

Belarus's Kipod AI Video-Analytics Platform — Facial Recognition Used to Track and Prosecute 2020 Protesters

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Belarus

Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Belarus's Interior Ministry used the Kipod AI video-analytics platform, built by Synesis, for facial recognition on public/metro cameras; after the 2020 election it reportedly helped identify protesters, including activist Nikolai Dedok. EU sanctioned Synesis in Dec 2020.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus \(system built by LLC Synesis\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[Privacy International: Belarus installs facial recognition surveillance system](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

[Biometric Update: Police facial recognition use in Belarus, Greece, Myanmar raises rights, data privacy concerns](#) — accessed 2026-08-01

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