UAE Regulations Lab (RegLab) — a Cabinet-Run Regulatory Sandbox Licensing AI and Future-Tech Trials, With Few Published Outcomes

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Arab Emirates

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Under a 2018 federal law, the UAE Cabinet grants temporary licences to test innovations such as AI. RegLab, launched in January 2019 with Dubai Future Foundation, has licensed self-driving vehicle and electric aircraft trials, but publishes no licence count or evaluations.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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