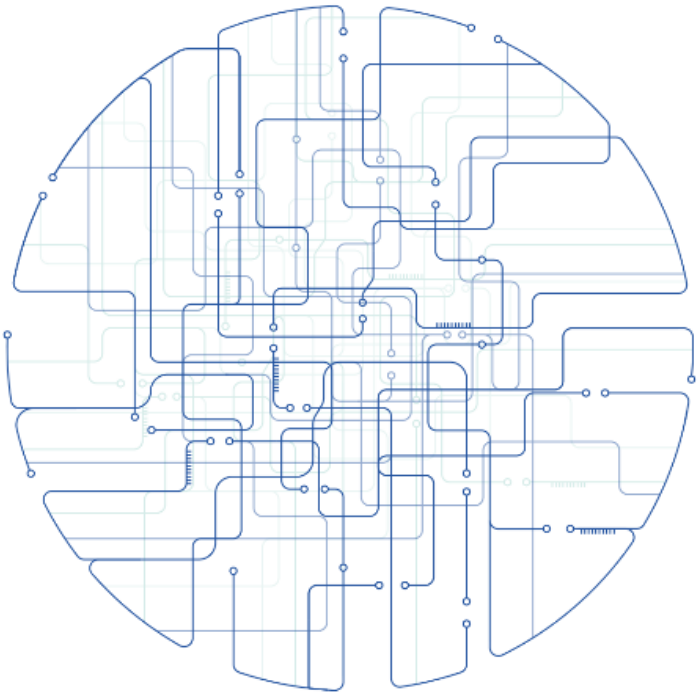


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1. Purpose

Under the Artificial Intelligence Programme Committee (AIPC) Terms of Reference, the Responsible AI Governance Task Force (the "Task Force") is established to take forward the AIPC's "AI Governance" function: developing AI governance frameworks, policies, normative standards, data privacy safeguards, and engagement with legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to CERN's AI activities.

The objective is to enable, rather than hinder, safe AI innovation, while safeguarding CERN's technical and reputational assets as the AI lighthouse initiatives become operational.

2. Status and Sponsorship

The Task Force is a time-limited body created under the AIPC's operational autonomy (Section 6 of the AIPC ToR). It has no independent decision-making authority: it develops recommendations for the AIPC, which endorses them before wider distribution or, where major strategic, institutional, or resource implications arise, escalates them to the C4.

The Task Force operates under the sponsorship of the AIPC member responsible for the AI Governance function, who oversees its work and reports progress to the Committee. This function draws on the expertise of relevant CERN services and areas (Legal Service, Data Privacy, Procurement, Sustainability, Open-Source Programme Office, Technology Transfer and Innovation, IT Security, Human Resources, Communications, Data Classification, and technical personnel through Departments and Experiments).

3. Priority Tasks Supporting the AIPC

In line with Section 7 of the AIPC ToR, the following outputs are submitted to the AIPC for formal endorsement before wider distribution or use:

- Plans and supporting materials for AI training and skills development initiatives.
- Contributions to the development of CERN's AI governance policies and guidelines.
- Further policy framework or guidance documents as needs arise from ongoing review and implementation

4. Composition

Composition is proposed by the sponsoring AIPC member and should draw on the Legal Service, Office of Data Privacy, Computer Security, Procurement, Communications, Sustainability, HR, and representatives of the technical sectors, to ensure CERN-wide consensus is genuinely reflected rather than assumed.

5. Reporting and Duration

The Task Force reports to the AIPC at each plenary meeting via its sponsor. It may be dissolved on completion of the milestones above, subject to AIPC endorsement, or extended by the AIPC if further work is required or based on Audit recommendations.

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