

European
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& Society Fund

Meeting the AI challenge

2024 in review



Welcome from the director

The challenge in 2024 was daunting. Big Tech's stranglehold over AI grew as investments reached mind-boggling levels, while the costs to the public have continued to mount – from gig workers being fired by algorithms, to chatbots producing election misinformation and the mushrooming of energy hungry data centres. Continuing along this path means AI will not deliver on its promise for society. Instead, it will increase injustice, undermine our climate goals and erode our human and democratic rights.

Despite the odds, our community of grantees has continued to resist this capture of our futures.

We've seen their determination rewarded in the adoption of the AI Act in the European Union, which incorporates many of the fundamental rights provisions they've fought for. Outside the policy arena, they've won victories to protect migrants from abusive uses of surveillance technologies, supported workers to challenge invasive monitoring, and shone a light on how generative AI has influenced crucial elections.

Our funding partners have stepped up to the challenge as well. In 2024 we grew to 17 members, with four new foundations joining us – a strong sign of philanthropy's commitment to turn the tide on AI. We launched the Breakthrough Initiative with an ambition to raise an additional €10m, and thanks to donors' generosity we are more than halfway to our target. This has already allowed us to commit €4m to challenging harmful AI practices, and almost €500,000 in fellowships to investigate market power and AI.

As we look ahead, we continue to believe that there is an opportunity in Europe to achieve technology that is just and fair for everyone.

The tech regulation the EU has adopted over the past five years is not perfect, but it is proof that democratic institutions can set the terms under which tech companies operate. We will lead the way in ensuring this regulation is enforced effectively to provide justice and accountability for those who have been harmed by technologies.

Over the past year the collective power of our grantees and the unwavering support of our partners has allowed us to face the AI challenge head on, and remain steadfast despite the increasingly hostile climate.

Big Tech's capture of US democracy serves as a cautionary tale that we must unite to forge a different path, one where AI is used in the service of people, society and the planet.

We know that by working together in the year ahead and beyond we will succeed in building a future where AI works for everyone, not just the powerful few.

Catherine Miller

Director, European AI & Society Fund

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We shape AI to better serve people and society

We support diverse public interest groups across Europe by galvanising funding to empower them with the capacity and skills to shape policy and debates so that AI is used to promote fair, inclusive and sustainable societies.

By pooling philanthropic resources, **since 2021 we have invested over €8.5m** in growing a community of civil society groups that can shape the AI agenda in the public interest, free from corporate or government ties.



Since 2021, we've empowered **49 public interest organisations** to shape the AI agenda to serve people and society.



We're a **platform for funders** to grow resources to fight for AI that promotes fair, inclusive and sustainable societies.



Through field-building, we nurture the **community's collective strength**.

2024 at a glance

We supported



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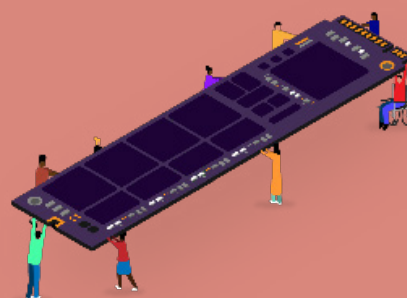
We awarded a total of €3.5m in new grants.

€5m

We secured more than €5m in new funding and launched **three** new funding calls.

More than 60 people

from across our grantee and funding partners were brought together at our flagship community event.



