DataJust — France's Ministry of Justice Abandons Its Bodily-Injury Compensation Algorithm Weeks After the Conseil d'État Upheld It

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Quality score: 27/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Decree 2020-356 (27 March 2020) let France's Justice Ministry build DataJust, an algorithm mining court rulings to produce a bodily-injury compensation reference scale. The Conseil d'État upheld it on 30 Dec 2021; the ministry dropped it on 13 Jan 2022 citing bias and complexity.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	0/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	0/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-16

Ministère de la Justice (Direction des affaires civiles et du sceau) — accessed 2026-11-16

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Conseil d'État decision n° 440376, 30 Dec 2021 — accessed 2026-11-16

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