

AI, Data and Robotics Public Private Partnership Frequently Asked Questions v1

What is the AI, Data and Robotics Public Private Partnership (PPP)?

The AI, Data and Robotics PPP is a candidate contractual Public Private Partnership under the Horizon Europe Programme. The Vision of the Partnership is to boost European competitiveness, societal wellbeing and environmental aspects to lead the world in researching, developing and deploying value-driven trustworthy AI, Data and Robotics based on European fundamental rights, principles and values. It has three general objectives:

1. Secure European's **sovereignty over AI, Data and Robotics** technologies and knowhow
2. Establish **European leadership in AI, Data and Robotics** technologies with high socio-economic impact
3. Reinforce a **strong and global competitive position of Europe** in AI, Data and Robotics

As all contractual PPPs, this partnership will rely upon a signed agreement (Memorandum of Understanding – MoU) between the European Commission on the public side and stakeholder associations representing AI, Data and Robotics on the private side. The contract or Memorandum of Understanding is being prepared for signature.

What is the role of Member States in this partnership?

Differently from what happens for Joint Undertakings or institutionalised Public Private Partnership, the public sector counterpart in the context of contractual partnerships is the European Commission only. Nonetheless, this Partnership aims at collaborating very closely with Member States, Regions, national and regional platforms and local communities through specific arrangements and wide stakeholder engagement activities.

What are the links between the new Partnership and other EU programmes (i.e. the Digital Europe Programme) and between the different parts of Horizon Europe addressing AI, Data and Robotics?

The AI, Data and Robotics Partnership is one of the most ambitious candidates for a European Partnership in the Cluster “digital, industry and space” under Horizon Europe. The ambition of the partnership goes beyond Research and Innovation and incorporate aspects of deployment having therefore strong ties with the Digital Europe Programme due to the many focus areas which are common (i.e. Artificial Intelligence, Data Spaces, Skills). The links and mechanisms for collaboration between the Partnership and the DEP Programme are still being specified.

In general, the topics covered by this Partnership will also be included under other parts of Horizon Europe and other European funded programmes and especially under other vertical initiatives (i.e. sectorial partnerships and programmes) due to the importance of Data, AI and Robotics for all industrial sectors and communities. This Partnership will have a more horizontal focus, aiming at strengthening scientific capabilities overall as well as at mastering essential and horizontal technologies in human-centred and trustworthy AI, Data and Robotics.

How will the new Partnership collaborate with other partnerships and initiatives at the EU and National level?

Two of the key principles governing this Partnership are **Openness and Inclusiveness**. The Partnership aims at bringing cross-sectorial and sectorial knowledge together to achieve its ambitious vision. This can only be realised by collaborating closely with the many initiatives also focusing on AI, Data and Robotics at the EU and National level. One of the key actions of the Partnership will be the mobilisation of the entire ecosystem, which entails establishing strong collaboration mechanisms and partnerships with other initiatives, including and especially the other Horizon Europe Partnerships. This collaborative spirit is already permeating the activities linked to the update of the Strategic Research Innovation and Deployment Agenda, for which all stakeholders and communities are called to contribute.

The AI, Data and Robotics Partnership is also carrying out a stakeholder mapping exercise to identify the most relevant initiatives and start collaborating as from 2021. This collaborative approach will allow to exploit synergies and avoid overlapping between partnerships.

What is the role of Small Medium Enterprises and Start-ups in the new Partnership?

The Partnership will pay special attention to the inclusion of SMEs and Start-ups in all its activities. The associations representing the private side of the Partnership will be responsible for mobilising their SMEs and Start-ups members and for expanding their representativeness of these communities.

How can I get involved in the new Partnership?

Currently, you can get involved in the new Partnership through any of the five organisations promoting its establishment and by contributing to the update of the Strategic Research Innovation and Deployment Agenda. When the Partnership will be in place in 2021, there will be the possibility to join the community through joining the private associations of the partnership or/and through the Horizon Europe projects funded under the umbrella of the Partnership.

What is the Strategic Research Innovation and Deployment Agenda (SRIDA)?

The Strategic Research, Innovation and Deployment Agenda (SRIDA) defines the vision, overall goals, main technical and non-technical priorities, investment areas and a research, innovation and deployment roadmap for the European Public Private Partnership. [The second consultation release](#) of the SRIDA will be the basis to produce **the first official version of the Partnership SRIDA** via a third consultation cycle which is currently taking place.

How can I contribute to the consultation cycle for the update of the Strategic Research Innovation and Deployment Agenda (SRIDA)?

You are warmly invited to share your contribution on the SRIDA update by filling in the template which you will find on the PPP website and sharing it via email as indicated in the template instructions. The guiding questions included in the template will make sure your input addresses the main questions and points which will be the object of the SRIDA update and will help the SRIDA Editorial Team to aggregate the feedback received from the different stakeholders. If you have questions or comments on the template and contribution process, please get in touch through the functional email address mentioned in the document.

What is the timeline for the new Partnership and what are the key next steps?

The new Partnership will be launched in early 2021. In the coming months, the European Commission and the five associations will work on signing a formal Memorandum of Understanding and preparing the transition to the new Partnership. Any update and information on key milestone will be published on the partnership website.

Where can I find more information?

You can find more information on this website and by contacting one of the five organisations promoting this initiative. You can also consult the full partnership proposal on the European Commission [website](#).