

Data Sharing in education, training & learning the Ethical & Legal side

Deep dive session | 14/05

Agenda



Welcome



The Legal side of Data Sharing

Q&A



Break



The Ethical side of Data Sharing

Q&A



Wrap-up

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DESIRED OUTPUT



MAPPING OF THE
FIELD



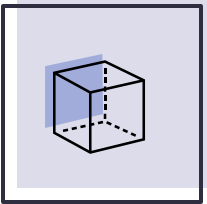
STEPPING STONES
TOWARDS
COLLABORATION



USE CASES

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THREE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR DATA SHARING



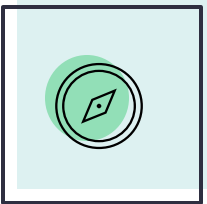
Ecosystem

Industry, sector or societal level that set-up a data sharing initiative



Project

A group of related use cases that could lead to concrete data sharing



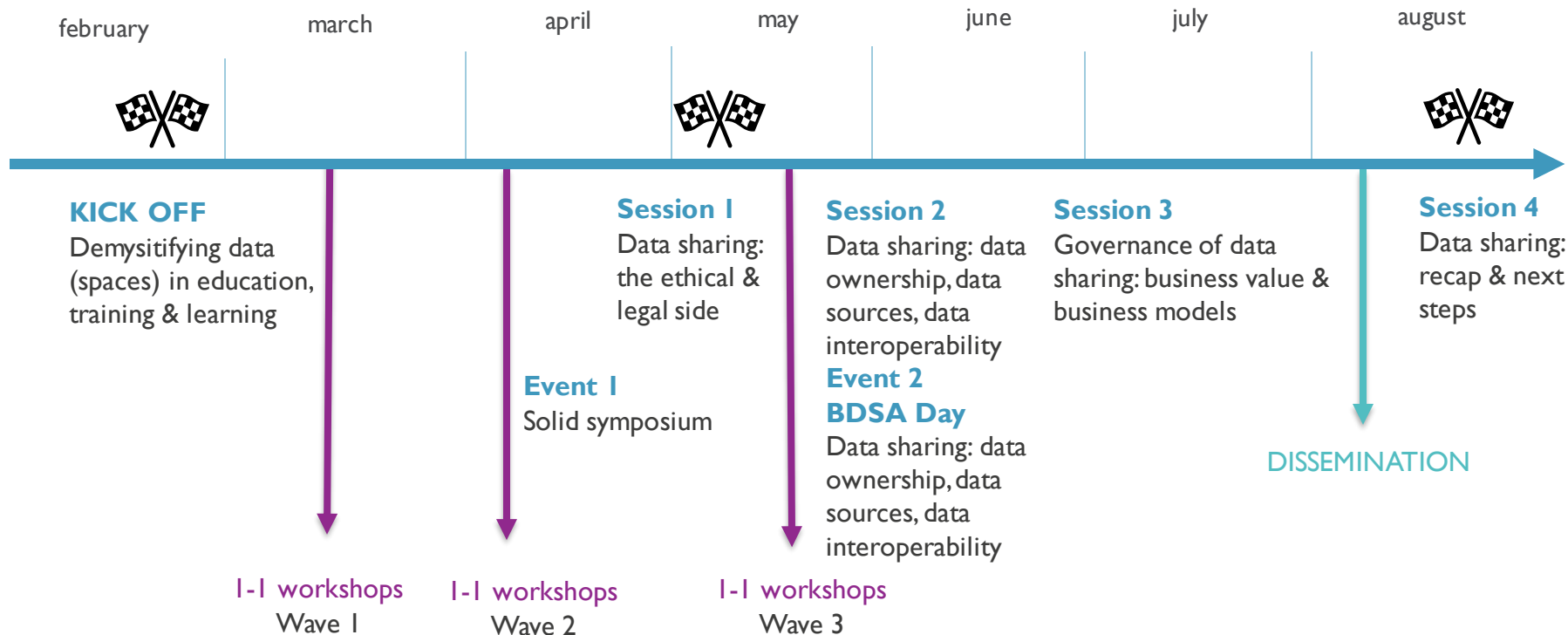
Use case

A relevant problem to solve, where data sharing is a key enabler
Setup of a 'Living Lab' to co-create, test and validate a use case



TIMELINE

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN (AND WILL BE) DOING?



