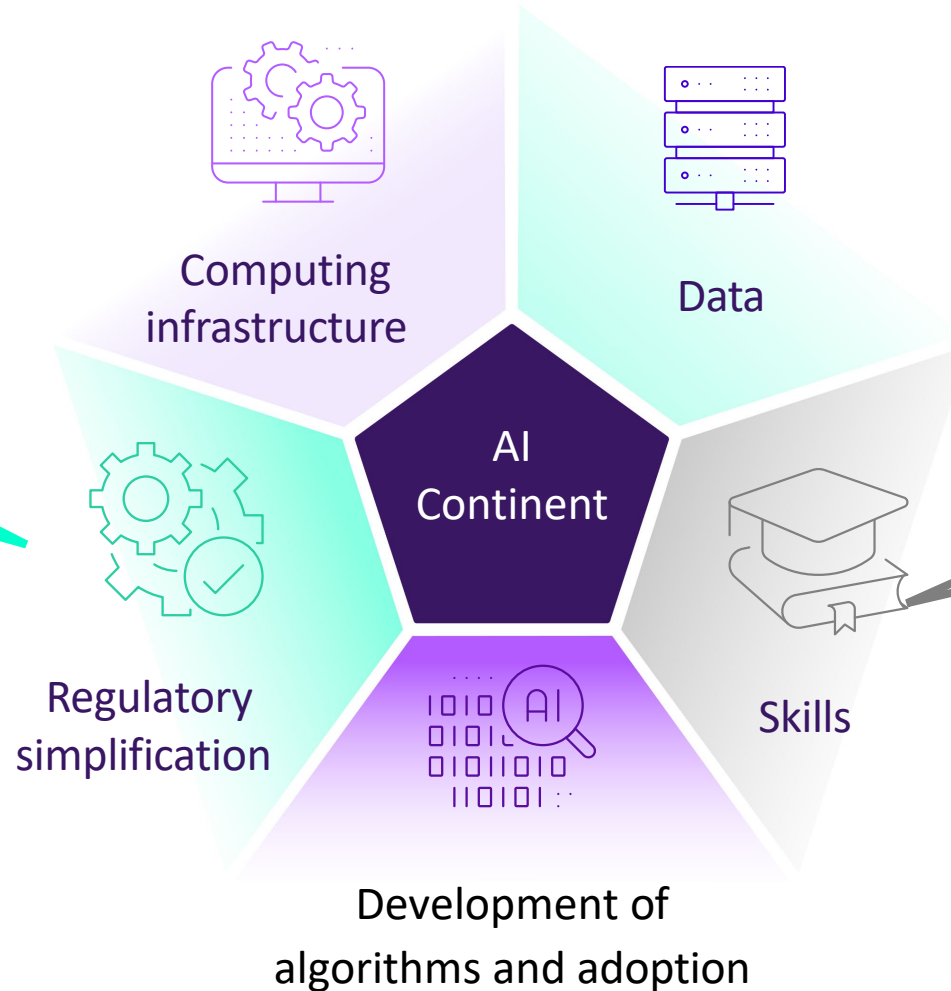


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## Agenda

- 14:00-14:10: Welcome by European Commission
- 14:10-14:30: Presentation of call by the Commission
- 14:30-15:00: FAQ
- 15:00-15:30: Pitches
- 15:30-15:35: Conclusion by the Commission

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Support for AI Act compliance

Train and Attract AI specialists  
Upskilling and reskilling



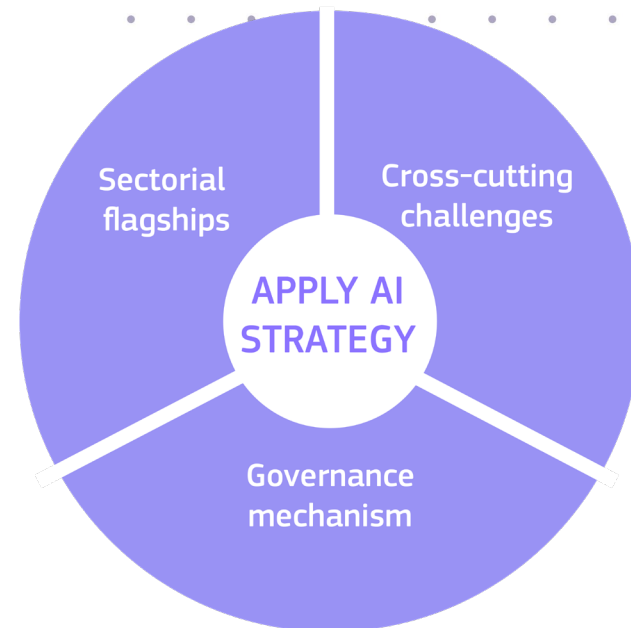
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## Apply AI Strategy

