

Talent shortage slowing uptake of AI

A shortage of talent is slowing the uptake of AI systems, prompting a need for organisations to devise training programmes that could rectify the problem in-house. **Personnel Today** reports that an international survey of chief information officers (CIOs) by consultancy Gartner has shown that **the use of AI in all sectors of the global economy has risen sharply, but a lack of skilled staff to implement it is hindering further development**. The growing maturity of AI systems has seen their use across organisations increase rapidly: 25% of businesses deployed them in 2017/18 rising to 37% this year, according to the survey. But, the report says, the the pool of available talent has, predictably, failed to keep pace with the rapid spread of AI with 54% of respondents to the survey saying that the skills shortage was the biggest challenge facing their organisation. Gartner gathered data from more than 3 000 CIO respondents in 89 countries.