LESSONS LEARNED

USE CASE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Giving ownership to the individual at the center of the data sharing
- ✓ Stemming from a real need, validated by the involved stakeholders
- ✓ Building upon existing capabilities and assets
- ✓ Ensuring there is a sustainable business model that fits with strategic stakeholder goals
- ✓ Collaboration of a minimum of 3 parties
- ✓ Connection between fields of (K12) education, training & (lifelong) learning

PRELIMINARY USE CASES

WORK IN PROGRESS



STUDENT FLOWS
TRACKING



DYNAMICALLY
UPDATED SKILL
PROFILES

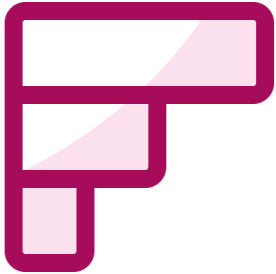


PREVENTION OF
ONLINE ADULT
EDUCATION
DROPOUT



META DATING
ENHANCEMENT
OF SKILLS,
COURSES,
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How would you rank these use cases from most relevant to least relevant for your organisation?

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What is the biggest challenge for your organisation regarding legal aspects of data sharing?

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The legal side of data sharing in education, training & learning

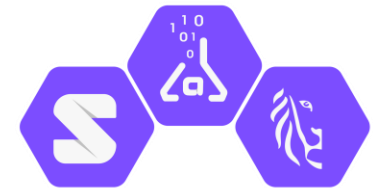
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Semantic data
interoperability & data
protection



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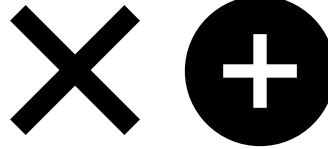
Children require specific protection with regard to their personal data as they may be less aware of the risks, consequences and safeguards concerned and their rights in relation to the processing of personal data



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'Children' as
heuristic tool to
interpret GDPR



No list
of additional
obligations

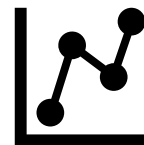
- Interpretation of e.g.,
purpose, legal base
- Additional safeguards
(DPIA)

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1. General use: key-takeways for data use under the GDPR



2. Specific use: key-takeways for data use and AI systems



3. Useful resources and further literature



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General use: key-takeaways for data use under the **GDPR**

- Purposes for processing personal data
- Roles and responsibilities
- Lawful base
- Transparency obligations – Accountability

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Use of Google Workspace in EU

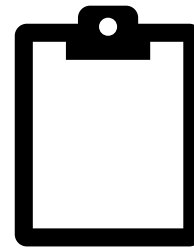
Terms of service

Core services vs additional services

Distinction between customer data
and service data



Conducting a 'well-being' survey
without parental consent via a
software application



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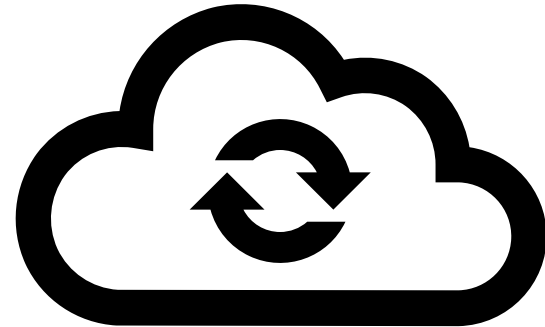
**Purpose
limitation**



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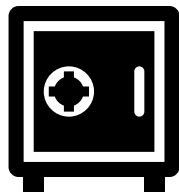
Roles and responsibilities within the ecosystem

- *Google Workspace Netherlands*
 - Privacy-friendly default settings (no spill-over of data)
 - Processor-versions of Chromebooks and Chrome browser (e.g., diagnostic data)
 - Controllershship for additional services
- *Google Workspace Belgium*
 - September 1, 2024 - Netherlands as a minimum
- *Google Workspace Denmark*
 - Expectation of breaching processing agreement



e.g., cloud providers

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No data ownership but ...

