

ChatGPT Could Leave Europe



OpenAI CEO Sam Altman has stated that OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, might consider leaving Europe if it is unable to comply with the upcoming artificial intelligence (AI) regulations set by the European Union (EU). The EU is currently working on developing the first comprehensive set of rules to govern AI globally. One aspect of the draft regulations requires companies utilising generative AI tools, like ChatGPT, to disclose any copyrighted material used in developing their systems.

Altman mentioned during an event in London that before considering leaving Europe, OpenAI would try to comply with the upcoming AI regulation in the region. He stated that the current draft of the EU AI Act appears to be overly regulated, but there are indications that it might be revised. The draft has recently reached a common ground among EU parliamentarians, and it will now be further discussed and refined by representatives from the Parliament, the Council, and the Commission to finalise the details of the bill.

Altman explained that several potential adjustments could be made to the regulations, such as redefining general-purpose Al systems. Lawmakers have proposed the General Purpose Al Systems category to encompass Al tools, like Microsoft-supported ChatGPT, with multiple applications and capabilities. However, Altman believes there is room for improvement and modifications in the regulations to better address the nuances of such Al systems.

His views on Europe's regulatory efforts sharply contrast with his support for AI regulation in the United States. While he has encouraged U.S. lawmakers to regulate AI, he expressed concerns about Europe's approach. Altman drew parallels between the rapid growth of AI and the invention of the printing press, emphasising the need to prevent harm and work collaboratively with the government. He also acknowledged the impact of AI on jobs and highlighted the government's role in finding measures to address this. Altman proposed finding a middle ground between the traditional European-UK approach and the traditional U.S. approach to regulation, expressing his hope for collective success in finding the right approach this time.

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