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How standardisation brings AI trustworthiness into practice

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VDE and AI Trustworthiness

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AI Standardization Roadmap

Convenorship of IEC
SEG 10 AI Ethics

AI Trust Standard & Label (April 2022)

Observer in Council of Europe
Committee on AI

Lead & Conception
„AI Ethics: From Principles to Practice“
(April 2020)

OECD ONE.AI Co-Chair
Classification and risk assessment

German Enquete on AI: Advice to MPs

Federal Ministry of Labour and Social affairs:
Framework for AI Training Data Quality

Advice to EU-Commission
DG GROW / DG JUST / DG CNECT

Broader perspective: from AI Ethics to AI Quality

AI Quality Summit

02. November 2022 near Frankfurt Airport

Registration: www.ai-q.de

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The big challenge

Operationalise AI Ethics with an approach …

- **… that is viable for**
  industry,
  regulators and
  consumers / citizens

- **… and that makes ethics measurable and enforcable**

Why standardisation is the right approach

Standardisation =

1. Building consensus among all relevant stakeholders

2. Formulating this consensus
   in a concrete, specific, practically useful way

How to handle AI Ethics through standardisation

consensus unlikely

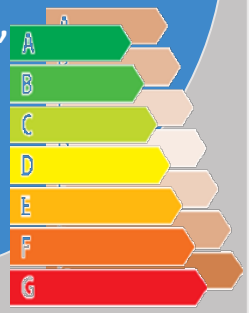
Explicit ethical rules

(e.g. „Child more important than old person“, „100 severely injured better than 1 dead“)

viable, flexible and strong

Standardised description of ethical aspects of systems

(e.g. „Privacy A, Transparency D, Fairness B“)



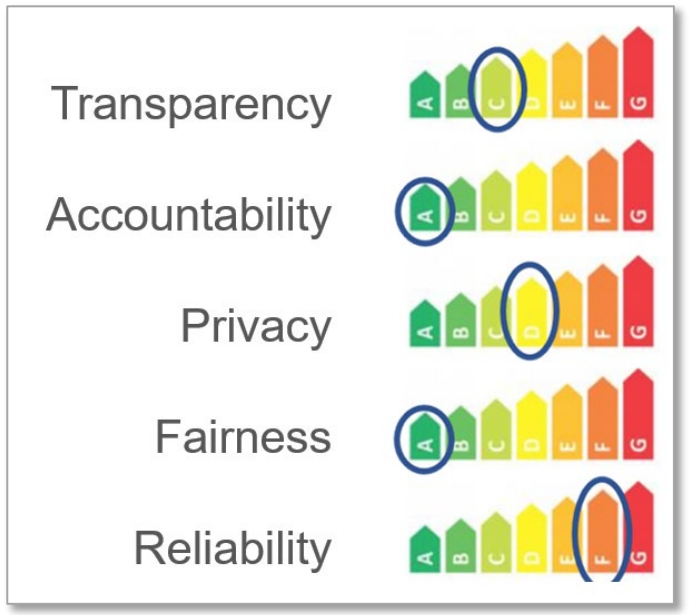
viable but limited on its own

Only processes and structures for decisions about ethics

(e.g. ethics boards in companies)

Approach: A standardised „label“ / „short datasheet“ that can be attached to AI products

Compatibility with the AI Act (Art. 40, 41)
Consideration of existing standards and GDPR



- ✓ provides **positive differentiation** in the marketplace
- ✓ ensures **fair competition**
- ✓ promotes consistency with **organisational and societal values**
- ✓ facilitates **compliance** with regulation
- ✓ supports policymakers in **minimising red tape**

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European and international standardization

CEN-CENELEC Focus Group for Artificial Intelligence

Roadmap report October 2020

- IEC SEG 10 Ethics in autonomous and artificial intelligence applications

Final report July 2021

AI Ethics Impact Group
www.ai-ethics-impact.org

BertelsmannStiftung

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International Center for Ethics in the Sciences and Humanities (IZEW)

ITAS Institut für Technikfolgenabschätzung und Systemanalyse

HLRS High-Performance Computing Center | Stuttgart

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iRights.Lab Think tank for the digital world