Empowering users ('control')

- No absolute rights

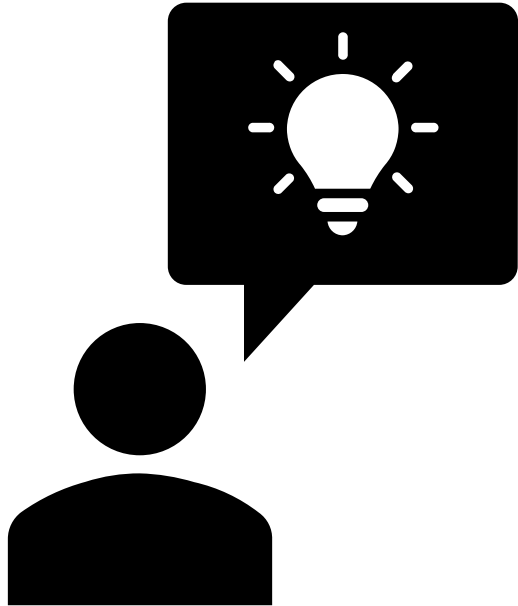
Protection of data holders (investments, trade secrets)

- Regulating B2B data sharing (contractually)

Promoting competition (portability to third parties)

- Rules on data access

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No data ownership but ...

Microsoft Office 365 cases and the push for data sovereignty

- Preventing transmission of certain data
- Compliance with European and national laws
- Room for negotiation
- ~ Certification?

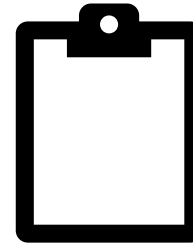
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Lawful base



Public interest vs legal obligation

Parental consent (additional services)

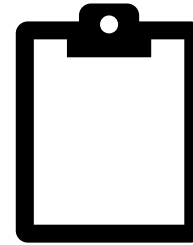


No legal obligation to do survey “in that particular form” (data minimisation)

Software application used to conduct survey qualifies as “ISS”

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Transparency & accountability

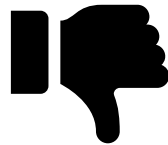


Oral, fragmented

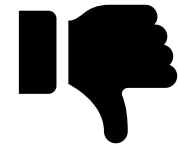
Clear and simple for minors

System configuration

Logging



Privacy statement & school rules



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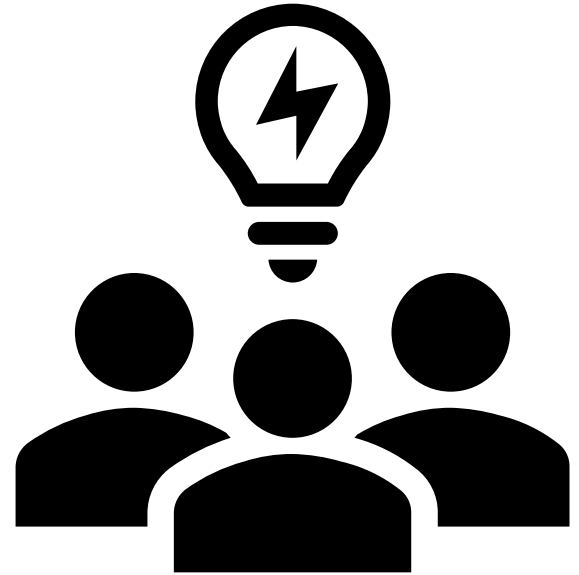
Document reasoning!

- Case-based, context-based
- Vulnerable data subjects
- Mitigation strategies

Never 100 per cent certainty, get advice!

Exchange best practices!

