



*Italian strategy on AI and the needs from the “new normal”.*

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# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence (AI) is already part of our lives ...

...Beyond making our lives easier, AI is helping us to solve some of the world's biggest challenges: from treating chronic diseases or reducing fatality rates in traffic accidents to fighting climate change or anticipating cybersecurity threats....

Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to **systems** that **display intelligent behaviour** by **analysing their environment** and **taking actions** – with **some degree of autonomy** – to achieve specific goals.



Brussels, 25.4.2018  
«Artificial Intelligence for Europe»

# Artificial Intelligence in Italy (2017-2019)

2017: AGID (Agency for Digital Italy): the first “Task Force on AI” .

2018: AGID *white paper* on “**AI in Italy for citizen**”\*.



2018: - April, The “**Artificial intelligence for Europe**” Communication to European Parliament\*\*.

- June, institution of **National Lab CINI AIIS ( Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems)** endorsed by DIS-Presidency of the Ministry Council. \*\*\*

- December, “**Coordinated Plan on AI**” European Commission.



2019: - January, “High-level working group of AI” from Ministry of Economic Development (MISE).

- June, first document on “**Proposals for an Italian Strategy on AI**”\*\*\*\*;.



\* <https://ia.italia.it/assets/librobianco.pdf>

\*\* <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/communication-artificial-intelligence-europe>

\*\*\* <https://www.sicurezzanazionale.gov.it/sisr.nsf/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Relazione-2018.pdf> “Relazione sulla Politica dell’Informazione per la Sicurezza” PCM –CPM 2018

\*\*\*\*[https://www.mise.gov.it/images/stories/documenti/Proposte\\_per\\_una\\_Strategia\\_italiana\\_AI.pdf](https://www.mise.gov.it/images/stories/documenti/Proposte_per_una_Strategia_italiana_AI.pdf)

# Artificial Intelligence in Italy 2020



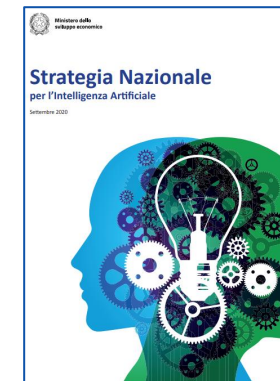
- 2020: - February, “**White Paper on Artificial intelligence - A European approach to excellence and trust**”\*
- Spring, *Italian Covid-lockdown*: Technologies Task Forces from Ministry of Innovation and Digital Transformation (MID)
  - July: Presentation of the Document “**AI for Future Italy**”\*\* CINI Lab AIIS.
  - September, Presentation of “**Strategia Nazionale per l’Intelligenza Artificiale**” Ministry of Economic Development (MISE) \*\*
  - September, first meeting on **Global Partnership on AI** from OECD.AI (supported by MID)
  - October- Launch of **National Phd Program on Artificial Intelligence** (MUR); completion of the “**Piano Nazionale delle Ricerche**” PNR 2021-202t (MUR)

\*[https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/commission-white-paper-artificial-intelligence-feb2020\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/commission-white-paper-artificial-intelligence-feb2020_en.pdf)

\*\*<https://www.consortio-cini.it/index.php/it/component/attachments/download/1095>

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\*\*\*\*<https://oecd.ai/wonk/contributors/responsible-ai-working-group-gpai>



# Next Artificial Intelligence in Italy and world



2021-22:

- **“AI and Cybersec for Health”** a join-program from Italy, Israel and EAU open to all countries for EXPO Dubai 2020;
- Activities in the Italian presidency year of G20;
- Opening the Horizon Europe program ( Cluster IV. Digital.-industry and Space”);
- Opening the Italian activities of PNR2021-2027;



**Programma Nazionale per  
la Ricerca 2021-2027**  
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# The «National Strategy on AI» (MISE)

## Four principles

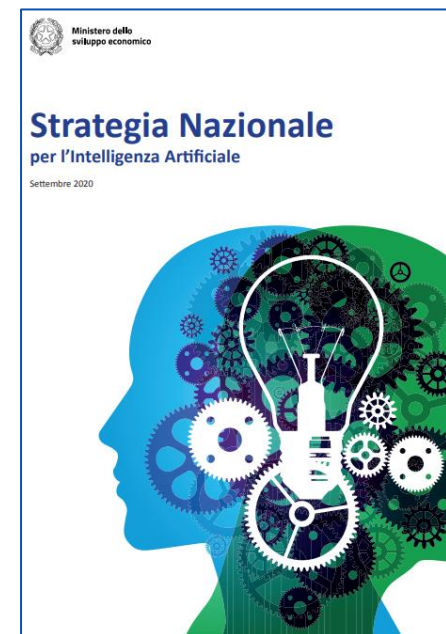
1. Connection in the European «Coordinated Plan of AI»
2. Connection with OECD, G7 and G20 strategies
3. Foundations on human-centric, trustworthy and sustainable AI
4. A public-private partnership for Italian AI

## Seven priorities in AI applications

1. Industry and manufacturing
2. Agri-food
3. Culture and Tourism
4. Health and wellbeing
5. Environment, infrastructures
6. Smart Cities
7. Public Administration

## Actions

- AI for competitiveness of industries and SMEs
- AI for a more modern Public Administration
- AI for empowered and aware citizen
- New Competences in school, university and life-long learning
- Data initiatives
- A new governance for AI



