Is Your AI Transparent Enough? New Regulations Demand It.

Global frameworks are emerging to ensure accountability and trust in AI systems.

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Businesses Lacking Responsible AI Policies

The share of businesses with no formal responsible AI policies fell sharply from 24% in 2024 to 11% in 2025.

While this indicates progress, a significant portion of organizations still operate without formal responsible AI policies. Knowledge gaps, budget constraints, and regulatory uncertainty remain key obstacles to widespread adoption and implementation.

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Transparency and Explainability are Becoming Regulatory Imperatives

The EU AI Act's Code of Practice on Transparency of AI-generated content, enforceable from August 2, 2026, mandates clear labeling for AI-generated content, including deepfakes, with potential fines up to EUR 15 million or 3% of global annual turnover. This push for visibility aims to build user trust and ensure informed decision-making when interacting with AI systems.

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External Audits and Frameworks Drive Accountability and Maturity

Illinois's new law requiring annual third-party audits for frontier AI models sets a precedent for external accountability beyond self-attestation. Concurrently, the NIST AI Risk Management Framework (AI RMF) is evolving towards operational, industry-specific guidance, integrating AI risk into existing compliance, and demanding continuous monitoring and measurable controls for AI systems.

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