

DIAS — Germany's AI dialect-identification system for asylum origin assessment

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

BAMF deploys AI dialect analysis (DIAS) in German asylum procedures since 2017 to assess applicants' country of origin from speech recordings. Used in 43,593 of 334,000 cases in 2023; error rates of 13–27% and undisclosed influence on decisions raise serious accountability concern

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	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[Federal Office for Migration and Refugees \(BAMF\) / Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

[BAMF — Digitalising the asylum procedure \(official\)](#) — accessed 2026-06-20

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