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European and international standardisation for trusted and secure AI applications

Ministry workshop under the Council Presidency generates momentum for European and international implementation of AI standardisation needs

In this second semester of 2020, the time of the German Presidency of the Council of the EU, standardisation has been one of the focal aspects of the work conducted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. Following a high-level workshop on European standardisation policy that took place in September and meetings of the new Council Working Group on technical harmonisation and standardisation, the ministry is now organising a virtual workshop on European and international standardisation of artificial intelligence (AI). This workshop will take place today. The objective here is to facilitate a dialogue between the European Commission, the Member States, standardisation organisations, and business representatives.

Thomas Jarzombek, Commissioner of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy for the Digital Industry and Start-ups, will open the event: "All too often SMEs, in particular, shy away from using AI, because they fear that AI processes might harm their reputation. This is one of many reasons why standardisation is so important. It gives companies the certainty that comes with choosing procedures that others are also using and that are in line with regulations. The standardisation roadmap is an important factor when it comes to building trust and thus helps promote the use of AI. Germany's Presidency of the Council of the EU is using this workshop to create momentum for future European and international AI standardisation work, and to table proposals."

For more information about the workshop and the programme, please visit https://live.standardization-of-artificial-intelligence.de/.

German Standardisation Roadmap for Artificial Intelligence

The German Standardisation Roadmap for Artificial Intelligence was published at the 2020 Digital Summit. Some 300 experts from different sectors and with different backgrounds fed their expertise into seven working groups organised by DIN Deutsches Institut für Normung and the German Commission for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies of DIN and VDE (DKE). The Roadmap, which is to be updated in step with the dynamic developments taking place in AI, reflects the current

state of the art in AI technology, and also includes recommendations for implementation. A White Paper on ethics and AI is also available and to be regarded as part of the Standardisation Roadmap. Both projects received funding from the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy under the Federal Government's AI Strategy. The needs for standardisation listed in the German Standardisation Roadmap for AI should primarily be met at the European or international levels.