

Securing AI

From the AI Act to the Next Wave of
European Regulation and Beyond

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Why This Matters Now

The AI Security Inflection Point

- AI adoption accelerating across all sectors
- New attack surface + systemic risk
- Shift: AI → regulated technology



AI-specific threat landscape

AI-native threats (examples)

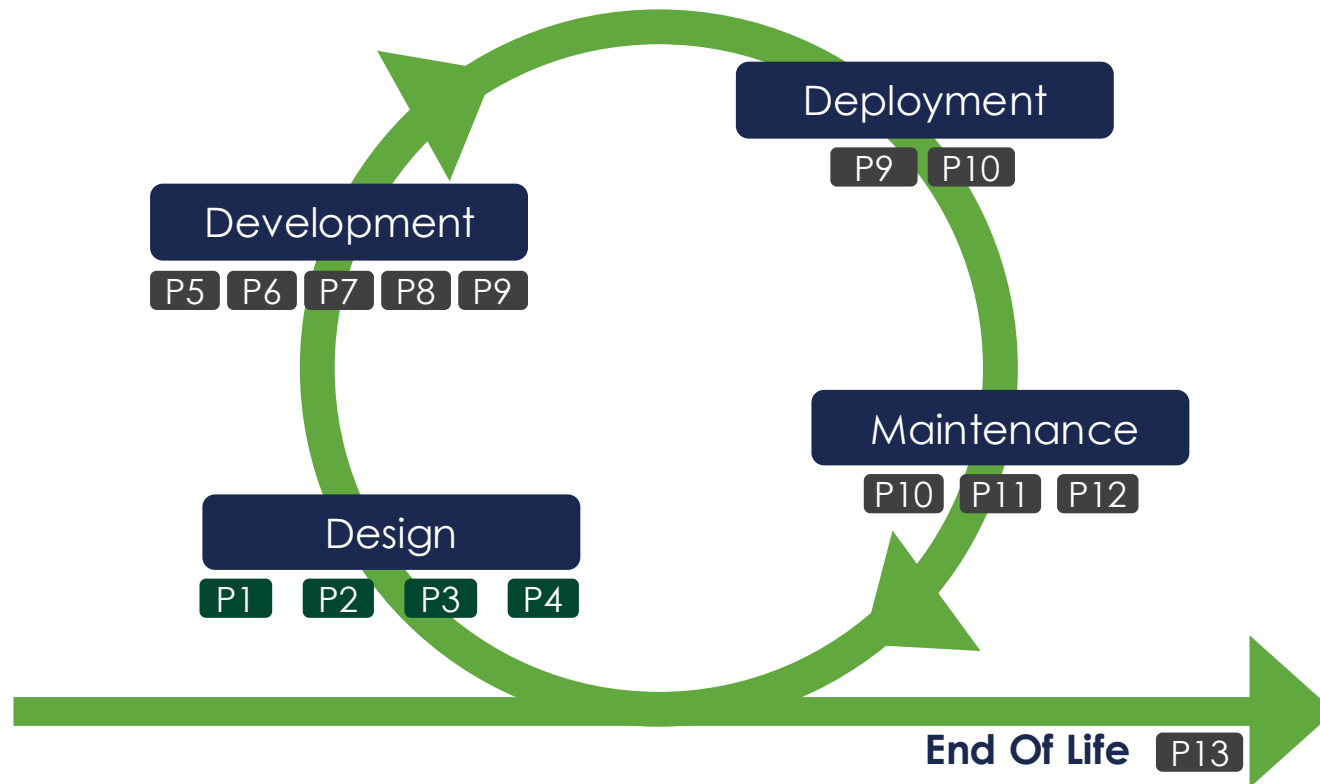
- Prompt injection & adversarial inputs
- Data poisoning (training-time attacks)
- Model extraction / exfiltration
- Output manipulation & hallucination exploitation
- Privacy leakage / inference attacks

Supply chain risks (examples)

- Vulnerabilities in training data, pre-trained models, dependencies
- Third-party components massively increase attack surface
- Attacks propagate across ecosystems (e.g. compromised model/artifacts)

Securing the AI lifecycle

Security must be end-to-end



P1	Raise awareness of AI security threats and risks
P2	Design your AI system for security as well as functionality and performance
P3	Evaluate the threats and manage the risks to your AI system
P4	Enable human responsibility for AI systems
P5	Identify, track and protect your assets
P6	Secure your infrastructure
P7	Secure your supply chain
P8	Document your data, models and prompts
P9	Conduct appropriate testing and evaluation
P10	Communication and processes associated with End-users and Affected Entities
P11	Maintain regular security updates, patches and mitigations
P12	Monitor your system's behaviour
P13	Ensure proper data and model disposal

Source: ETSI TR 104 128 „Securing Artificial Intelligence (SAI); Guide to Cyber Security for AI Models and Systems“

The AI Act

Key concepts

- Risk-based framework: obligations scale with risk

4 risk categories:

- Unacceptable → prohibited
 - High-risk → strict regulation
 - Limited → transparency
 - Minimal → no obligations
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- Extraterritorial scope: applies if AI affects EU users

Obligations

Prohibited AI (ban)

- Social scoring, harmful manipulation, exploitation of vulnerable groups

High-risk AI (core obligations)

- Risk management system (lifecycle-based)
- Data quality & bias control
- Technical documentation & logging
- Transparency & human oversight
- Accuracy, robustness, cybersecurity
- Conformity assessment + EU registration
- Post-market monitoring & incident reporting

Limited-risk AI

- Disclosure: user must know they interact with AI
- Labelling (e.g., deepfakes, chatbots)

GPAI models

- Documentation, training data summary, copyright compliance
- Additional testing & risk controls for systemic models

The Next Wave of European Regulation

To consider

- AI Act Omnibus
 - clarifies existing AI Act requirements
 - extends compliance deadlines for high-risk AI systems (HRAIS)
 - introduces new rules on AI-generated intimate content
- Guidelines and Code of Practice (transparency requirements)
- Cyber Resilience Act
- Cybersecurity Act 2
- EU Cloud & AI Development Act
 - Security, sovereignty & resilience of AI/cloud infrastructure
- AI Liability Directive?

Beyond

What to expect

- Continuous, real-time governance of AI system
- Continuous monitoring obligations (not just post-market)
- Runtime compliance / “AI observability”
- Automated audit & reporting
- Integrated trust framework
- Infrastructure security + geopolitical risk management

What organizations should do now

Act

- Inventory and classify AI systems
- Introduce AI risk management framework
- Integrate AI into Cybersecurity governance and Supply chain security
- Secure the full AI lifecycle
- Prepare for:
 - Documentation
 - Testing
 - Continuous monitoring



Thank You

