

Malta's AI ITA Certification Scheme — A Voluntary National AI Assurance Framework With Years of Near-Zero Uptake

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

In 2019 Malta's MDIA launched what it called the world's first national AI certification scheme. An academic review found zero applications by 2021, and even after a 2024 legal overhaul made it 'fully operational,' MDIA still publishes no uptake or certification statistics.

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	0/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-30

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[MDIA — Technology Sandbox](#) — accessed 2026-07-30

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