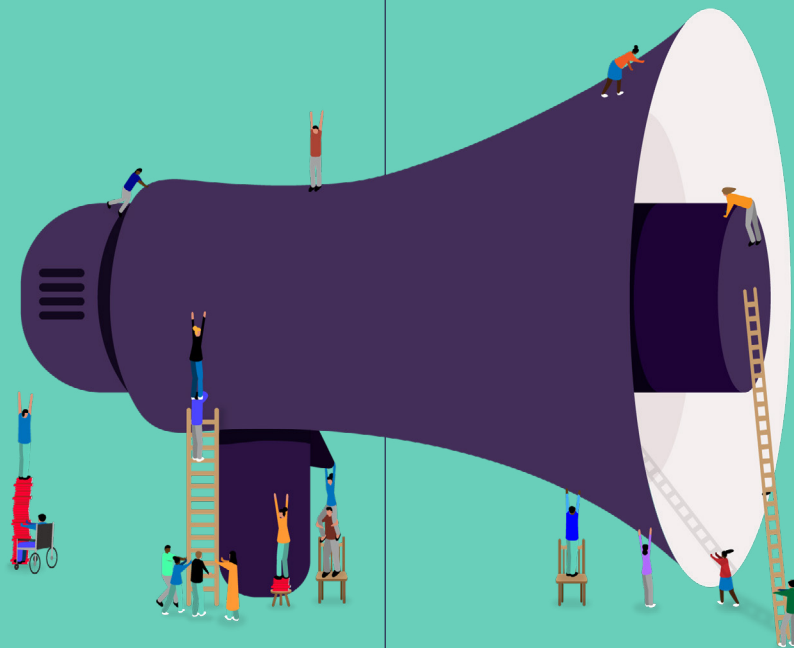
4 new partners

We welcomed four new funding partners from France, the US and Italy, growing our community to 17 foundations.

Five transformative moments in 2024

Our community of grantees has grown and we're now supporting 45 diverse public interest organisations taking a range of approaches to shape AI. Here are five of the ways they've had an impact this year.

- [1. Fighting Big Tech capture of AI](#)
- [2. Digital labour movements are on the rise](#)
- [3. Europe's new AI regulation now faces a real-world accountability test](#)
- [4. Building solidarity to promote migrant and racial justice](#)
- [5. Safeguarding elections in the age of generative AI](#)



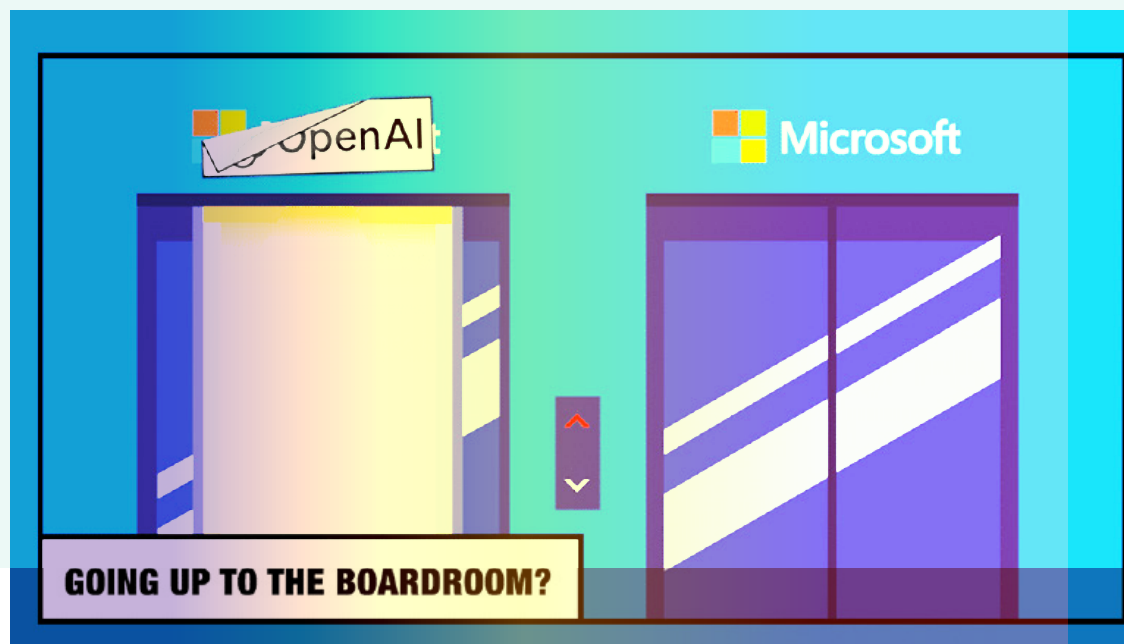
1. Fighting Big Tech capture of AI

As billions of dollars were poured into AI in an investment goldrush, civil society mobilised to challenge the growing dominance of a few tech titans.

Our grantees [ICCL Enforce](#) and [Foxglove](#) together with allied civil society organisations made [multiple submissions](#) to the European Commission and UK Competition and Markets Authority. They urged regulators to seriously investigate new so-called “partnerships” between Big Tech, including Microsoft and Amazon, and generative AI companies, such as OpenAI and Mistral, arguing that these deals distort competition and cement monopolies. This trend towards consolidation puts control over the direction of AI in the hands of a few corporate actors, deepening economic inequality and stifling innovation that could serve the public interest.