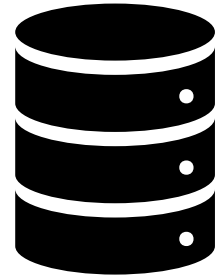
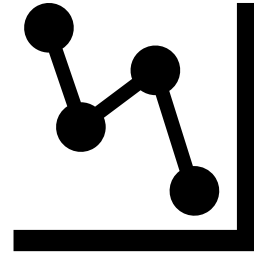
- No consent when power imbalance (core operations & genuine alternative)
- No legitimate interest as a school (unless free non-subsidised education)
- **Creativity!** (Visualisation & minimum legal jargon)



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Specific use: key-takeaways for data use and AI systems

- Predictive learning
- Points of attention
- AI Act
- Additional reflection




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Predictive learning

 Student administration and tracking system

 Adaptive exercises

 PLA (profiles)
Creation of specific learning path
Evaluative and predictive elements

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Points of attention

Automated individual decision-making (GDPR)

- Fully automated individual-decision making based on explicit consent
- No absolute prohibition of AIDM regarding children
- GDPR principles & lawful bases

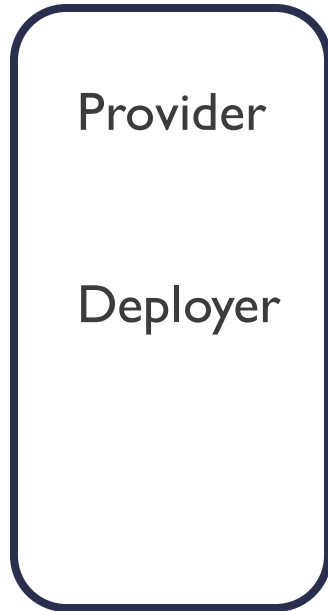
Discriminatory outcome (lawfulness, fairness, CRC)

- Less data about minorities?
- Value-loaded data?
- Non-discriminatory design with discriminatory outcome?



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AI ACT



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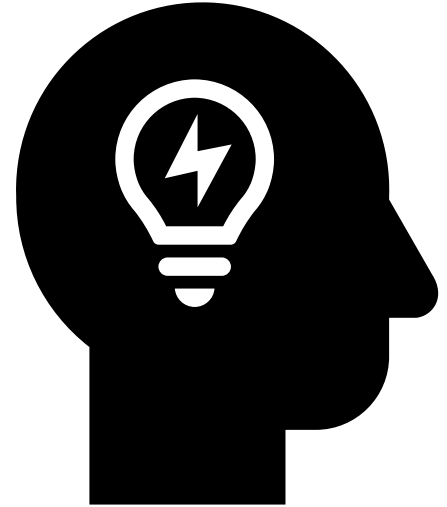
Document reasoning!

- <-> childhood as period of experimentation (child's best-interest)
- <-> excessive parental oversight (breach of right to privacy)
- <-> bias & reinforcing poor pedagogical practices
- <-> overly restrictive approach to risk

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- <-> Datafication & long-term impacts of technologies
- <-> Aggregated profiles & collective harms



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Useful resources and further literature

- Case law via [GDPRhub](#)
- Interpretation of GDPR via [EDPS Opinions](#)
- Questions and recurrent themes via [GBA](#)
- Implementation and future vision AI Act via [Digisprong](#) & [KDM](#)

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- BIK+ platform and national SICs
 - Digital education action plans
 - Digital literacy
 - Gamification
 - [Betternet](#)



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What questions do you have about the legal side of data sharing in education, training & learning?

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What insight from this presentation can you use in your own organisation?

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Let's have a (coffee) break!

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What are the best practices in your organisation to take ethical aspects into account when sharing data?

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Responsible Edtech

Ethics and stakeholder participation

Edtech BDSA working group
14 May 2024
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Introduction