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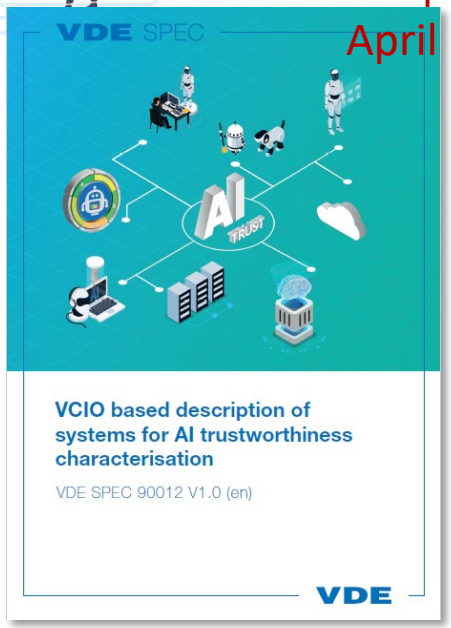
Comprehensive consortial standard 2021/22

Version 1 published in April 2022



Describes the characteristics of an AI product with regards to:

Transparency – Accountability – Privacy – Fairness – Reliability

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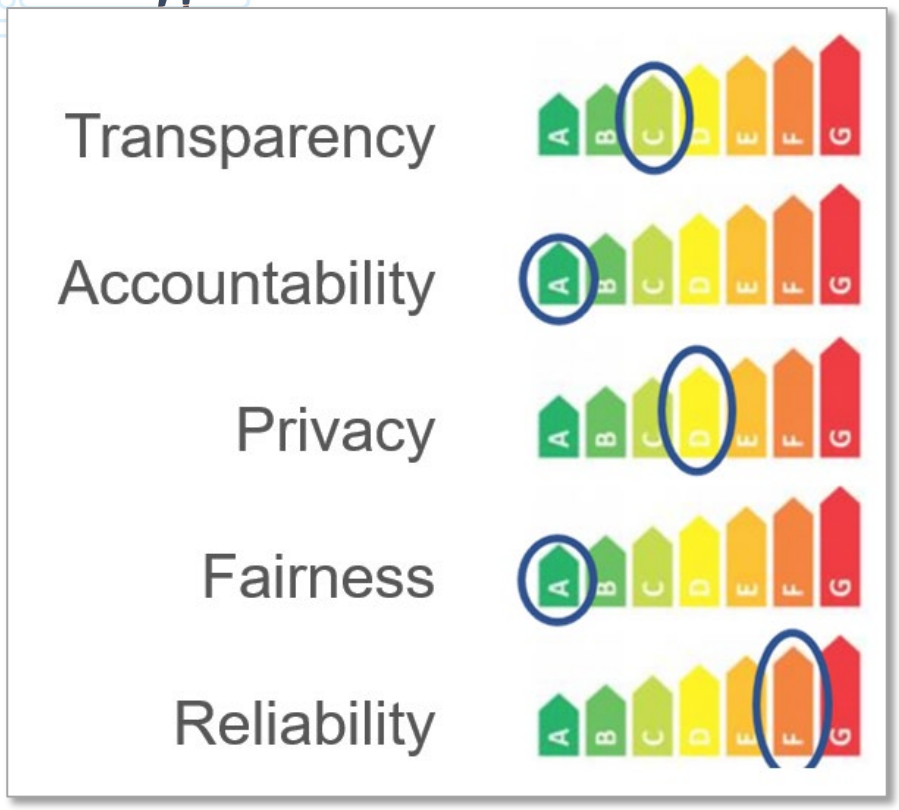
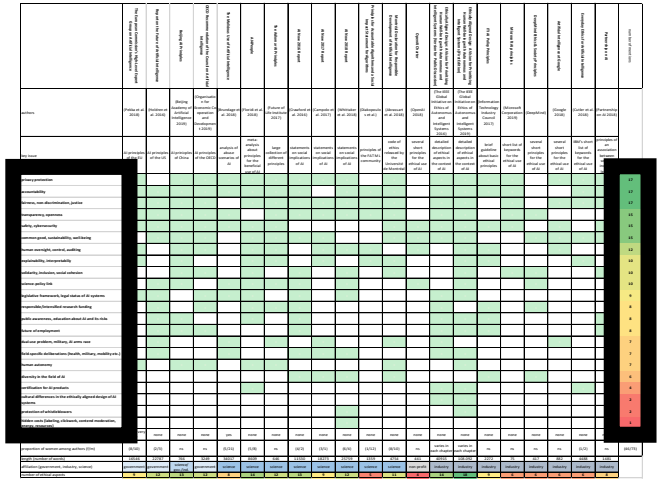