As the new European administration grapples with how to respond, we were pleased to partner with Stiftung Mercator to support the [AI NOW Institute](#) to connect their expertise from the US to the European debate. Their [timely report](#) brought together leading thinkers and urged the EU to develop its own approach to AI industrial policy, independent of corporations and individual governments, and respecting of rights and public interest.

Photo: Foxglove/
Matthew
Leidecker, Art
of Freedom



2. Digital labour movements are on the rise

Improving labour conditions for workers along the supply chain of the digital economy and building trust-based collaborations with workers has been at the heart of our grantees' work.

With the number of platform workers in the EU rising by 52% since 2022, Croatian trade union [Novi Sindikat](#) focused their efforts on building the capacity and digital literacy of trade unions across the region through in-person gatherings and creating [a toolkit on AI and data rights](#). Prompted by emerging concerns about the mental health impacts of AI-driven systems, **Novi Sindikat** conducted a study on algorithmic anxiety among food delivery riders, revealing that riders have limited understanding of the algorithms governing their work, few opportunities to negotiate collective agreements, and that workplace safety measures are often ignored. They used these findings and the networks they built to advocate for better working conditions.

“Throughout the project we prioritised building trust and strong relationships with data workers and being fully committed to their agenda.”

SUPERRR Lab



Photo: Luca Ponti / Shutterstock.com



Photo: Superrr Lab. Data workers gathering in Nairobi, Kenya, in August 2024.

AI companies rely on the labour of poorly-paid global majority data workers to power the systems that generate their vast wealth. Our partner [Foxglove](#) believes an empowered and organised tech workforce is a meaningful check on corporate power. Sustained funding since 2021 has helped **Foxglove** to nurture long-term partnerships with content moderators, data-labellers, AI workers, and their unions [demanding](#) the right to unionise and hold companies to account in the countries where workers are employed. [Foxglove is supporting two ongoing strategic litigation cases in the Kenyan courts](#), brought by more than 180 former content moderators, to hold Facebook accountable for unlawful exploitation and mass-firing.

Complementing this work, [SUPERRR Lab](#) designed a collaborative research approach with data workers in Kenya that mapped and visualised the supply chain, and highlighted potential for improvements in labour conditions and the policy change they want to see.

3. Europe's new AI regulation now faces a real-world accountability test

Hundreds of meetings with decision-makers and partners, dozens of open letters and op-eds, and powerful campaigns backed by thousands, along with countless stories from communities most affected by AI, helped civil society shape the AI Act, Europe's new AI regulation that was adopted in 2024.

Our grantees [achieved significant victories](#), such as prohibitions on some of the most harmful uses of AI, and remedies for affected people. But set against powerful corporate lobbying and the realpolitik of the European Union, the final legislation doubtless [falls short in many areas](#), especially when it comes to the use of AI in policing and migration control.

[Research](#) we commissioned from the [European Center for Not-for-Profit Law](#) highlighted the importance of civil society's continued engagement in the implementation and enforcement of the AI Act to ensure it nonetheless delivers accountability in practice. The collective work of our community continues with [European Digital Rights \(EDRi\)](#) issuing a [legal and practical guide](#) for civil society organisations, communities and activists on how to keep resisting biometric surveillance practices using opportunities from within and outside of the AI Act.

As focus shifts to the AI Act's adoption in EU member states, our funding for [Hermes Center](#) and [The Good Lobby Italy](#) strengthened national-level coordination on the AI Act, by launching the first coalition of diverse organisations in Italy collectively working to promote human rights in the digital sphere. Meanwhile, the [European Disability Forum](#) is working with disability justice organisations across Europe to [implement and monitor the regulation](#) to make technologies more accessible, a provision they were able to secure in the AI Act.

As [watchdogs sounded the alarm](#) on corporate influence over the technical standards that will define AI Act compliance, we continued supporting consumer organisation [ANEC](#) to make sure that the standards that AI companies will have to meet don't fall short of safeguarding people's rights. Implementation efforts will continue through 2025 with a new cohort of ten consumer, human rights and digital justice organisations, making sure civil society maintains a united voice in advancing AI governance.

Five transformative moments in 2024



Photos: Hermes Center and the Good Lobby Italy. “When they see us”, an exhibition on AI risks and regulation in Bologna, organised by the Hermes Center and the Good Lobby.