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Responsible AI in education

Ethics

Ethics and responsible technologies

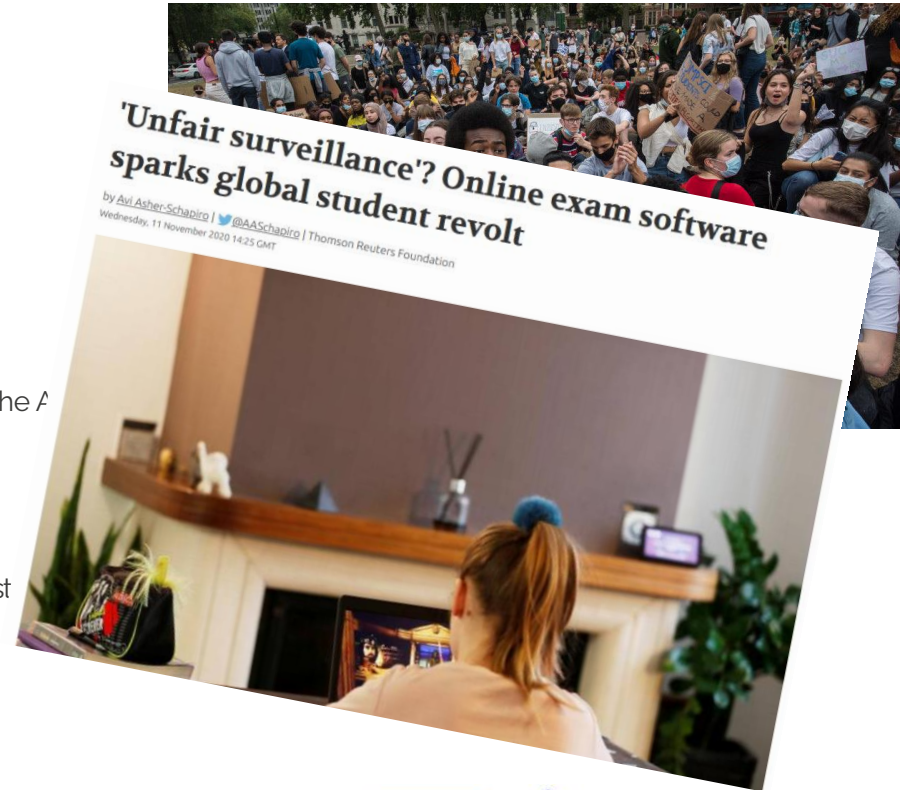
Stakeholders increasingly held accountable

- Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects
- What is ethics?
- Why? Benefits of doing ethics
 - Trust and adoption
 - Fosters innovation and creativity
 - Potential for new business models



Potential cost of not doing ethics

- Lack of trust and adoption
- Reputational damage
- Legal consequences
- That's why some systems for education are 'high risk' in the Act (or forbidden)
 - Evaluate learning outcomes
 - Steer the learning process
 - Assess appropriate level
 - Monitor and detect prohibited behaviour during test



Ethics guides

A vast and growing number of steering visions, guidelines and principles

- Vision text responsible AI in education in Flanders
 - Key conditions and action points
- Guidelines on the use of AI in education (EU)
- Both rely on principles for Trustworthy AI

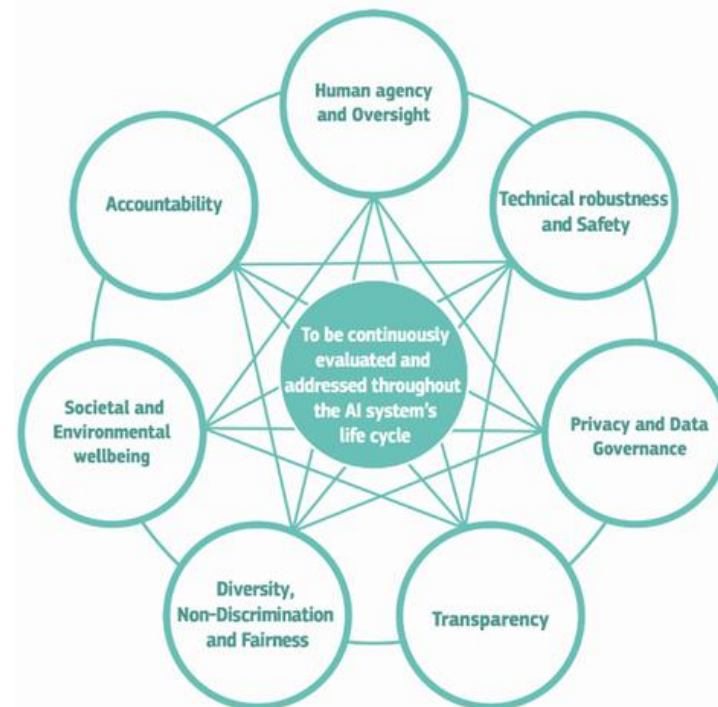
- <https://www.vlaanderen.be/publicaties/verantwoorde-ai-in-het-vlaamse-onderwijs-een-collaboratief-proces-van-ontwikkeling-tot-gebruik-visietekst>
- <https://op.europa.eu/nl/publication-detail/-/publication/d81a0d54-5348-11ed-92ed-01aa75ed71a1>



Ethical principles for trustworthy AI

Highly abstract principles

- Key requirements trustworthy AI
 - Fundamental (children's) rights
 - Resilience to attack, security, reliability
 - Quality and integrity, access to data
 - Explainability, communication
 - Avoidance bias, stakeholder participation
 - Respect to democracy, ecology, society
 - Auditability, minimization negative impact
- How to operationalize this?



