D.Lgs. 179/2026 — Italy Legislates a National AI Regulatory Sandbox Run Jointly by AgID and ACN, With Operating Rules Still to Come

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Italy

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Legislative Decree 179 of 7 October 2026, in force since 23 October, creates Italy's AI Act sandbox (Arts. 26–31), run by a joint AgID–ACN group. Admission criteria and operating rules are left to later measures. No projects have been tested yet.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-23

Agenzia per l'Italia Digitale (AgID) and Agenzia per la Cybersicurezza Nazionale (ACN) — accessed 2026-11-23

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