- **AI First** : help businesses to consider AI as a useful solution to tackle their challenges while also considering the risks
- Support **adoption and integration of AI in 10 strategic industrial sectors and the public sector**
- **Tailored actions to sector specific needs** to harnesses the transformative potential of AI



**enhance competitiveness**  
**further develop EU's technological sovereignty**

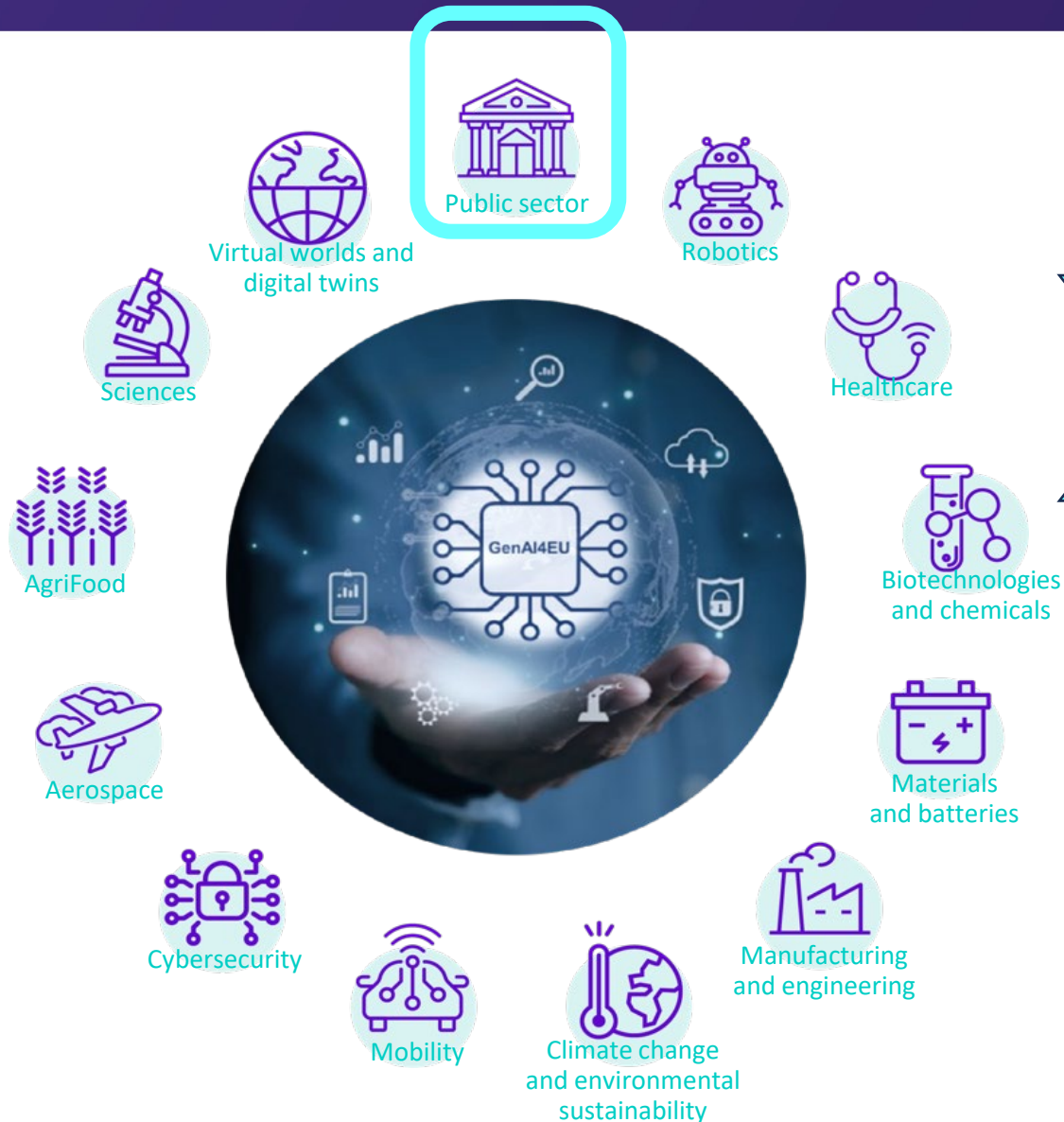


# Focus on GenAI4EU Initiative

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Startups & innovators  
work closely with  
industrial users and  
Public Administrations  
➔ attract investments +  
access key ingredients  
of AI - **data, computing,  
algorithms and talent.**



€700M  
in planned  
calls



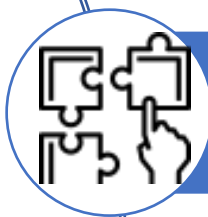


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## DIGITAL-2026-AI-09-GENAI-PA: Apply AI: GenAI for the public administrations / Coordination & Support Action



Objective: Coordinate & support the pilot projects on GenAI & Public administrations (DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI)



Type: Coordination and Support Action



Size & Duration: EUR 1.8 million over 36 months



Funding rate: 100%



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## What is a Coordination and Support Action?

Coordination & Support Action

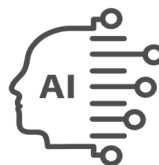
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People



- Public administrations
- Citizen
- SMEs
- System integrators

Technology



- Projects from call DIGITAL-2025-AI-08-SUPPLY-AI
- European model developers

GenAI4 PA  
community



- Stakeholder engagement
- Workshops
- Training
- Outreach events



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## Expected Outcome

- Contribution to the **replication and scalability of piloted GenAI solutions** across public administrations and Member States
  - concrete tools such as starter kits, a repository of replicability assessments as well as tailored guidance, documentation and outreach.
- Targeted **support to national procurement processes**
- **Pooling of demand** for European GenAI solutions by public administrations and bringing together public administration and start-ups
- **Strengthened integration of public administrations** into the broader European AI ecosystem
- Aggregated **yearly result reports on** the pilot projects



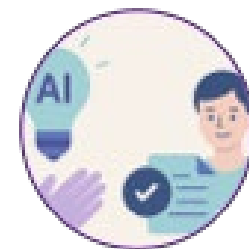




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## KPIs

