The French National Artificial Intelligence Research Program: The French AI Strategy

Objectives of the National AI Strategy

- Establishment of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Program (→ AI Mission National Artificial Intelligence Research Program)
- Initial fund budget of 1.5 billion euros for five years (2018-2022), gathered three approaches: (1) a fund budget of 1.5 billion euros for five years (2018-2022), (2) talent support programs, (3) talent support programs, and (4) an ambitious strategy for Artificial Intelligence (aiforhumanity) on March 29, 2018.

Inria coordinates the National Artificial Intelligence Research Program

Inria is leading this mission in cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (Ministre de l'Enseignement supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation). Each year, Inria reports on its coordination action (contact us) and launched the National AI Strategy on the international level, the ethical values that we stand for while supporting our companies.

Jean Zay: The supercomputer

The Jean Zay supercomputer is one of the first European supercomputers to be used in deep learning and artificial intelligence research. It is co-developed by Inria and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). The Jean Zay supercomputer is a key player in the European Union’s Digital Europe research project, which aims to accelerate the development of artificial intelligence in Europe.

The Paris Centre of Expertise on the Global Partnership in Artificial Intelligence

Inria represents the Paris Centre of Expertise on the Global Partnership in Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), an initiative led by the World Economic Forum (WEF). The GPAI is a global, non-profit organization that brings together leading companies, researchers, and policymakers to advance the development of global standards for AI. Inria contributes to the GPAI’s work by sharing its expertise and knowledge, and by promoting the responsible development of AI.

Talent support programs

In a wider context, the international competition for talent and cutting-edge research in AI is stronger than it has probably ever been, the world deployment of the National Artificial Intelligence Research Program (→ AI Mission National Artificial Intelligence Research Program) shall be able to promote, on an international level, the ethical values that we stand for while supporting our companies.

The US President’s AI task force recommended the following measures:

- Establishing an ethical framework for AI
- Disseminating AI to the economy and society
- Achieving best-in-class level of research for AI
- Contributing to the international cooperation in AI
- Participating in strong financing (the special case of public research)

Only on the basis of strong research shall we be able to promote, on an international level, the ethical values that we stand for while supporting our companies.

On the “Future of work”.

Within the framework of the Paris CofE, Inria has also proposed the creation of a “Do Tank” to study AI’s impact on the labor market and the potential ways to mitigate its negative effects. The “Do Tank” will be devoted to the working group “The Future of Work and the economy”, and will be dedicated to the study of the impact of AI on the labor market, in particular the impact on jobs and the economy.

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