4. Building solidarity to promote migrant and racial justice

The rise of far-right politics has intensified anti-migration rhetoric and further tightening of Europe's borders.

To better understand how surveillance technologies, such as drones and heat sensors, affect migrants on the southern Spanish border, [EuroMed Rights](#) in collaboration with [AlgoRace](#) undertook [field research](#), which [discovered](#) that technology is used mainly to detect and expel people on the move, which pushes them to follow even more dangerous routes.

In this hostile environment, civil society tactics to promote migrant and racial justice increasingly rest on community-building and resistance. With our funding, [Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice](#) brought together 100 racial, social and migrant justice and digital rights organisers to build solidarity and collective power across racial justice, women's rights and digital justice movements at the successful [Colour of Surveillance Conference](#), hosted together with International Women* Space and Weaving Liberation. One takeaway from the conference was the importance of directly funding migrant-led organisations.

In Greece, following a successful complaint by [Homo Digitalis](#) and a coalition of organisations and academics, the Hellenic Data Protection Authority [fined](#) the Greek Ministry of Immigration and Asylum for violating asylum seekers' data rights and ordered them to comply with the European data rules. The complaint, launched over two years ago, argued that AI-powered surveillance systems, like "Centaurus" and "Hyperion", which have been deployed in refugee camps and reception centres, further restricted vulnerable communities and breached their privacy rights.

Pictured: Sarah Chander (Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice), Marwa Fatafta (Access Now), Sara Chitseko, (Open Rights Group, Erase the Database), Adla Shashati (Greek Forum of Migrants). Credit: Antoinette N'Sow





Our grantee, **FEMYSO (Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations)**, working with grassroots Muslim youth groups, hosted a red teaming event in Brussels to build digital literacy and raise awareness on the issue of bias in large language models (LLMs) that are the foundation for AI chatbots. During the event, participants were able to break the safeguards of several chatbots and generated over 270 examples of Islamophobic bias, which they used to urge AI companies to do better and de-bias their datasets.

This work underscores the disproportionate impact of AI technologies on racialised and marginalised people, and the urgent need to protect fundamental rights for all.



Photos: FEMYSO. FEMYSO red teaming event at the European Parliament.

5. Safeguarding elections in the age of generative AI

With several major elections across Europe in 2024 we supported organisations that investigated the use of generative AI in political campaigns and worked to prevent misinformation spread by AI chatbots.

Who Targets Me conducted research, advocacy, and technical experimentation to better understand how generative AI affects political advertising. They found that AI tools were, in fact, not widely used by party campaigns as they produce content that is identifiably fake and falls foul of social media platforms' policies. Who Targets Me's own use of AI tools allowed them to translate and summarise weekly advertising content for over 600 political parties and groups around the world, enabling analysis and greater scrutiny of online campaigns.

In Germany our funding supported AlgorithmWatch to effectively communicate their investigations into chatbot responses about regional elections. Their evidence of systematic false responses prompted improvements in the safeguards within Microsoft Copilot to reduce election misinformation in German. Despite these advances, AlgorithmWatch found that AI models continued to spread false information about politicians and incorrect election dates. The investigations also revealed that limited access to realistic data poses a significant challenge to conducting future research at scale.



Illustration by
[Khari Slaughter](#) for
AlgorithmWatch

Our Grantmaking in 2024

In 2024, we launched the [Build & Breakthrough Initiatives](#) to scale our grantmaking to meet the growing AI challenge:

1. Our **Build Initiative** sustains our commitment to the ecosystem and provides essential capacity to diverse organisations to shape AI policy and debate.
2. The **Breakthrough Initiative** offers targeted investments to challenge harmful AI practices and build alternative visions in the public interest. Our aim is to mobilise an additional €10m of funding to support this work.



Across these initiatives, in 2024 we awarded **43 grants totalling €3.5 million**:



The Build Initiative

<u>We renewed funding to 19 of our grantees</u> to continue to advocate with and for those most affected by the impacts of AI, including racialised people, sex workers, people with disabilities and migrants.	Awarded: €1.96 million
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The Breakthrough Initiative

With support of the Open Society Foundations, <u>we awarded 8 AI & Market Power Fellowships</u> to better understand the market power dynamics in the current AI ecosystem and design interventions in the public interest.	Awarded: €450,000 (\$470,000)
Complementing this work, with support of Stiftung Mercator we funded AI NOW institute to connect their expertise in AI market power and industrial policy to the European debate.	Awarded: €205,000
<u>We awarded 10 AI Act Implementation grants</u> to organisations working to ensure social justice is central to the implementation of the European AI Act.	Awarded: €436,000
We awarded 5 grants to advance our community’s work to tackle accountability through strategically using European laws and regulations.	Awarded: €516,000

We also launched €2 million AI Accountability open call that will support organisations to leverage new and existing rules to deliver accountability in practice. We’re looking forward to announcing the results of this call in Spring 2025.

