

EU AI Act Compliance Checklist

The EU AI Act applies to anyone placing AI on the EU market or whose AI output is used in the EU, including US and UK companies. Work top to bottom: classify first, then apply the obligations for your risk tier.

1. Classify and scope

- Inventory every AI system you provide or deploy.
- Assign each system a risk tier: prohibited, high-risk, limited-risk, or minimal-risk.
- Confirm your role for each system: provider, deployer, importer, or distributor.
- Document the reasoning if you decide an Annex III system is not high-risk.

2. High-risk obligations

- Risk management system across the system lifecycle.
- Data governance for training, validation, and test data.
- Technical documentation (Annex IV).
- Automatic logging of events.
- Transparency and clear instructions for use.
- Human oversight built into the design.
- Accuracy, robustness, and cybersecurity.
- A quality management system covering the above.

3. Place it on the market

- Complete the conformity assessment (internal control or notified body).
- Draw up the EU declaration of conformity.
- Affix CE marking.
- Register the system in the EU database before it goes live.

4. After launch and lighter tiers

- Post-market monitoring and serious-incident reporting.
- Re-assess after any substantial modification.
- Limited-risk: disclose AI interaction and label deepfakes and synthetic media.
- General-purpose AI: documentation, training-content summary, and a copyright policy.