

Preserving Icelandic Through GPT-4 — Iceland's Presidential AI Language Partnership

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Iceland

Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

On President Jóhannesson's initiative, Iceland partnered with OpenAI so GPT-4 could learn proper Icelandic. Reykjavík firm Miðeind used 40 volunteers to fine-tune the model via human feedback, aiming to keep the language viable in AI-driven public services.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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[Government of Iceland — Head start for Icelandic](#) — accessed 2026-08-25

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