

POLICY BRIEF

THE PROTECTIVE POWER

A Brief for the Reader

*Protecting cognitive freedom
in the digital age.*



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Cognitive Protection as Europe's Fourth Constitutional Power — A Brief for the Reader

1. What this book is

A fully sourced policy proposal: **21 chapters and 6 annexes** arguing that Europe's response to information manipulation requires a permanent institution, not another temporary project. Every figure has been verified against official sources (EUR-Lex, Eurostat, Eurobarometer, OECD, ENISA); where a number is an illustrative estimate, it is marked as such in the text.

2. The problem in three numbers

69% of Europeans consider disinformation a problem in their country (Eurobarometer, published February 2026) — 85% in Spain. Yet **60%** distrust the governmental use of AI (OECD Trust Survey 2026). And trust in news has fallen to **37%**, its lowest point in a decade (Reuters Institute 2026). Europe wants protection and distrusts the protector: that gap is the problem this book is designed to close — with an institution whose AI is subject by design to human-AI dual verification, radical transparency, and independent courts.

3. The proposal in three steps

First, EDSPA (2027): a European agency for cognitive protection, operating at EUR 500-1,000M per year with an investment of EUR 1,100M — a verified ROI of 164% over five years and 9,000-12,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Second, the Protective Power (in force 2033, under Article 48 TEU): the fourth constitutional power — founded by the nine states of the original core, which account for ~75% of EU GDP.

Third, a protector that never punishes: it detects, audits, litigates and publishes; sanctions remain where the Treaties place them, with the Commission (DSA 6%, AI Act 7%) and national authorities.

4. What this book is not

It is not a ministry of truth. It proposes no censorship power, no content-removal mandate, no labelling of lawful speech. The strictest constraint is self-imposed: a complete separation between detection and sanction. If you read nothing else, read Chapter 12.

5. How to read it in five minutes

- **Policy-makers:** Prologue, Chapters 9B and 17 (the economic case: net benefit of EUR 1,820M per year; 55,000-68,000 jobs at full ecosystem maturity).
- **Lawyers:** Chapters 12-13 and Annex A (verified treaty texts and case law, including the Aquind precedent on administrative appeal).
- **Budget specialists:** Chapters 9-10 (double scenario, critical path, agency precedents).
- **Sceptics:** Chapter 11 first — it is written for you.

6. Closing

The complete book in both English and Spanish is attached. The author welcomes scrutiny — every claim is meant to be checked.