



EUROPE SAY ON AI

Research in artificial intelligence (AI) is making rapid advances, and the results will affect and transform the lives of all European citizens in the coming years.

The **Human Brain Project** conducts research in neuroscience, medicine and brain inspired computing and combines these research areas to develop artificial intelligence technologies.

To learn what European citizens think and to give them a say about how they would like the technology to develop, the Ethics & Society group in Human Brain Project is organizing **Europe Say on AI**, a citizen consultation spanning 14 European countries, from October to December 2019.

Europe Say on AI is informed by the results from AI 360 | COPENHAGEN, a multi-criteria workshop for trans-disciplinary expert assessment and generation of solutions for the society wide implications of AI, which took place in March 2019.

THE METHODOLOGY

To carry out this citizen consultation, **The Danish Board of Technology** has developed the *Europe Say* methodology: a concept for distributed dialogue, that is designed to be flexible in terms of time, place and participants, and which is supported by an online engagement tool, *EngageSuite*. The methodology enables an unlimited amount of dialogue meetings: anyone can set up a meeting with friends, family or colleagues and spend a morning, afternoon or night discussing the benefits, issues and dilemmas related to AI.

Thus, the Europe Say engagement process consists of multiple individual events, each of which are:

- **Self-organized:** Anyone can set up an event and invite up whoever they would like to. No prior knowledge or interest in AI is necessary to take part.
- **Distributed:** The events can be set up when and where it is convenient for the host. The only requirement is an internet connection.
- **Digitally supported:** To provide information material, structure and facilitate the deliberation and the collection of input, Europe Say makes use of an online engagement platform, EngageSuite, which enables everyone to participate in their own language.

At the meetings, the EngageSuite platform guides the 4-8 participants through four rounds focusing on various aspects of AI. In each round, they are provided with information and are subsequently prompted with questions for group discussion. At the end of each round, they answer a number of questions individually. Thus, it allows for reflective answers refined by deliberation. Each meeting takes app. 2,5 hours.

To ensure geographic and demographic distribution of meetings and participants, we have teamed up with local partners throughout Europe, who are responsible for recruiting at least 10 local hosts according to specified criteria. However, anyone who is interested, can organize a meeting. The engagement process is intended to snowball in this way.

To read more about EuropeSay on AI, please visit: <http://www.tekno.dk/article/eusay-ai/?lang=en>