In 2024, we funded work across 17 countries in Europe

Explore case studies that zoom into the vital work of our partners



1. Access Now Europe | Belgium

[Access Now Europe](#) was at the forefront of AI debate in Brussels and, alongside Equinox and European Digital Rights (EDRI), co-led coalitions of 30+ civil society organisations urging European leaders, governments, and companies to adopt and enforce AI rules that respect people's rights.



2. European Sex Workers' Rights Alliance (ESWA) | The Netherlands

[ESWA](#) held training sessions in London and Glasgow with 32 sex workers to prevent intimate image-based abuse, including deepfakes. Organised with local sex workers organisations, these workshops addressed urgent safety concerns raised by ESWA member organisations.



Countries in yellow are funded by EASIF



3. Fundación Ciudadana Civio | Spain

[Civio](#) uses data journalism, advocacy, and legal action to ensure the Spanish government's use of AI systems is open and fair; for example, they took the government to court for hiding the source code of algorithms affecting vulnerable citizens.



4. SHARE Fondacija | Serbia

The grant supported [SHARE's](#) participation in a working group drafting Serbia's Artificial Intelligence Law. As mass anti-corruption protests bring hundreds of thousands to Serbia's streets, SHARE's work is a vital contribution to protect people's privacy and fundamental rights.

