

R3 Keeping green values in the age of AI

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Resolution text

1 In the last couple of years we have been witnessing the transformation and
2 development of digital technologies. One of the dominant spheres that have been
3 on the rise is artificial intelligence (also known as AI, as it will be referred
4 to in this resolution). While AI has been present in the background for some
5 time, it is safe to say that it has finally become a crucial part of the
6 contemporary person's life, whether they are aware of it or not.

7 AI is now being used in a wide variety of jobs, from the essential ones like
8 healthcare and finance, to the creative ones, like writing and filmmaking. We
9 are using it every time we use Google translate, social media, automatic
10 passport control, smart air conditioning and, perhaps most evident, generative
11 chatbots such as ChatGPT, only to name a few. However, people don't often
12 realise how much AI is used in today's world in more controversial and harmful
13 fields, such as surveillance and warfare. With the rapid decline of democracy
14 and rise of authority and right-wing ideas, AI is one of the main tools of
15 oppression in Eastern Europe. It is proven that these tools are heavily used in
16 Serbia for spyware, as well as video surveillance that operates in a legal grey
17 zone^{[1][2]}, while similar happenings have been noted in Albania^[3], Bulgaria and
18 Hungary^[4], among others. Russia and Turkey have been using AI as a tool of
19 political authoritarian propaganda^[5]. Greece has been using AI technology as a
20 tool of oppression against migrants^[6]. Russia has additionally been misusing AI
21 technologies heavily during the full scale invasion of Ukraine since 2022, both
22 as means of propaganda^[7], and as active aggressive military threat^[8]. The harm
23 is even greater when we take into consideration that many of the Eastern
24 European countries don't even have any regulations regarding AI^{[9][10]}.

25 CDN is not and never has been against innovation and development in technology,
26 and we underline that the instances of questionable usages of AI don't mean that
27 the whole technology is to be ostracized. However, we must prioritise safe,
28 humane and democratic usage and development of the technology, both on a
29 personal and governmental level. This is why we demand and advocate for the
30 following ways that would help creating and using AI on par with green values:

- 31 • There should be complete transparency when developing AI and AI tools, as
32 well as transparency about when and how they are used. Development of AI
33 should be in public interest and with public accountability in mind. There
34 shouldn't be monopolisation of AI by the big tech, and there should be
35 open-source models that would ensure fair access. AI should serve human

36 needs, not corporate profits. Future developments should be open source
37 and all information gathering should be made public.

- 38 • AI should be used to help and improve workplaces and services, and not to
39 harm existing workers. We demand strong labor protection and banning job
40 displacement due to automation. AI should be primarily used and developed
41 in order to aid human needs, and to improve social services, such as
42 health-care, education, and social security. These tools should,
43 therefore, be free and accessible, with developed programs for education
44 of digital literacy that would help people use the tools.
- 45 • We demand that all the countries in Eastern Europe adopt detailed, dynamic
46 and democratic policies and strategies for AI usage that will prioritise
47 human rights and freedoms. The future usages of AI by the state must then
48 go in line with these legislations. These practices should be constantly
49 revised and updated in ways to ensure any discrimination by AI, especially
50 against the marginalized communities and migrants. AI in autonomous
51 weapons and warfare, as well as in mass surveillance should be completely
52 banned, especially by the government.

53 Finally, while we realise AI is the key part of contemporary life, especially
54 for youth, as an organisation with green values we must keep environmental
55 sustainability in mind. AI tools often use up a lot of energy and damage the
56 environment in the process, which is why we should strive against
57 overconsumption of AI and demand regulations of AI's energy consumption,
58 including data centers and large-scale models. AI should be developed as a
59 sustainable tool as much as possible, protecting the interest of the
60 environment.

61 In future, CDN plans to develop the strategies and resolutions regarding the AI
62 in accordance with other organisations such as EU, Council of Europe and
63 European Youth Forum. We will continue, as CDN representatives, to practice
64 transparent AI usage, but also encourage creativity, development and green
65 values.

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Reason

The reasoning for the resolution is presented in its content.