<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/ethics-guidelines-trustworthy-ai>

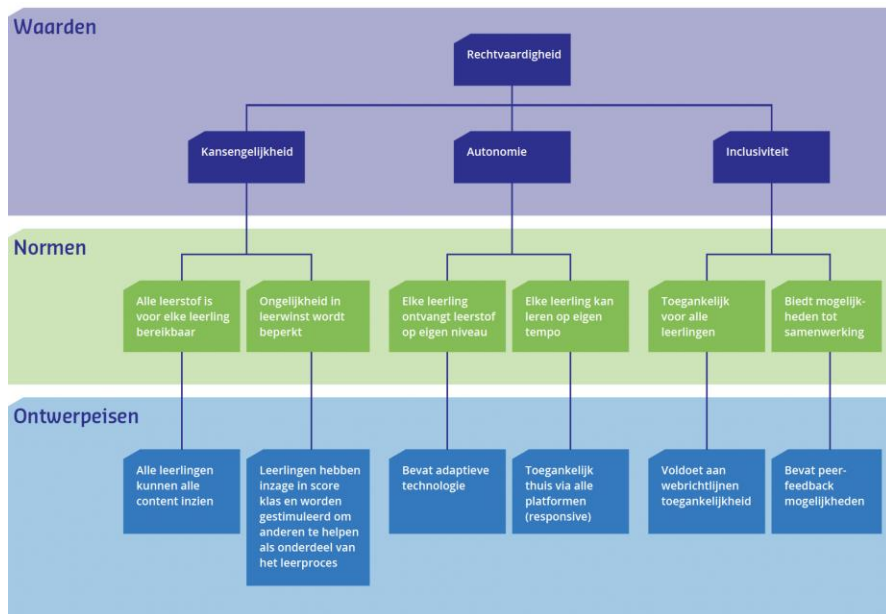
Developing ethical edtech

Ethics by design is essential

- Tools & methods exist, but which to choose?
 - [Privacy by Design strategies](#)
 - <https://data-en-maatschappij.ai/>
- Methods categorized in software development process
 - <https://tinyurl.com/appliedaiethics>
- Operationalisation ethical principles remains very difficult
 - Plurality and subjectivity of ethics ..
 - ... while developers "more used to scenarios where there is at least a seemingly quantifiable relationship between input and output".
- One example:: from principles to requirements

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Ethics by design - requirements



<https://www.kennisnet.nl/tools/ethiekkompas/>

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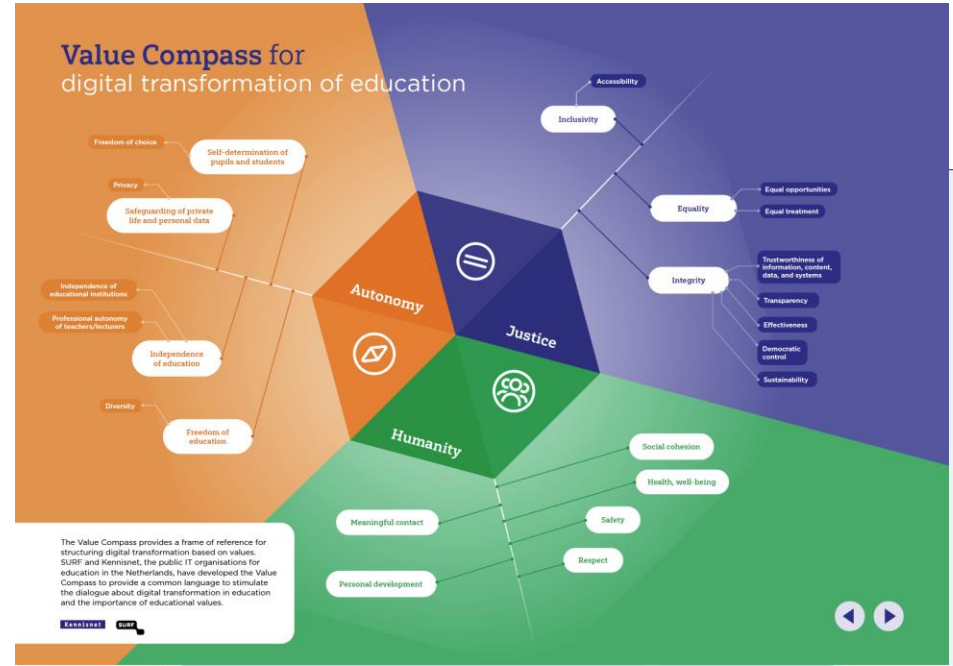
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- One example:: from principles to requirements
- Second example: stakeholder participation ('get to know the ethics')