- Number of practical **tools and events organised for replicability and scalability**
- Number of **technical benchmarks** for European AI solutions needed by public administrations
- Number of **matchmaking interactions** between European start-ups and public administrations
- Collection of **satisfaction score** from survey of participants of pilot projects





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## Targeted Stakeholders

- **Targeted Stakeholders:** Higher education institutions, research and technology organisations, civil-society organisations, non-governmental organisations, and other interested stakeholders.
- **Required consortium composition:** minimum 3 independent applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities) from 3 different eligible countries.
- CSA call is **NOT** restricted by **article 12.6**



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## What we DO want

- A proposal that will **support and connect the pilot projects** and elevate their impact in replication and scalability to the next level
- A proposal that **bridges different communities and different levels** of public administration with GenAI providers and innovators
- Promoting outreach and visibility to build a vibrant **GenAI4EU community**
- Wide access to the **Public Admin community**



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## What we DON'T want

- Proposals developing AI solutions (**This is a coordination action!**)
- Focusing only **one kind of public administration** or one type (e.g. local / regional / national) of community within the GenAI & public administration space
- Proposed activities focusing only on a **small geographic region** in the EU
- Focus **only on the pilot projects** and their use cases
- **Duplicating activities** of and overlapping responsibilities with the pilot projects



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## Security aspects in proposal preparation

### 1. Sensitive information — Confidentiality

If the project involves, uses or generates information that should not be made public (*e.g. commercially sensitive information, business or trade secrets, confidential market data, valuable results not yet protected by intellectual property rights, security-sensitive information, etc*), it should be identified and handled as 'sensitive' in accordance with the provisions in Article 13.1 (and Annex 5, if the Grant Agreement sets out specific rules for the programme, *e.g. HE*).

