

PACA Region's Facial-Recognition School-Gate Trial — Blocked by CNIL and the Marseille Administrative Court

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Quality score: 7/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

France's PACA regional council piloted facial-recognition gates at two high schools in Marseille and Nice. The CNIL found the scheme disproportionate before it launched, and in February 2020 the Marseille Administrative Court struck it down.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

[Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur \(PACA\) Regional Council](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Le Monde Informatique — la justice invalide l'expérience marseillaise et niçoise](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

[Le Monde Informatique — la CNIL débranche l'expérimentation](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

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