

# From Plausible Tomorrows to Prompt Action on AI: **AI-Augmented Risks and National Security**

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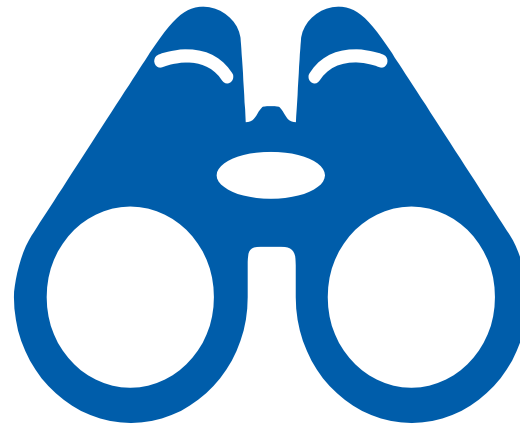
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# Why Foresight Matters

**AI capabilities  
accelerating fast**

**Dual(-use) nature of AI:  
augmented risks tied with  
new opportunities?**



**EU strategic position: US/China  
dominance as a challenge to the EU's  
long-term sovereignty and  
competitiveness?**

**Lower barriers → more actors →  
greater instability**



**How do we plan for what is to come?**

# Two Key Uncertainties on AI development



Access to advanced AI



Ubiquity of AI integration in society



# Three Plausible Tomorrows

NL AND EU MEMBER STATES HAVE ACCESS TO THE LATEST MODELS (E.G. VIA OPEN SOURCE)

AI DOES NOT BECOME  
UBIQUITUOUS



Plausible  
Tomorrow 1



Plausible  
Tomorrow 2



Plausible  
Tomorrow 3

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NO ACCESS TO THE LATEST MODELS

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# Plausible Tomorrow 1: AI Lights Up the Port of Rotterdam

How the proliferation of (open-source) AI offers a power boost to non-state actors, opening a Pandora's box

Scenario





## Plausible Tomorrow 2: A Fragile Power (Im)Balance

How a fast-changing AI landscape drives  
geopolitical volatility rivalry and uncertainty  
to a max



# Plausible Tomorrow 3: White Flag Festival: Surrender to the AI Gods

Scenario

How the Netherlands and Europe are forced to obey either the Americans or the Chinese

# Cross-Scenario Risks & Emerging Opportunities

- Further truth decay: integrity of information ecosystem (mis/disinformation)
- Critical infrastructure vulnerabilities
- Rapid labour & economic disruption
- Security risks from autonomous/dual-use systems

- Strategic niches (AgriTech, semiconductors, HealthTech, etc.)
- Building sovereign compute & secure supply chains
- Foster public-private collaboration to scale strategic AI solutions
- Position NL/EU as leaders in safe, trustworthy, rights-preserving AI



# Policy Priorities & Call to Action

- Regulate and enforce controls on dual-use / agentic AI systems
- Enforce secure update and maintenance practices
- Safeguard health, defence, and infrastructure domains
- Invest in strategic sectors and niches, and diversify to build resilient supply chains

## Action

## Foresight

- AI proliferation will empower many actors
- Depth of AI integration is highly uncertain
- Critical sectors face new systemic vulnerabilities
- NL/EU can seize advantage in strategic niches

## Strategy

- Protect the democratic and information environment
- Build EU/NL technological and compute sovereignty
- Anchor AI governance in a rights-based approach
- Foster international partnerships to shape global AI norms and guardrails





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# Ten Baseline Insights & Key Uncertainties

1. AI seen as a strategic race by the US and China
2. Uncertainty in time horizons increases with AI: What is short- and long-term?
3. Accessibility paradigm is shifting: Proliferation of accessible powerful AI
4. Agentic AI changes the scale and autonomy of automated systems
5. There is AI beyond LLMs