# The «National research Plan 2021-2027» (MUR)



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### The big field « Digital, industry and Aerospace»

1. The digital transformation
2. HPC and Big Data
3. Artificial intelligence
4. Robotics
5. Quantum Computing
6. Innovation for Manufacturing Industry
7. Aerospace

### Six themes in Artificial intelligence

1. Ai for AI: Foundational Research
2. Human-centric AI
3. AI for health
4. AI for society
5. AI for Environment and infrastructure
6. Ai for industrial production

Some proposals:

- A large Medical AI project
- Human digital twins
- Human-AI Interaction

# The Emilia Romagna challenge: AI for a human-centric industrial economy

## Industrial Economy:

- Le largest manufacture and automotive area in Italy
- Industries of pharma, textile, ceramic, fashion
- Food industries
- Tourism and Cultural-Creative industries
- A Growing landscape for AI and IT SMEs/start-ups



## Human resources:

- 4 universities with AI Curricula/Centers
- 10 National/international Research Centers
- The biggest HPC center of Italy
- A large Technology-oriented human power

The Bologna Tecnopolo – science park  
A European, National and Regional investment for Digital Economy and BD



The Modena Tecnopolo - The Center of Ai and Vision ( ELLIS Unit & AI Academy by ER)





# Italy, AI and the “new normal”?

Human-Centric AI  
for a Human-centric society  
and a Human –centric Industrial Economy

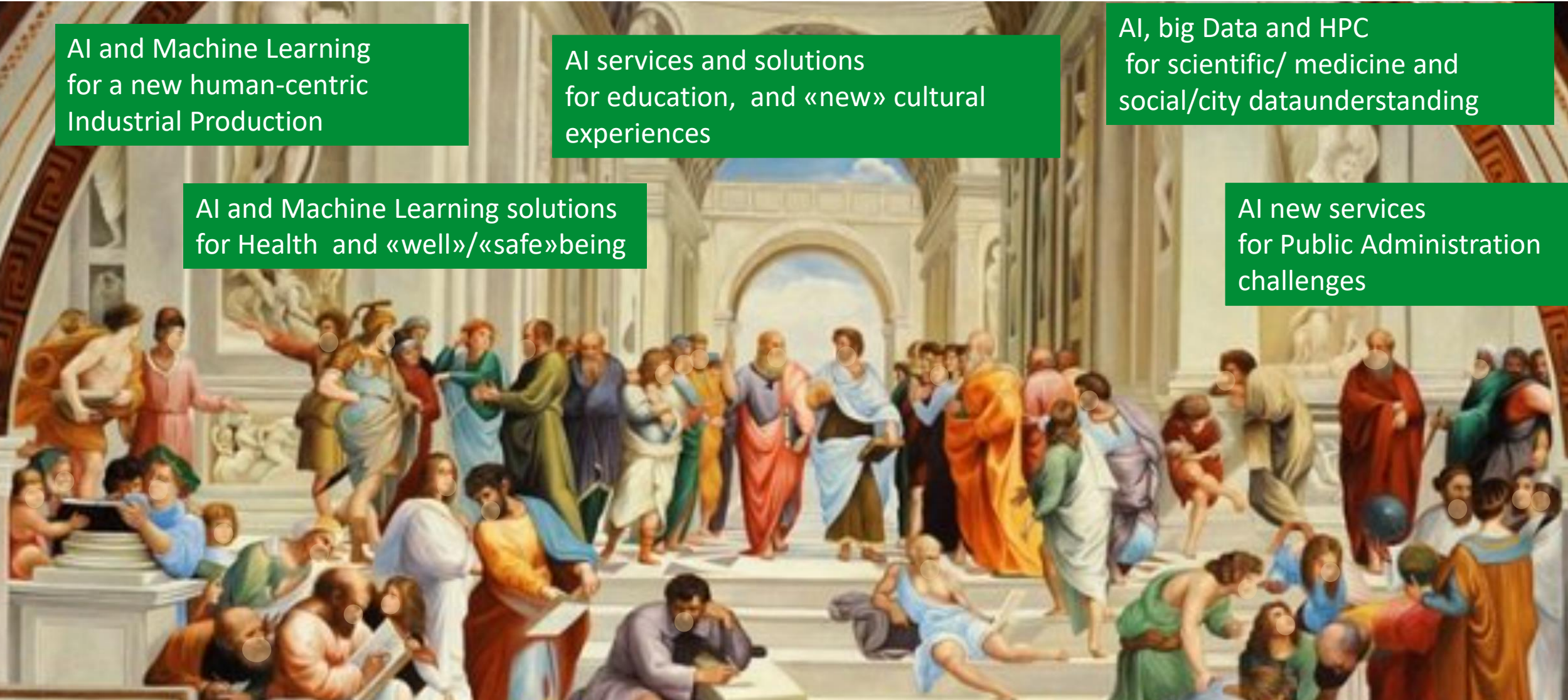
AI and Machine Learning  
for a new human-centric  
Industrial Production

AI services and solutions  
for education, and «new» cultural  
experiences

AI, big Data and HPC  
for scientific/ medicine and  
social/city dataunderstanding

AI and Machine Learning solutions  
for Health and «well»/«safe»being

AI new services  
for Public Administration  
challenges



Ready for working together in AI  
for science, industry and society  
for humans and for health.

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