

Portugal Pilots AI-Assisted Urban Licensing in Coimbra Ahead of a Nationwide Electronic-Licensing Law

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Portugal

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Portugal's Ministry for State Reform is piloting AI tools to speed construction-licensing reviews in municipalities led by Coimbra, timed to an October 2026 law requiring electronic licensing, with a 2027 nationwide target and final decisions kept with elected officials.

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 2026-09-21

[Ministerio-Adjunto e da Reforma do Estado / Municipio de Coimbra](#) — accessed 2026-09-21

[CNN Portugal coverage](#) — accessed 2026-09-21

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