

AI4Citizens NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the AI4Citizens Newsletter!

We are thrilled to present the first edition of the AI4Citizens newsletter! AI4Citizens is a groundbreaking European initiative exploring the opportunities and challenges of AI adoption in the public sector. Funded by the Interreg Europe program, this project will run from 2024 to 2028.

"Our mission is to help people better understand and use AI, enhancing existing services and driving the development of a more predictive society. We aim to build AI capabilities within city processes and equip citizens with the skills needed to actively contribute to the future of services. Through this, we can foster continuous learning and innovation, ensuring that AI benefits everyone."

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RESPONSIBLE AI: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CITIES

The AI4Citizens project seeks to deepen our understanding of AI's role in urban and regional development. AI can boost productivity, streamline public services, and improve administrative efficiency. However, it's essential to address potential risks surrounding security, ethics, and trust. AI must be implemented in a way that benefits society, ensuring inclusivity and preparing all citizens for this transformative change.

WHO'S INVOLVED?

Led by Tampere, AI4Citizens brings together six other cities and regional authorities: Amsterdam, Bacau, Bucharest, Helsinki, Piemonte, and Riga. As part of this collaboration, the project will identify and develop good practices for AI governance. Adapting to the AIA is not only a requirement for all of us, but it's also a shared opportunity. It's something we're committed to embracing together, ensuring collaboration is at the heart of this transformation.

OUR GOALS

The project aims to help local and regional decision-makers establish frameworks that promote the safe and ethical use of AI in public governance. By improving AI literacy and integrating AI into ongoing initiatives—such as digital transformation and smart city programs—AI4Citizens will contribute to regional vitality and well-being.

HOW ARE WE GETTING STARTED?

The project will begin by compiling knowledge already gained within city organizations on data-driven management and AI utilization. Building on this foundation, AI4Citizens will develop new guidelines to ensure ongoing progress in AI governance. Instead of creating a new "kingdom," AI4Citizens will embed AI into existing city development efforts.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

We believe in open dialogue and are committed to providing opportunities for citizens to participate. As part of our early initiatives, we will engage with key groups such as children, youth, immigrants, and the elderly to ensure diverse perspectives are represented in the conversation about AI.

COLLABORATION FOR SUCCESS

This journey is not one we can take alone. AI4Citizens will foster collaboration both within city sectors and across the regions involved. By sharing experiences and learning from each other, we aim to build a strong foundation for the future of AI governance.

"In future Tampere, we all have sufficient AI literacy."

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