

Title: AM-59-1 to R4: European Digital Democracy:
Sovereignty, Rights and Online Safety

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rare materials, Europe's choices have global consequences. Sovereignty cannot mean isolation: it must mean responsibility. The expansion of biometric surveillance coincides with shrinking civic space and the global spread of digital authoritarian practices. These costly systems undermine privacy and democratic rights without evidence of improving security. AI-driven monitoring of private communications carries the same risks, creating infrastructures that could be used for repression, political manipulation and can lead to data theft. Such surveillance-first approaches are worrying and incompatible with a democratic society. A Green Europe must set standards that protect democracy, human rights and the environment worldwide.

Explanation / Comment

Deploying biometric systems in public spaces normalises constant monitoring. Once installed, biometric infrastructures tend to expand in scope, locking societies into high-surveillance models that are difficult to roll back. The combination of biometric data and AI analysis creates irreversible risks of mass profiling, discrimination, and widespread data breaches.