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**Artificial intelligence/the way forward**

Brussels, 23 October 2024

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**of the  
European Economic and Social Committee  
on  
**General-purpose AI: way forward after the AI Act**

(exploratory opinion requested by the European Commission)

and

**A secure technology for the future: Artificial Intelligence**

(exploratory opinion requested by the Hungarian Presidency)

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Meeting of 23 October 2024\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Agenda item 11

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**The president** moved that the Committee turn to agenda item 11 - adoption of an opinion on

*General-purpose AI: way forward after the AI Act*

(exploratory opinion requested by the European Commission);

and

*A secure technology for the future: Artificial Intelligence*

(exploratory opinion requested by the Hungarian Presidency).

The preliminary work had been carried out by the Section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption (president: **Ms Parthie**). The rapporteur was **Ms Parthie**.

The rapporteur, **Ms Parthie,** presented the opinion.

In the ensuing debate **Mr Guerini, Mr Relić and Ms Danisman** raised the following points:

* the need to tackle both the opportunities as well as risks of artificial intelligence;
* the importance of improving digital literacy among citizens and workers;
* the need to combat market domination in the field of artificial intelligence;
* the importance of EU´s global competitiveness in the field of artificial intelligence and its promotion;
* the importance of promoting and supporting European providers and developers.

The opinion was adopted by 186 votes to two, with two abstentions.

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