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## Artificial intelligence must serve humans

The BfDI Prof. Ulrich Kelber has campaigned in the European Data Protection Board (EDSA) for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to be banned if it does not respect the personality and dignity of humans. In an opinion on the European Commission's draft regulation, the EDPB underlines the outstanding importance of data protection when using AI.

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The BfDI said: The European Commission has presented the world's first draft for a legal framework for AI. This technology has only just begun to fundamentally change our lives. In addition to the opportunities that arise, it must be ensured that personal rights, the right to informational self-determination and other fundamental rights are not violated by AI. Because such systems often process personal data that pose great risks to people's rights and freedoms. We don't want AI in the gray area of fundamental rights. I advocate a ban on AI, which runs counter to a basic understanding of free democracy.

A lot of work will still be needed before the European Commission's proposal produces a well-functioning legal framework that effectively complements existing rules on data protection, such as the General Data Protection Regulation, in protecting fundamental human rights, while at the same time promoting AI innovations. Fundamental questions arise that can only be meaningfully answered in a broad social dialogue. In addition, the interaction of the new AI regulation and existing law, in particular the General Data Protection Regulation, as well as questions regarding the design of supervision and legal enforcement of the new AI requirements must be clarified. The EDPB press release on this can be found at:

[https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2021/edpb-edps-call-ban-use-ai-automated-recognition-human-features-publicly-accessible\\_en](https://edpb.europa.eu/news/news/2021/edpb-edps-call-ban-use-ai-automated-recognition-human-features-publicly-accessible_en)

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public bodies

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company

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Press, radio, church

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