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# MACHINE LEARNING AND DATA SCIENCE

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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is no doubt that the progressive digitalization of the world has a ground-breaking impact on every sphere of people's lives. Since the beginning of the XXI century, digital technology has permeated every aspect of modern society, becoming an integral part of our everyday lives. This brings both thrilling opportunities and new challenges for the research communities in this ever-changing and somewhat revolutionary context, as it implies shifts in established paradigms and application of completely new study approaches. However, it is not only scientists who are facing the challenge on

CSIC white paper on Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Data Science sketches a preliminary roadmap for addressing current R&D challenges associated with automated and autonomous machines. More than 50 research challenges investigated all over Spain by more than 150 experts within CSIC are presented in eight chapters. Chapter One introduces key concepts and tackles the issue of the integration of knowledge (representation), reasoning and learning in the design of artificial entities. Chapter Two analyses challenges associated with the development of theories –and supporting technologies– for modelling the behaviour of autonomous agents. Specifically, it pays attention to the interplay between elements at micro level (individual autonomous agent interactions) with the macro world (the properties we seek in large and complex societies). While Chapter Three discusses the variety of data science applications currently used in all fields of science, paying particular attention to Machine Learning (ML) techniques, Chapter Four presents current development in various areas of robotics. Chapter Five explores the challenges associated with computational cognitive models. Chapter Six pays attention to the ethical, legal, economic and social challenges coming alongside the development of smart systems. Chapter Seven engages with the problem of the environmental sustainability of deploying intelligent systems at large scale. Finally, Chapter Eight deals with the complexity of ensuring the security, safety, resilience and privacy-protection of smart systems against cyber threats.