

**TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

# Resignation of the government: The impact on pending legislation

The rejection of the motion of confidence tabled by the 24th Constitutional Government led to its resignation in March 2025. This was followed by a decision by the President of the Republic to dissolve Parliament.

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In the table below, we summarise some of the most affected processes of relevance to the technology sector.

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Which legislative processes are most affected?

These are some of the most affected legislative processes in the technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) sector:

LEGISLATION	INTERRUPTED LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES
Draft Law Transposing the Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS2 <sup>1</sup> )	The NIS2 Directive, which aims to establish a high common level of cybersecurity in the EU, is awaiting transposition into Portuguese law.
Draft Law Implementing the Digital Services Act (DSA <sup>2</sup> )	A new draft law is expected to ensure the implementation of the DSA, which aims to promote the smooth functioning of the internal market for intermediary services by establishing harmonised rules for a safe, predictable and reliable online environment.
Draft Law Implementing the Regulation on combating the dissemination of terrorist content online <sup>3</sup>	A new draft law is expected to ensure the implementation of the Regulation on combating terrorist content online. One of the aims of the Regulation is to identify terrorist content and enable its rapid removal.
Draft Law Implementing the Data Act <sup>4</sup>	<p>A new draft law is expected to ensure the implementation of the Data Act, which sets harmonised rules for access to and fair use of data. The Data Act will apply from 12 September 2025, but a draft implementing law has not yet been published.</p> <p>In any case, it is expected that the publication of a draft law and its adoption may be delayed given the current political scenario.</p>
Draft Law Implementing the Artificial Intelligence Act (AI Act <sup>5</sup> )	<p>A new draft law will be issued to ensure the implementation of the AI Act in the Portuguese legal system.</p> <p>Some provisions of the AI Act, such as the governance rules and obligations regarding general purpose AI models, will apply from 2 August 2025, but no draft law has yet been issued to implement them.</p>
Initiatives in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Postponement of the presentation of the National Artificial Intelligence Agenda until the second half of 2025.

1 Directive (EU) 2022/2555 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022.  
2 Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022.  
3 Regulation (EU) 2021/784 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021.  
4 Regulation (EU) 2023/2854 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2023.  
5 Regulation (EU) 2024/1689 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024.

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