Stakeholder participation

'Guiding' technologies

- Control dilemma, mediating tech
- Concrete technologies
- Actors
- Positive and negative effects
- Values (see similarity principles)
- Action points
 - Technology
 - Environment
 - User



<https://ecp.nl/publicatie/guidance-ethics-approach/>

Case study: Smart Signal (Smartschool)

'Guiding' technologies

- Amai!-project



SMARTSCHOOL



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onderwijs
van de Vlaamse
Gemeenschap

- Functionality for early detection of learning difficulties, based on data in the Smartschool platform
- Citizen Science (stakeholder participation)
- Expert interviews
- Two rounds of workshops

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYiSyUYeFi8>

Workshop 1: Know the ethics

- 5 workshop, 46 participants
- 312 actors (12 categories)
- Extensive list of positive and negative effects of the Smart Signal

Positive



Bevordert efficiency en effectiviteit

Geeft inzicht en bewustwording

Ondersteunt leerling (algemeen)

Ondersteunt school (algemeen)

Werkt motiverend

Negative



Verhoogt werkdruk en stress

Tast privacy aan

Verhoogt kans op verkeerde diagnoses

Vermindert efficiency en effectiviteit

Werkt demotiverend

Workshop 1: Know the ethics

- 5 workshop, 46 participants
- 312 actors (12 categories)
- Extensive list of positive and negative effects
- Integrity, privacy and health and well-being most important values (principles)
- 100+ concrete action points

Smart Signal Smartschool

Workshop 1: Action points

Disclaimer.	Transparantie
Duidelijkheid over hoe het werkt en uitleg hierover.	
Melding waarin staat wie die melding ook heeft gekregen	Transparantie
Alleen belangrijkste info als melding geven	Juistheid en gebruiksvriendelijkheid
Herinnering zodat de leerkracht de leerlingen niet vergeten [hier wordt bedoeld opvolging van signaal]	Juistheid en gebruiksvriendelijkheid
Kleurtjes: neutrale kleuren	Juistheid en gebruiksvriendelijkheid
ICT moet kunnen instellen: filters (bijvoorbeeld welke data neem je op, met wie deel je?), explainable AI: eigen woordcomment/ advies	Juistheid en gebruiksvriendelijkheid
Frequentie en impact op de werklust van de leerkracht.	Juistheid en gebruiksvriendelijkheid
Gepaste uren voor signalen	Juistheid en gebruiksvriendelijkheid
Moet duidelijk zijn wie jouw resultaten te zien krijgt	Transparantie
Melding niet direct naar hogerhand, maar eerst naar vakleerkracht	Juiste gebruik scholen
Denk eraan dat dit heel jonge mensen zijn (12-18 jaar) die heel kwetsbaar zijn en die soms ... (niet kunnen?) relativiseren	Transparantie
Hoe zit het met de jurisdictie?	Juridische aspecten
Sensibiliseringscampagne	Communicatie
Eerst leerlingen, dan ouders	Juiste gebruik scholen
Wie krijgt inzage en hoe vaak? -18 jaar -> ouders vs gevoelige info	Juiste gebruik scholen
Leerkracht mag niet midden in een les u komen halen of op de speelplaats u aanspreken	Juiste gebruik scholen
Opvolging van signaalfunctie: feedback van leerkrachten op meldingen van het systeem.	Juiste gebruik scholen
Wat als de signaalfunctie iets aangeeft?	Juiste gebruik scholen
	Juistheid en

Smart Signal Smartschool

What we have learned from workshop 1

- Action points can concretise ethical principles
- Discrepancies between expected effects
- Action points: not always clear how to implement
- Interdependency developers and schools (for success)
- Need for a workshop 2: How to implement action points in tech and environment?

