

TRENDS & CHALLENGES IN PREVENTION OF AND COMBATING CORRUPTION

NEW TECHNOLOGIES

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Artificial intelligence

- Al algorithms: Instructions that enable machines to learn, analyze data & take decisions based on knowledge.
- Compliance & Corruption risks:
- Algorithms can be amenable to bias, unfair treatment and corruption
- algorithms are constrained by decisions (incl. bias & values)
 of those who design them
- **Definition:** "Abuse of AI systems by (entrusted) power holders for their private gain." (TI Corruption risks of AI)





- Examples Compliance & Corruption risks:
- Use of AI based on hyperrealistic imitations of audio-visual content (deepfakes) for fraud schemes. (case of transfer of 240k USD by CEO who believed to be speaking to boss of company)
- Field of Competition & Antitrust: All algorithms can be used as tools for "algorithmic collusion", such as where algorithms autonomously coordinate, to fix prices in a collusive manner.
- Recruiting: HR departments may plan to implement an AI system to autonomously prescreen applicants. The commissioner could corrupt the AI systems by setting it up to illegitimately favor a particular group of applicants (in exchange for private gain, such as a bribe or kickback payment)



- TI Recommendations on how to reduce risks:
- Accountability: Institutions that use AI should be held accountable (negative & unintended consequences)
- Transparency obligation for public sector organizations using Al.
 - *i.a.* publication of information about algorithms to promote responsible use of AI, public oversight & mitigate bias.
- Audit: Algorithms used by a public body should be able to be reviewed and audited to ensure it is serving the public good. Auditors should evaluate systems for security risks such as vulnerabilities for abuse of algorithm.
- + Ethics training, specified CoC & Regulation



- Aspects for transparency of algorithms:
- Goal & Purpose
- developer/ programmer etc.
- Assumptions and variables of algorithm
 - "Code transparency"
- Margin of error
- Accuracy rate



- New technologies to prevent & detect and investigate:
- 1) Whistleblowing software
 - Online-tools with option for anonymous reporting
- 2) Open data / TI Integrity watch
 - User-friendly interactive database / Open data
 - * High-level lobby meetings published by the European Commission
 - * Declaration of financial interests and lobby meetings published by Members of the European Parliament.









3) Crowdsourcing platforms

IPaidABribe (India)

Online platform where citizens report their experiences with

ACROSS INDIA

TOTAL REPORTS
198023

TOTAL AMOUNT 30.01B

BRIBES FIGHTERS 3556

HONEST OFFICERS 1083

BRIBE HOTLINE 155217

BRIBES PAID 38167

corruption (bribes)

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4) E – Procurement

- Open Bidding Process
- Real-Time Access
- Audit Trail

