

Observatoire des Algorithmes Publics — a Citizen-Led Monitor Exposing France's Unenforced 2016 Transparency Law

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Researchers launched a citizen-led observatory in Nov 2024 to track which French agencies disclose their algorithms as a 2016 law requires — evidence behind the Ombudsperson's finding that the duty has been a 'dead letter' since enactment.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Observatoire des algorithmes publics \(independent researcher-led initiative\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Société Numérique lab: profile of the observatory](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Défenseure des Droits: official 2024 report](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

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