## The present and future of AI in Radiology

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# Where can we find Al-tools?

- Individual AI vendors
- Integration and collaboration of AI vendors on the same AI OS platform.
- Vendor independent AI platforms
- Platforms linked to PACS or modality (OEMs)
- Pharmaceutical industry platforms
- A constantly evolving market



### Radiology Adoption Rates of Al

### • Europe:

- 35% adoption rate in clinical AI tools
- mostly in pilot and research phases.
- US:
  - 10-15%% adoption rate
- Gap is expected to narrow as evidence of AI efficacy grows.

### 35% AI implementation in Europe

### 1.Pilot and Research (~70-80%):

- Most of the AI activity in Europe involves **testing and validation** in academic hospitals or **research-focused** institutions.
- Focused on evaluating AI for diagnostic accuracy, workflow integration, and clinical impact.

### 2.Clinical Use (~20-30%):

- Limited to specific AI tools (e.g., AI for stroke triage, lung nodule detection, mammography, fracture detection).
- Clinical adoption is higher in private imaging centers or in countries with advanced healthcare infrastructure.

### Geographical differences in adoption rate



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### Factors influencing geographic variations

#### **1. Economic and Infrastructure Disparities**:

- 1. Wealthier nations with better healthcare IT infrastructure adopt AI more rapidly.
- 2. Resource-constrained countries often prioritize other healthcare needs.

#### 2. Regulatory and Privacy Challenges:

- 1. GDPR compliance increases complexity and slows adoption in some EU countries.
- 2. Countries with centralized healthcare systems (e.g., UK, Denmark) tend to manage this better.

#### 3. Research and Funding Ecosystem:

- 1. EU grants and initiatives (e.g., Horizon Europe) have bolstered research in high-adoption countries.
- 2. Limited participation from lower-adoption regions due to fewer resources or expertise.

### Most EU Funding in Al for Radiology

#### Top countries in AI for Radiology R&D

- The UK, Germany, France, and the Netherlands stand out as the leaders in developing AI for radiology.
- These countries have strong academic, governmental, and industrial ecosystems, contributing significantly to AI research and development.

#### • Most EU Funding

- Germany, the UK, and France secure the largest portions of EU funding
- the Netherlands, Switzerland, and Italy also receive considerable amounts, thanks to their involvement in large-scale European projects focused on healthcare AI.
- The landscape is dynamic, and these countries continue to push the envelope on AI integration into radiology, backed by substantial EU funding.

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