Civil Society Organisations and Fellows we supported in 2024

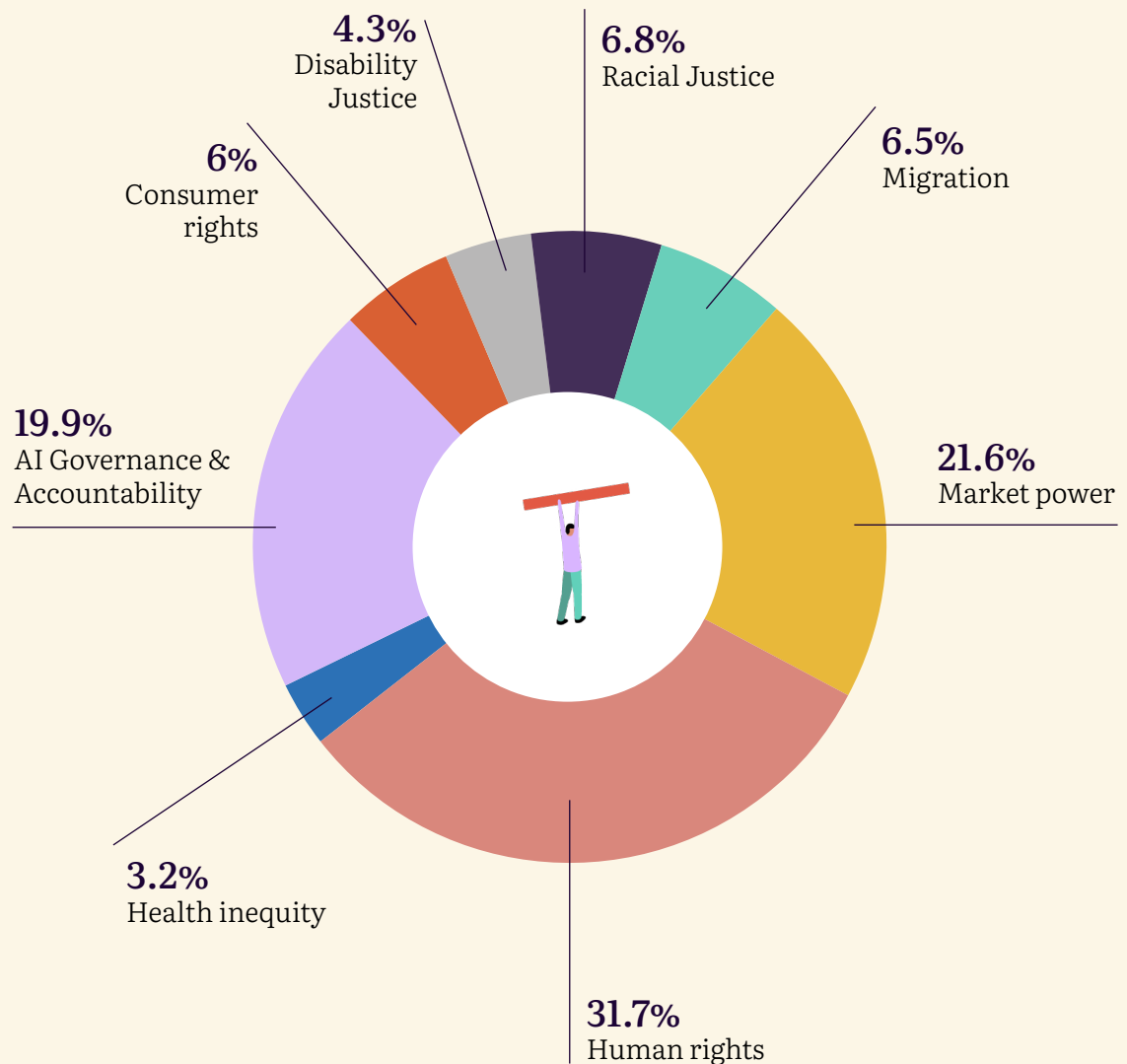
Grantees

Access Now Europe Belgium/Europe https://www.accessnow.org/	EuroMed Rights Belgium/Europe https://euromedrights.org/
Ada Lovelace Institute UK https://www.adalovelaceinstitute.org/	European Council of Autistic People (EUCAP) Czech Republic https://eucap.eu/about-eucap/
AI NOW Institute USA/ Europe https://ainowinstitute.org/	European Digital Rights (EDRi) Belgium/ Europe https://edri.org/
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Centre for Democracy & Technology (CDT Europe) Belgium/Europe https://cdt.org/eu/	Fair Trials Europe (FTE) Belgium/Europe https://www.fairtrials.org/
Danes je nov dan (Today is a new day) Slovenia https://danesjenovdan.si/	Federación de Consumidores y Usuarios CECU Spain https://cecu.es/
Epicenter.works Austria https://epicenter.works/	Forum of European Muslim Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO) Austria https://femyso.org/
Equinox Initiative for Racial Justice Belgium https://www.equinox-eu.com/	Foxglove UK https://www.foxglove.org.uk/
Eticas foundation Spain https://eticasfoundation.org/	Friends of the Earth Europe Belgium https://friendsoftheearth.eu/

Grantees

Fundación Ciudadana Civio Spain https://civio.es/	Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM) Belgium/ Europe https://picum.org/
Gesellschaft für Freiheitsrechte (GFF) Germany https://freiheitsrechte.org/en/	SHARE Foundation and Politiscope Serbia / Croatia https://sharefoundation.info/en/ https://politiscope.eu/
Glitch UK https://glitchcharity.co.uk/	Statewatch UK https://www.statewatch.org/
Global Health Advocates (GHA) France https://www.ghadvocates.eu/	Superrr Lab Germany https://superrr.net/en
Health Action International (HAI) the Netherlands https://haiweb.org/	Systemic Justice the Netherlands https://systemicjustice.ngo/
Hermes Center (Associazione Hermes) and the Good Lobby Italy Italy https://www.thegoodlobby.it	The Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ECNL) Denmark https://ecnl.org/ https://www.humanrights.dk/
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Irish Council for Civil Liberties (ICCL) Enforce Ireland https://www.iccl.ie/enforce/	Nicolas Eschenbaum Switzerland AI & Market Power Fellowship
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Open Future Foundation Spain https://openfuture.eu/	Jim Thomas USA AI & Market Power Fellowship
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	David Gray Widder USA AI & Market Power Fellowship

Our grants awarded in 2024 support organisations across diverse fields:

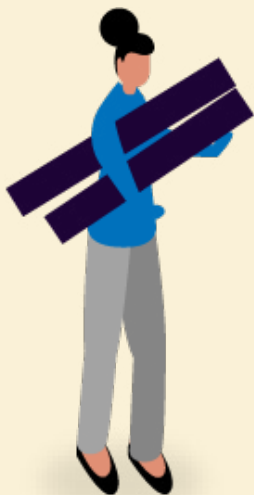


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If we are not specifically included as ‘Muslim’ and ‘Young people’, we will continue to be some of the most exposed and least protected in society.

