

Apsakaleidja — Estonia's AI Tool for Catching Legislative Drafting Errors Before They Become Law

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Estonia

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

After a one-word drafting slip left Estonia's online casinos untaxed for 2026 — an estimated €2m/month loss — a former government CIO built Apsakaleidja, an AI tool that scans every draft bill before parliament for the kind of error that caused it.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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