Decision on setting up a special committee on artificial intelligence in a digital age, and defining its responsibilities, numerical strength and term of office

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The European Parliament decided by 574 votes to 41, with 72 abstentions, to set up a special committee on artificial intelligence in a digital age, and define its responsibilities, numerical strength and term of office

The special committee shall be vested with the following responsibilities:

- analyse the future impact of artificial intelligence in the digital age on the EU economy, in particular on skills, employment, financial technologies, education, health, transport, tourism, agriculture, environment, defence, industry, energy and e-government;

- investigate the challenges of deploying artificial intelligence and its contribution to business value and economic growth;

- analyse the strategy of third countries and their contribution to complement EU actions.

The special committee shall submit to Parliament's responsible standing committees an evaluation defining common EU objectives in the medium- and long-term and include the major steps needed to reach them, using as a starting point the following Commission communications: (i) Shaping Europe's digital future; (ii) A European Strategy for Data; (iii) White Paper on Artificial Intelligence - a European approach to excellence and trust; (iv) Report on the safety and liability implications of Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things and robotics, including a roadmap on 'A Europe fit for the digital age', which shall provide the EU with a strategic plan defining its common objectives in the medium- and long-term and the major steps needed to reach them.

The special committee shall have 33 members. Its term of office shall be 12 months.