



## EU AI ACT COMPLIANCE — AND WHAT IT LEAVES OUT

## Proving you're compliant is not the same as proving no one gets hurt.

The EU AI Act made AI governance enforceable — organizations must now assess, document, and monitor any AI system used in or affecting Europe. But checklist tooling answers only whether a box is ticked. It cannot answer the question a board, a regulator, or a customer actually asks: **if this system is wrong about a real person, who bears the cost — and can they do anything about it?**

**€35M**

Maximum penalty under the EU AI Act — up to **€35M or 7% of global annual turnover**, whichever is higher, for the most serious violations. Governance failures are no longer a risk you manage later.

### Built for Regulated Markets

The EU AI Act regulates what you do with AI — not what kind of company you are. If you build models, embed AI in a product, use AI in internal tools like HR or lending, or offer AI services, you are in scope.

Even if you are headquartered outside Europe, or rely on a third-party model, you remain responsible for how it is deployed — including the accountability gap over who answers when a bought-in foundation model causes harm, which most tooling ignores entirely.

#### DOES THE EU AI ACT APPLY TO YOU?

- ✓ Build AI systems or AI models
- ✓ Sell, license, deploy, or embed AI in a product
- ✓ Offer AI-powered services used in the EU
- ✓ Are outside Europe but your AI affects people in the EU

### Beyond the Checklist: a Harm-Grounded Assessment

Aethics evaluates AI systems across six standardized assessment dimensions, grounded in research of 49 international instruments and grounded in human-rights language — not one vendor's opinion.

**The result is a structured, defensible record** that compliance, legal, and product teams can act on — and that regulators and auditors recognize. Every score is shown with its reasoning and traced to the specific provisions it derives from.

Where frameworks conflict, Aethics resolves them consistently through a documented four-tier hierarchy — legal enforceability, then human-rights protection, then high-risk safeguards, then international interoperability — the methodology Aethics submitted to the UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance.

## The Instrument — Six Dimensions of Real-World Harm

#### Right to Liberty

Freedom from unjustified interference by automated decisions

#### Transparency

Disclosure proportional to the stakes of the decision

#### Digital Inclusion

Equitable access and impact across affected populations

#### Human Oversight

A real intervention pathway, not a rubber stamp

#### Data Governance

Lawful basis, minimization, provenance

#### Security

Resilience proportional to the system's reach

**GROUNDING IN 49 INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS** · EU AI Act · GDPR · NIST AI RMF · OECD AI Principles · UNESCO AI Ethics · IEEE EAD · ISO 14001 · GHG Protocol · UN SDGs · UDHR

*Plus 40 additional governance frameworks, treaties, and sector-specific regulations — mapped to the provision level.*

**Aethics is brought to you by the ‘International Board of Ethics in AI (IBEAI)’** — an independent international body that provides human oversight of certification decisions and safeguards the methodology's editorial independence from commercial interests. This is the assurance no self-attested tool or in-house framework can provide — independent verification a consulting firm auditing its own clients cannot manufacture.

## THE BUSINESS CASE

**Why spend six figures and six months on compliance when Aethics gives you a defensible position in minutes?**

### Minutes

To a structured, defensible assessment

**49**

Instruments consolidated, 10 implemented today

**100%**

Of results independently re-verifiable on evidence chain.

**€35M**

Maximum fine exposure your record helps address

## How the Advanced Ethics Assessment Works

### STEP 01

#### Assess Across Dimensions/ Regulations

The engine benchmarks scores with confidence intervals, mapped to global framework requirements. It artfully resolves framework conflicts through the documented four-tier hierarchy.

### STEP 02

#### Generate Defensible Documentation

All results sits on a tamper-evident evidence chain the customer can independently re-verify, and scores come with statistical confidence ranges.

### STEP 03

#### Maintain Relevancy with Evolving Laws

You receive a branded, exportable record — ready for a board, counsel, or a customer's vendor review, and continuously updated as systems and the regulatory landscape evolve.

## Who Advanced Ethics Serves

### Government & Public Sector

Ministries and public bodies deploying AI in high-stakes decisions.

### Financial Services

Banks, insurers, and fintechs using AI in lending, risk, and fraud.

### Healthcare & Life Sciences

Providers and medtech using AI in diagnostics, triage, or treatment.

### Enterprise & Technology

Organizations embedding AI in HR, supply chain, or products.

## Why Advanced Ethics — a Layer, Not a Law Firm or a Spreadsheet

- **Standardized, not bespoke** — One methodology mapped to global regulatory language — not reinvented, or repriced, per engagement.
- **Independently verifiable** — Every result on a tamper-evident evidence chain under IBEAI oversight — independent assurance an in-house framework cannot self-supply.
- **Harm-grounded, not box-ticking** — Built on threat-and-risk-assessment and forensic practice — designed to anticipate real-world harm.
- **Layer, don't replace** — Sits on top of the governance framework you already run, adding the harm-and-assurance layer. We become complementary.

## Ethics secure the future.

Start your AI harm and compliance assessment today — the defensible, independently verifiable documentation regulators, boards, and buyers expect.

### SPEAK WITH US

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### POLICY-GRADE CREDIBILITY

The methodology behind Aethics was submitted to the **UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance**, released openly under CC BY 4.0 and aligned with the Global Digital Compact and the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI. Reviewed independently by IBEAI.