

EU AI Act vs UK Pro-Innovation Approach to AI Regulation (White Paper)

Editorial verdict: **asymmetric** — see comparison narrative below.

EU · BINDING REGULATION

EU AI Act

EU-AIA-2024

TREATMENT OF AGENTIC AI GOVERNANCE

implicit

Arts. 26-29 deployer obligations apply to agent operators;
Arts. 51-55 GPAI obligations capture the underlying model

Primary source: [Regulation \(EU\) 2024/1689](#)

UK · POLICY STATEMENT

UK Pro-Innovation Approach to AI Regulation (White Paper)

UK-WHITEPAPER-2023

TREATMENT OF AGENTIC AI GOVERNANCE

silent

Principle-based, regulator-led; no agent-specific
cross-cutting rule

Primary source: [CP 815 \(2023\)](#)

What this comparison shows

One regime addresses the topic explicitly while the other covers it only implicitly or not at all. This is a likely site of regulatory arbitrage and a candidate for comparative-law follow-up.

Contested question: Should governance attach to the AGENT (multi-step actions, tool use, recursion) or to the model that powers it? Capability-tier vs action-tier frames are unresolved across jurisdictions.

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