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PRESS RELEASE

EWLA welcomes Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI

EWLA congratulates the High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for the Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI, which have been released on 8th April.

In December 2018, when the first draft of the Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI was published, EWLA participated at the open consultation. EWLA requested the inclusion of “women” as a potentially vulnerable group because women are not taking part as proactive change agents at the collection of data and its processing within algorithms.

EWLA therefore welcomes especially the rephrasing of the following sentence within the Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI: “This also requires adequate respect for potentially vulnerable persons and groups, such as workers, women, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, children, consumers or others at risk of exclusion.”

EWLA’s President, Katharina Miller states: “It’s no one’s fault that women are not proactive change agents within the Fourth Industrial Revolution and especially within AI. However, we know that for the sake of our democracies within European Union, our wellbeing and our future within our unity in diversity, that we have to especially integrate the female voices into the development of AI in order to tackle the challenges of our future and digital transformation.”

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