



**Ministers responsible for Telecommunications and Digital Affairs**

Council of the European Union (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy)  
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**RE: Joint statement by international industry associations on the Cloud and AI Development Act (CADA) ahead of the Telecom Council of 9 June 2026**

Dear Ministers,

We write as a broad coalition of business associations representing companies from Australia, Canada, Japan, United Kingdom, United States, and other key partner economies, with deep and long-standing strategic operations and investments across the European Union.

Across sectors, our members' engagement in the EU market reflects confidence in a regulatory framework that has historically supported openness, predictability, and international collaboration. We share, without reservation, the European Commission's ambition to strengthen Europe's industrial and technological capacity at this moment of geopolitical uncertainty.

At the same time, the age of artificial intelligence and the underlying large-scale compute has, and will continue to reshape key parts of the global economy. Europe's determination to lead that transformation is the right one, and our members stand ready to contribute to it as they have for decades, as investors, employers, customers, and partners on the ground.

In this context, we are following with great interest the published Cloud and AI Development Act (CADA) proposal and wish to share our concerns ahead of the Telecom Council of 9 June.

In particular, we are concerned that certain elements of the proposal introduce market access requirements against companies headquartered outside the European Union or owned or controlled outside the European Union that would significantly affect our members' participation in the European digital ecosystem.

Approaches that rely on a vendor's corporate structure, jurisdictional exposure, or geographic origin when determining eligibility – whether that's for providing cloud, AI, or software – could lead to uneven treatment of suppliers and reduce opportunities for trusted companies that have long been investing in Europe's digital development.

Given that digital technologies underpin competitiveness, security, and innovation, maintaining open access to diverse and globally integrated solutions is increasingly important.

Restrictions that limit customer choice in how services can be sourced or deployed risk introducing inefficiencies, increasing costs, and complicating the operation of cross-border business models, which are effects that would also be felt by EU companies that want to grow and are competing fiercely on the global stage.

Enhancing Europe's technological base is a shared objective. Yet, the design of new policy instruments will be critical in ensuring that these goals are achieved in a way that reinforces, rather than constrains, Europe's role in the global digital economy. Economic resilience and technological leadership are most effectively built through cooperation between trusted partners. Preserving this openness remains essential to sustaining the EU's long-term competitiveness.

We would therefore encourage Member States and the European Parliament to ensure that CADA is revised in a manner that remains consistent with the principles of non-discrimination, proportionality, and openness to key trade partners.

A framework that enables participation based on objective and transparent criteria will better support Europe's innovation capacity and strategic interests by giving EU business and consumers more choice and access to best-in-class global providers. In doing so, the Commission should continue its work aimed at deepening the Single Market and simplifying the legislative framework, so companies can scale and operate efficiently across borders.

Our organisations remain committed to constructive engagement and would welcome continued dialogue as the proposal evolves.

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