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Europe votes for a risk-based AI rulebook

The European Parliament approves the AI Act. The distinction between legislative approval and enforceable duties matters.

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AI legislation clears a major vote

The European Parliament approved the AI Act, including restrictions on specified AI practices, obligations for high-risk systems and transparency rules for general-purpose models. The framework links duties to an AI system's purpose and risk. This was a legislative milestone: Council approval and the subsequent commencement timetable still lay ahead.

PARLIAMENT APPROVAL

THE MALAYSIAN LENS

A Malaysian business using AI for recruitment, credit assessment or customer support needs more than a single "AI compliant" claim from a vendor. Our reading is that intended use, destination market and the organisation's role in the supply chain determine the questions to ask. An EU parliamentary vote does not itself create a Malaysian licensing regime.

QUESTION TO ASK

What decisions does the system influence, who can override it, and what records explain an adverse outcome?

WATCH / NEXT STEP

Build an inventory of AI uses and human review points. This March briefing records the vote at that time; later editions cover adoption, commencement and subsequent changes to the timetable.

READ THE ORIGINAL SOURCES

European Parliament · AI Act: MEPs adopt landmark law ↗

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