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Robot Law

- 1. Presentation of the report on civil law rule on robotics
 - 2. Liability: do we need a new legal framework?

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Concerns

- Robots serve humans
- Fears and expectations
- Societal changes

2014-2019



TEXTS ADOPTED

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Civil Law Rules on Robotics

European Parliament resolution of 16 February 2017 with recommendations to the Commission on Civil Law Rules on Robotics (2015/2103(INL))

The European Parliament,

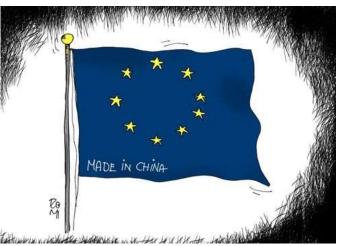
- having regard to Article 225 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Council Directive 85/374/EEC¹,
- having regard to the study on Ethical Aspects of Cyber-Physical Systems carried out on behalf of the Parliament's Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) Panel and managed by the Scientific Foresight Unit (STOA), European Parliamentary Research Service;
- having regard to Rules 46 and 52 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Legal Affairs and the opinions of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (A8-0005/2017),

Introduction

EU against USA and China



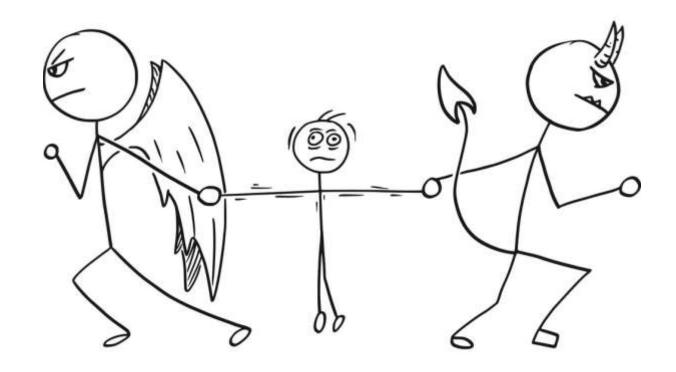
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Potential versus Challenges



Cyberhacking



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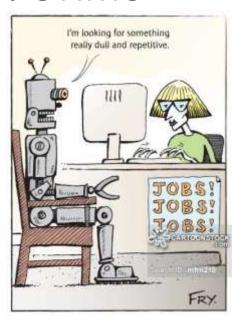
Data protection



Ethical principles

- Reliability
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Fairness

Jobs & Skills









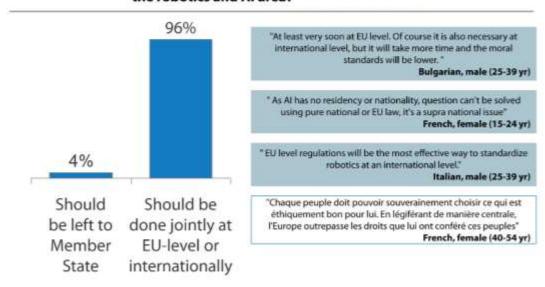
EU Agency

Outcome of the public consultation launched by EPRS (European Parliamentary Research Service) in 2017

(3) VERY LARGE MAJORITY PREFERS SUPRA-NATIONAL REGULATION



Generally speaking, do you think it is necessary to regulate developments in the robotics and AI area?



EPRS |

Liability: do we need a new legal framework?

Product liability directive

- Limitation in the current framework
- Definition of defectiveness
- Is an algorithm a product

Liability: do we need a new legal framework?

Product liability directive new risks

- a) Software failure
- b) Network failure
- c) Hacking
- d) Programming choice



Liability: do we need a new legal framework?

Liability – further options

- a) Obligatory insurance
- b) E-personality

Superhumans