Alexandra Darby, AI and Digital Rights Lead, Forum of European Youth and Student Organisations (FEMYSO)

Five lessons from our grantmaking



1. Civil society's appetite for doing this work far outpaces the funding available. We awarded €3.5m in grants in 2024 but the applications we received exceeded our grantmaking capacity by 10 to 1. Civil society in Europe is ready and willing to step up and work on AI, but the funding landscape is not keeping up.

2. National level work is starting to thrive. Previously, civil society work on AI has been dominated by EU-focused organisations. We, along with other funders, have been incubating work in countries around Europe and now see greater numbers of proposals from emerging coalitions in Spain, Italy, Germany, Greece and France.

3. Applications to our [AI Act Implementation grants](#) revealed that technical policy work is still dominated by technology-focused organisations, rather than social justice groups. This shows we need to keep supporting wider capacity building and connections to make sure wider public interest views are incorporated in policymaking.

4. It pays to invest in emerging organisations. We are able to support work that would fall outside the funding requirements of many foundations. The grantee organisations that we funded at an early stage have grown and gone on to secure other sources of funding, proving there's huge value in betting on small groups.

5. Transparency is vital – and a work in progress. We're working hard to make our practices as clear and straightforward as possible for instance, by sharing the scoring criteria, running information sessions, providing individualised feedback to second-round applicants, and communicating all our grant decisions openly. But we still lack capacity to provide individual feedback to everyone who has applied.

Nurturing the ecosystem

We **support collaboration and forge partnerships** among our grantees and wider ecosystem so that public interest groups can punch above their weight in the AI debate. We also offer resources so that our grantees can build their **organisational resilience** and thrive. In the current volatile context where funding is scarce, it's especially important to build solidarity and collective power.



Strong community

- We brought together 60+ grantees and funding partners at our flagship community event.
- We provided grantwriting support to two coalitions, engaging nine grantees, enabling them to apply for new EU funding.
- We co-organised a session at MozFest House to bring people together and brainstorm around impactful implementation and enforcement of the AI Act.



Photo: Re:publica. Our grantees ENAR, ESWA and EuroMed Rights discussing intersectional and inclusive AI policymaking.

Healthy Organisations

- 35 people from across 21 organisations strengthened their fundraising skills and confidence at our fundraising training.
- Nine grantees used learning and development grants to address their organisation's needs, such as team retreats, skills-building and attending trainings.
- 31 people from across 25 organisations joined From Activist to Manager leadership learning cohorts to further their leadership skills, and five individuals and five teams took part in 1:1 leadership mentoring sessions.

“One of our team members is currently undergoing From Activist to Manager capacity building training, which already offered some great techniques for team organisation and management. After the training is finished, we are planning to use new skills at the end-of-year strategic days where we conduct team analysis of our work as well as our organisational management.

Grantee partner

Strategic Influence

- We hosted several peer-to-peer learning sessions, including collectively thinking about EU election scenarios and collaborating with national human rights institutions and equality bodies.
- We supported three grantee partners to host discussions at the CPDP Conference, reaching new audiences.
- We published [a report](#) to support civil society organisations in identifying strategic opportunities for AI Act implementation and enforcement.

Philanthropy is coming together to turn the tide on AI

In 2024, our community of funding partners grew to 17 as we welcomed four new foundations: the AI Collaborative, Hewlett Foundation, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo and Fondation de France.

Working together we are able to address challenges that are too big for any one institution to tackle alone.

Our partners:



ADESIUM
FOUNDATION

AI Collaborative
An Initiative of The Omidyar Group



Fondazione
Compagnia
di San Paolo



Ford Foundation



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We ended 2024 more than halfway to our €10m Breakthrough Initiative fundraising goal, thanks to support from both new and existing partners.

This funding will be directed to organisations that take practical action against harmful AI practices, for instance by helping workers challenge abusive labour practices, contesting government surveillance, and fighting environmentally harmful data centres, as well as developing new narratives and visions for AI.

“ We are proud to support the European AI & Society Fund’s crucial role and purpose in the European funding and civil society landscape. We believe that decisions about AI’s role in society must be made by people, with people, and for people. This collective philanthropic effort is key to ensuring that AI is built in a way that is responsible and equitable for everyone.

