

MANIFESTO FOR A CIVIC AI

IN A CONSTANT AND RAPIDLY EVOLVING SOCIETY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) plays an increasingly important role in the lives of citizens. This raises new opportunities but also creates concerns and challenges about its social, economic and environmental impact. A situation that is marked by the agendas of Big Tech without the involvement of civil society can lead to distrust towards AI, especially if the known problems are not solved and the people most affected do not participate in the development or the application of AI systems. Faced with this situation, we think it necessary to build a transversal, open, democratic Organization with no other interest than the collective good, which has transparent objectives and is managed in a participatory manner.

WE CONSIDER it necessary for civil society to be more aware of the impact that constant advances in AI have in their daily lives and, therefore, that it is important that citizens can participate in the decision about its use.

OUR OBJECTIVE is to make society aware of the social and environmental impacts of AI, encouraging a public conversation that contributes to making its development and responsible application a factor of economic and social progress. We want to act before society and its democratic powers as an instrument to promote a design and a socialization of this technology that are participative, that favor equal opportunities and that are respectful of the fundamental rights of human beings and the protection of the natural environment.

WE COMMIT to promoting a critical and participative debate, where dissemination and the actions taken are done in cooperation with other organizations; this will allow fostering a culture of critical awareness and regulation on the social, economic and environmental impacts of AI. We will also promote practices that empower citizens to shape responsible and sustainable AI.

WE WILL WORK in collaboration with all citizens, especially with the communities most vulnerable to the use of AI and with people who are experts in AI and in social and environmental change, in order to promote the necessary spaces for collective construction on the ethical uses of AI.

FOR ALL THIS WE HAVE DECIDED TO CONSTITUTE AN ORGANIZATION that promotes the awareness and empowerment of citizens around the social, economic and environmental impacts of AI and work for a responsible and sustainable development and application of AI. This Organization, open to everyone, calls on civil society to get involved in these measures and to that end we undertake to be active agents and collaborate with all the other key pillars of any innovative process, such as the education system, universities and research centers, governments and the business community.