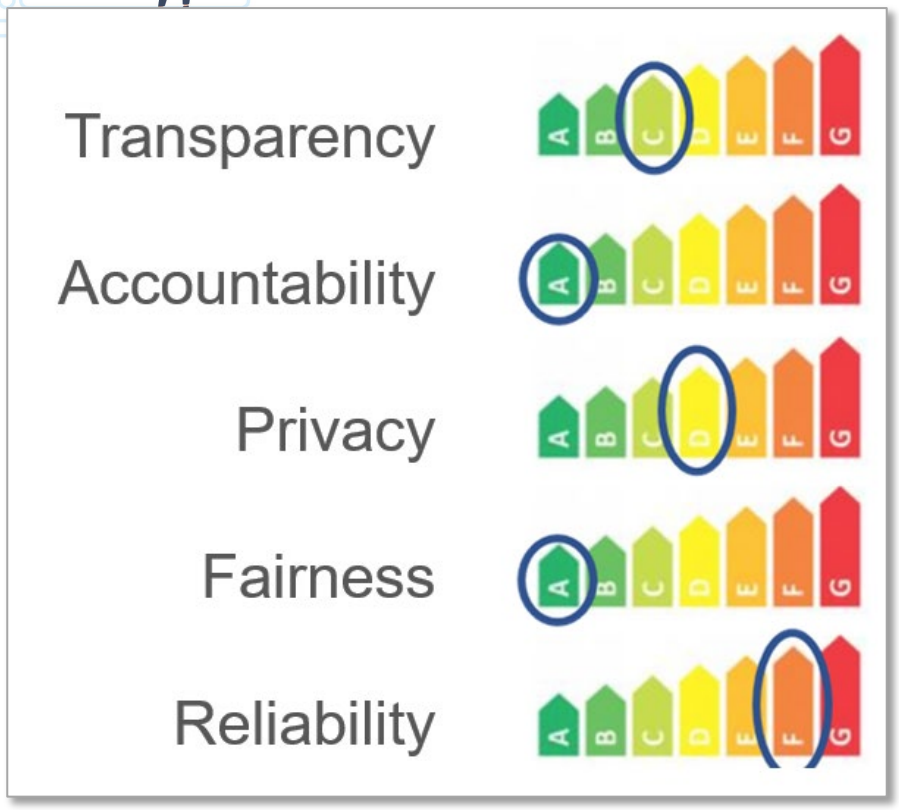
Questions:

1. **Which categories do we include?**
2. **…**
3. **…**

privacy protection	17
accountability	17
fairness, non-discrimination, justice	17
transparency, openness	15
safety, cybersecurity	15
common good, sustainability, well-being	15
human oversight, control, auditing	12
explainability, interpretabiliy	10
solidarity, inclusion, social cohesion	10
science-policy link	10
legislative framework, legal status of AI systems	9
responsible/intensified research funding	8
public awareness, education about AI and its risks	8
future of employment	8
dual-use problem, military, AI arms race	7
field-specific deliberations (health, military, mobility etc.)	7
human autonomy	7
diversity in the field of AI	6
certification for AI products	4
cultural differences in the ethically aligned design of AI systems	2
protection of whistleblowers	2
hidden costs (labeling, clickwork, contend moderation, energy, resources)	1



- transparency
- justice
- accountability
- privacy
- reliability/safety
- environmental sustainability



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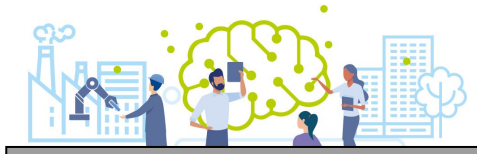
2. **How can we measure transparency, accountability, etc.?**
3. **…**



Negative anchor indicator
"necessary condition"
Prerequisite for T1.2 and T1.3.
Minimum requirement (e.g. E-G)

Based on T1.1
(e.g. from D)

Transparency

Positive anchor indicator
"sufficient condition"
The fulfilment of one indicator can substitute the fulfilment of one or more other indicators.

T1. Disclosure of origin of data sets

T1.1
Is the origin of the data documented?

- Yes, comprehensive logging of all training and operating data, version control of data sets etc.
- Yes, logging and version control through an intermediary (e.g. data supplier)
- No logging. Data used is not controlled or documented in any way

T1.2
Is it for each individual use plausible, which data is being used?

- Yes, the use of data and the individual appication are intelligible
- Yes, it is intelligible on an abstract, not case specific level, which data is being used
- No, but a summary on the data usage is available
- No

T1.3
Are the characteristics of the training data set documented and disclosed? Are the data sheets to the data sets comprehensive?