Fanny Hidvégi, Policy Director, AI Collaborative,
an Initiative of The Omidyar Group

Our funding partners don’t just provide essential financial resources.

They generously share their collective experience from a wide range of funding contexts to inform and shape our work through our Steering Committee. Working closely with our partners, we are building a wider philanthropic community of practice, by publishing research, holding regular learning workshops and co-hosting events such as the [MozFest Funder Summit](#).

How does collective giving complement our partners' strategy?

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“Being part of the EAISF community allows us to take a collaborative and international approach to building a more inclusive digital environment. This partnership gives us access to collective knowledge and expertise while bringing a distinct French perspective to the global discussion. Our involvement with EAISF strengthens our broader mission by complementing our direct support for organisations working locally in France, nationally, and internationally. By working together and sharing expertise, we aim to foster a digital environment that upholds democratic values, protects individual freedoms, and ensures inclusivity for all.”

Constance Garnier, Lead, Digital Initiative, Fondation de France



Photos: Fondation de France

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Photo: Nobel Prize Dialogue Brussels on “Fact & Fiction: The Future of Democracy” supported by Luminate.

Why does Luminate support technology justice work in Europe?

“ Our goal is to ensure that marginalised communities are part of the conversation on governing technology in democratic and accountable ways; the EU has a strong and important leadership role in achieving that. As the world’s largest single market, the EU can challenge harmful business models, curb excessive market power, and rein in the outsized influence of a few dominant tech corporations. These challenges are greater than ever as scores of countries around the world race each other on AI.

We support civil society organisations, campaigns, and strategic litigation to challenge unlawful practices and seek remedies. Crucially, we collaborate with other funders, including through the EAISF. The forces we are up against are daunting, and no single organisation can take them on alone. That’s why partnership is at the heart of what we do.

Guillermo Beltrà, Policy Director, Luminate Strategic Initiatives and Co-chair of the EAISF Steering Committee

What's next?

Writing a fair and sustainable future for AI

2024 was a transformative year for the Fund and we are enormously proud of what our community has been able to achieve. In the year ahead we will build on this with our continued commitment to supporting our strong, diverse and resilient civil society community. Our Making Regulation Work Programme will ensure that Europe's regulatory wins are translated into accountability in practice. We will support work to reimagine a responsible approach to AI that truly delivers for the public interest and which accounts for the technology's climate and human costs.

We look ahead with confidence, thanks to the deep commitment of our funding partners to our shared mission. Throughout the coming year we'll be working to engage an even wider range of funders to join this movement and work together for a world where AI serves people and society, not just the powerful few.



Photo: EAISF. EAISF Team in 2024.

Financial statement

Income 2024	
Adessium Foundation	€350.000,00
AI Collaborative	€939.408,00
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	€113.416,38
Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo	€20.000,00
Fondation de France	€200.000,00
Ford Foundation	€203.864,90
Hewlett Foundation	€468.898,00
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation	€186.341,19
King Baudouin Foundation	€225.000,00
Limelight Foundation	€250.000,00
Luminate	€911.728,40
Mozilla Foundation	€538.135,20
Oak Foundation	€240.000,00
Open Society Foundations	€288.457,36
Porticus	€90.000,00
Robert Bosch Stiftung	€165.000,00
Stiftung Mercator	€454.250,00
Total Income	€5.644.499,43

Expenses 2024	
1.1. Open call 2020 grants	€344.944,02
1.2. Open call 2022 grants	€579.841,40
1.3. BUILD grants	€829.014,24
1.4. Breakthrough grants	€258.011,00
1.5. Ecosystem grants	€64.448,00
1.6. Funding+ grants cohort budget	€45.055,55
Sub-total grants	€2.121.314,21
2.1. Events, skills & capacity building for grantees	€69.337,24
2.2. Consultancy/Research	€113.052,54
2.3. Communication	€13.951,59
Sub-total Operations	€196.341,37
3.1. European AI & Society Fund Staff	€417.065,53
3.2. Coordination meetings	€10.173,72
3.3. Travelling Secretariat	€32.668,05
3.4. NEF – cost contribution	€140.053,00
3.5. Desk rental	€15.217,09
3.6. IT	€5.522,66
3.7. Training	€5.461,44
3.8. Unforeseen	€2.370,93
3.9. Exceptional NEF redistribution	-€25.000,00
Sub-total staff and coordination	€ 603.532,42
Total Income	€2.956.188

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