

BRAVA — Spain's Competition Authority Uses AI to Catch Bid-Rigging Cartels, With Sanctions to Prove It

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Spain

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

CNMC's BRAVA tool has used machine learning to flag collusive bids in Spanish public tenders since 2024; President Cani Fernández says BRAVA-flagged cases have led to sanctions, and CNMC is now training the US DOJ and building a successor tool, ATENEA.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

[Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia \(CNMC\), Economic Intelligence Unit](#) — accessed 2026-08-27

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