Workshops 2: Practice to implement

- One workshop
- Mix of stakeholders
- Beta testing and policy prototyping
- Subjects: transparency, usability and school policy
- Interdependency: AI Act as a mediator (IFU)
- Business Process Management



<https://data-en-maatschappij.ai/en/news/report-from-policy-to-practice-prototyping-the-eu-ai-acts-transparency-requirements>

Smart Signal Smartschool

What we have learned from workshop 2

- Clarification majority action points
- Clarification discrepancies: trustbuilder and overall product improvement
- Schools also have responsibilities, sometimes difficult to achieve (e.g. data quality)
- This is not the end of the ethics process

Lessons learned project

Lessons learned

Summary of findings

- Ethical principles great abstractions, operationalization necessary, tools & methods needed
- Strong interdependency between developers and schools
- Stakeholder participation essential for trust and clarification
- Legal frameworks as enablers for cooperation
- **Ethics part software development lifecycle phases**

Lessons learned

Ethics part software development lifecycle phases

- Continuous socio-technical process
- AI Ethical Maturity models

AI Ethical Maturity - Level Overview

Dimension	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Awareness & Culture	Awareness of data as an institutional level of personal interest	Regulation oriented through the awareness of the general public	Regulation oriented through the awareness of the general public	Regulation oriented through the awareness of the general public	Regulation oriented through the awareness of the general public
Policy	Internal to no policy outside for awareness of the data science	There is a development policy oriented towards the general public	There is a development policy oriented towards the general public	There is a development policy oriented towards the general public	There is a development policy oriented towards the general public
Governance	Only legally mandatory checks	Additional structure and model within checks, not legally required	Additional structure and model within checks, not legally required	Additional structure and model within checks, not legally required	Additional structure and model within checks, not legally required
Communication & Training	Internal to no communication and engagement outside for awareness of the data science	Internal to no communication and engagement outside for awareness of the data science	Internal to no communication and engagement outside for awareness of the data science	Internal to no communication and engagement outside for awareness of the data science	Internal to no communication and engagement outside for awareness of the data science
Development Processes	No ethical aspect in the development process	Internal to no ethical aspect in the development process	Internal to no ethical aspect in the development process	Internal to no ethical aspect in the development process	Internal to no ethical aspect in the development process
Tooling	No tooling available to use	There is a demand for tooling to use in the development process	There is a demand for tooling to use in the development process	There is a demand for tooling to use in the development process	There is a demand for tooling to use in the development process



• <https://wiki.surfnet.nl/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=128124173>

Lessons learned

Ethics part software development lifecycle phases

- Continuous socio-technical process
- AI Ethical Maturity models
- Show best practices and case studies
- Develop tools & methods to enable developers in Flanders
- Develop business models
- Develop multi-disciplinary, *flexible and reflexive* approaches that *embrace uncertainty, complexity*, and are more in-keeping with the way ML systems are actually developed.
- Think and code!



Let's get in touch

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**Do you want to add
anything as feedback,
suggestions or questions?**

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SAVE THE DATE

Event	Time & date	Who should be present?
Belgian Data Space Alliance day	27/05 10:00-17:00	Non-technical & technical profile
Governance of Data Sharing: Business Value & Business Models	20/06 14:00-16:30	Non-technical profile
Data Sharing: recap & next steps	28/08 14:00-16:30	Non-technical profile

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What specific questions do you hope to get an answer to in future sessions?

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BDSA DAY

Programme

- Morning: update on developments:
 - Specific data space building blocks from a Technical, Legal, Business perspective
- Afternoon: sectorial break-outs:
 - Data sharing: data ownership, data sources, data interoperability





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