European Court of Auditors' Special Report 08/2024 — Auditing the EU's AI Ambition and Finding Vague Targets, Weak Coordination and No Investment Monitoring

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Luxembourg

Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

In May 2024 the EU's external auditor found the coordinated AI plans comprehensive but of 'limited effect': targets unchanged since 2018, no EU-wide monitoring of AI investment, a US–EU gap that more than doubled in 2018–2020, and four member states without a strategy.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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