- Yes and the data sheets are comprehensive
- Yes, but the data sheet contains few or missing information
- No

T2. Accessibility

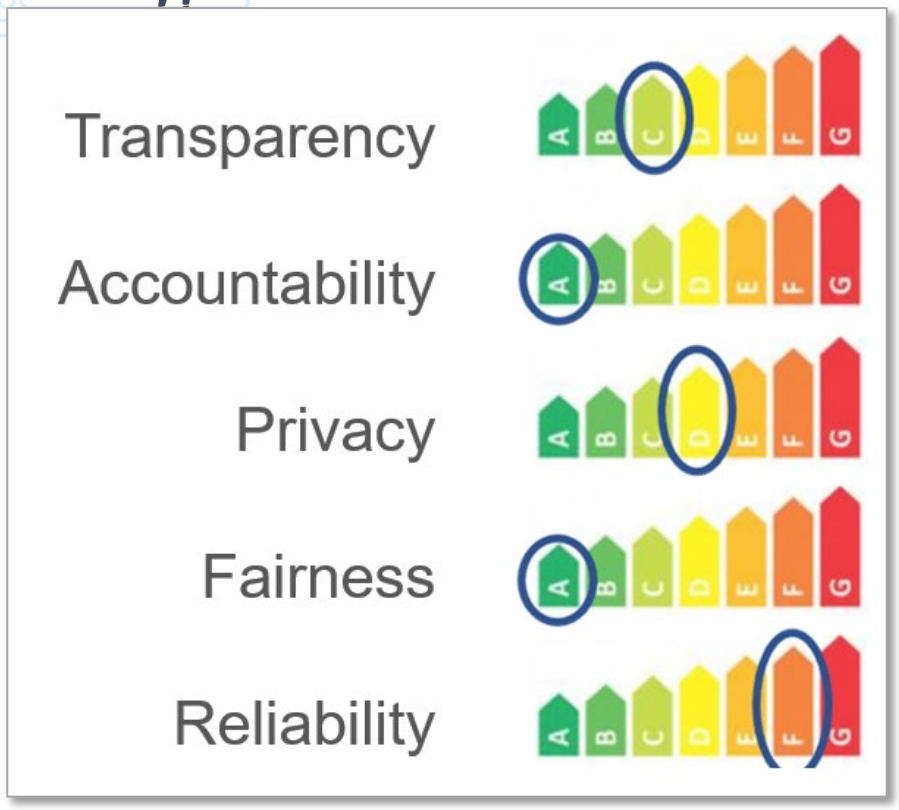
T2.1
Are the modes of interpretability oriented toward the needs of the target groups and developed with them?

- Yes
- Yes, but without participation of the target groups
- Yes, but only toward one target group
- one mode of interpretability is developed thout regard to target groups' needs

T2.1
Are the modes of interpretability in their target group specific form also intelligible for the target groups?

- Yes, the modes of interpretability have been tested with target groups for intelligibility
- Yes, target groups can complain or ask when they do not understand a mode of interpretability
- No

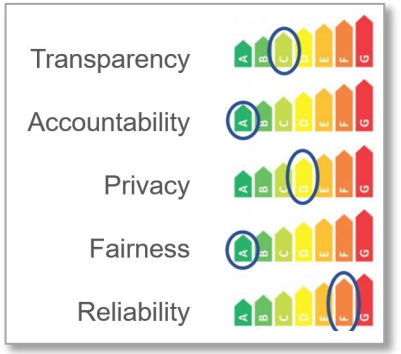
Score indicators
Build on anchor indicators.
Scoring of the score indicators are added and averaged to determine the level of the label



Questions:

1. **Which categories do we include?**
2. **How can we measure transparency, accountability, etc.?**
3. **What levels are acceptable in a given application?**

AI Trust Standard & Label from a company perspective



„AI Trust Alliance“

Secretariat

Company

Information, Consultation

Membership and Licence
By becoming a member of the "AI Trust Alliance", the company agrees to a licence agreement. Members are authorised to use the label for qualified products.

Product registration
The product to be tested is registered..

Self-declaration
Self-declaration of compliance with VDE SPEC based on in-house evaluation

External audit
Company enters a contract with an approved certification institution. The certification institution tests/audits according to the criteria of the VDE SPEC and provides a certificate.

Certification institution e.g.,
VDE TÜV SÜD DEKRA

For many products concurrent conformity according to Art. 40/41 AI Act

Usage/Publication
After passing the product qualification, the AI Trust Label can be used. The product is listed in the AI Trust product database.

Company level

Product level

Towards a European approach

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Combining complementary work
metrics – tools – governance

Confiance ai

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