

The Netherlands Court of Audit's Recurring Algorithm Audits — a Government Oversight Model for Public-Sector AI

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Netherlands

Quality score: 93/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

The Netherlands Court of Audit audited 9 government algorithms in 2022, finding only 3 met basic requirements, then made algorithm audits a recurring part of its annual audits through 2024 — a practice other audit institutions have since referenced.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[Netherlands Court of Audit \(Algemene Rekenkamer\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[An Audit of 9 Algorithms used by the Dutch Government \(Netherlands Court of Audit\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[Shocking report by the Algemene Rekenkamer: state algorithms are a shitshow \(Racism and Technology Center\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

[The Netherlands: Annual audit of algorithms \(EUROSAI IT Working Group newsletter\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-09

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