### 2. EU-classified information

If the project uses or generates information that is (or must be) classified, additional rules and procedures will apply in line with Article 13.2 (and Annex 5, if the Grant Agreement sets out specific rules for the programme).

These are in particular:

- security rules for protecting EU classified information set out in Decision No [2015/444](#)<sup>32</sup> and its implementing rules on classified grants<sup>33</sup> and programme security instruction (PSI), if any (*e.g. HE, DEP, EDF,*) and
- national rules on the protection of classified information.

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information:  
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## Matchmaking slides

Send us your slides (max 5) to publish on our website ([Infoday - GenAI Meets Public Administrations | Shaping Europe's digital future](#))

1. Present your organization (possibly share contact info)
2. Share your vision for the project
3. Share what partners you are looking for

Send slides to [CNECT-AI-IN-PUBLIC-ADMINISTRATION@ec.europa.eu](mailto:CNECT-AI-IN-PUBLIC-ADMINISTRATION@ec.europa.eu), they will be checked and published.



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## Partner Search Funding & Tenders Portal

Apply AI: GenAI for the public administrations

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Topic Call for proposal

### Internal navigation

General information

Topic description

Topic updates

Conditions and documents

Budget overview

Partner search announcements

Start submission

Topic Q&As

Get support

### General information

#### Programme

Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)

#### Call

AI Continent (DIGITAL-2026-AI-09)

#### Type of action

DIGITAL-CSA DIGITAL Coordination and Support Actions

#### Type of MGA

DIGITAL Action Grant Budget-Based [DIGITAL-AG]

 Open For Submission

#### Deadline model

single-stage

#### Opening date

04 November 2025

#### Deadline date

03 March 2026 17:00:00 Brussels time

### Topic description

#### Expected Outcome:

- Contribution to the replication and scalability of piloted GenAI solutions across public administrations and Member States, demonstrated through the ability to adapt them to new users, administrative contribution will be supported through concrete tools such as starter kits, a repository of replicability assessments as well as tailored guidance, documentation and outreach....

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## Partner Search Funding & Tenders Portal

### Partner search announcements for the topic

#### Topic information

Topic

Apply AI: GenAI for the public administrations

ID

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Expertise offers

90

Expertise requests

4

#### Published

Search by name, description...

Expertise request, Expertise offer

94 item(s) found



Request date

#### BATI AKDENIZ KALKINMA AJANSI

BAKA, as a regional development agency, will contribute to the coordination, replication and scaling of GenAI pilots in public administrations by mobility activities, and facilitating peer-to-peer learning. BAKA will help identify common public-sector needs, contribute to demand pooling, and support the dissemination and stakeholder engagement. Contact: olcaysayin@baka.gov.tr

Organisation type

Public organisation

Type of request

Country/Territory

Türkiye

Request date

Status

Published

#### SYNYO GmbH

SYNYO is a reliable partner for your project with profound experience (SME with 60+ projects in Horizon Europe, H2020 related projects: iProcureS&I interdisciplinary team consisting of researchers, data analysts, software developers and creatives is ready to deliver high-impact results regarding revalidation, dissemination, exploitation and coordination support. E-mail: contact@synyo.com

Organisation type

Small or medium size enterprise

Type of request

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## Timeline:

- Call Opening: **4 November 2025**
- Info Day: 17th December 2025
- Call deadline: **3 March 2026**



## Next steps:

- Use F&T matchmaking option (Partner search announcement)  
[EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)
- EC website public admin GenAI pilots
- [Digital Europe Work Programme 2025-27](#)

**Funding and Tenders portal**



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## List of speakers

- **Rafal Mata**, Agencia Digital de Andalucía
- **Ricardo Campos**, INESC TEC / University of Beira Interior
- **Zeyneb Gökce**, TUBITAK BILGEM
- **Isidora Ljumovic**, Institut Ekonomskih Nauka
- **Ouahid Seghir**, OSIC-X
- **Jan Bart Bormans**, Whai Not BV





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