

# How can compliance sandboxes help the industry?

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## Agenda



- Presentation of the CNPD (Commission Nationale pour la Protection des Données)
- 2. 'Sandkëscht' A regulatory sandbox initiative (under the GDPR)
- 3. The future: Al Act, regulatory sandbox & innovation support



# The CNPD Commission Nationale pour la Protection des Données

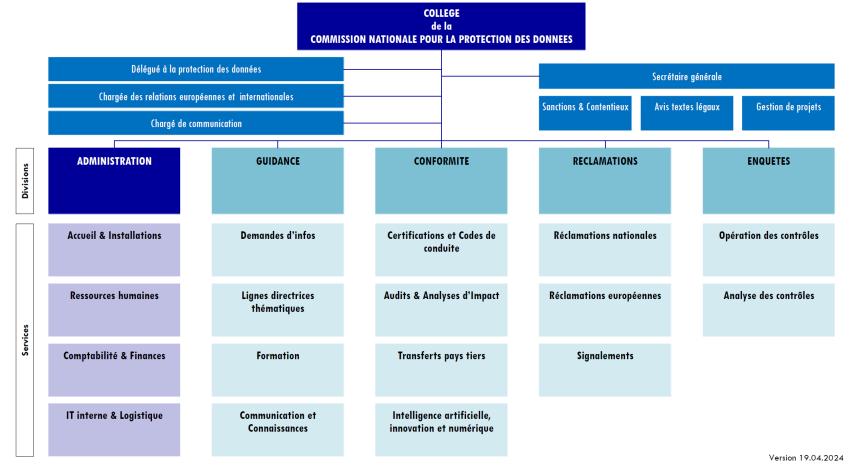
## Status and organization



- Status
  - Independent public body
  - -endowed with legal personality
  - -with financial and administrative autonomy
- Organization
  - -established by the repealed law of August 2, 2002 and
  - -organized by the law of August 1, 2018

## Organization chart

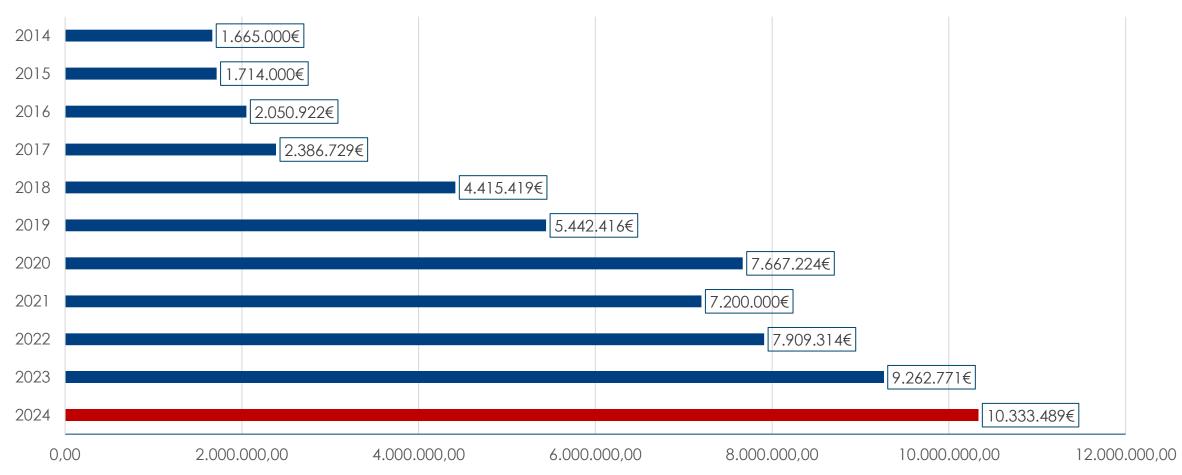




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## **Budgetary means**





### Human resources



- Staff
  - 67 in 2024 (30.10.2024)
- Average age
  - 38,8 years
- Average length of service with the CNPD
  - -4,3 years
- Nationalities
  - Luxembourgish, French, Belgian,
     German, Austrian, Spanish,
     Romanian, Greek, Portuguese.





#### Regulatory Sandbox – Compliance Sandbox

An initiative within the framework of the GDPR, not yet within that of the AI Act, but still with an eye towards the latter.

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## Introduction & the context



- The hype of AI: With the enthusiasm for artificial intelligence in recent years, the issue of data protection has become exacerbated.
- Al and data: Al needs large amounts of data to function effectively, which raises new questions about how these data are protected.
- A contextualized guidance that can help navigate the complex landscape of data protection in the era of AI.

## The regulatory sandbox







• The "Regulatory Sandbox" program aims to provide a dedicated space to test and assess the legal implications of new technologies and personal data use, especially in artificial intelligence, in collaboration with innovation players in Luxembourg.

## The evolutive approach



- The "Sandkëscht" regulatory sandbox designed to evolve:
  - · by enabling skill development as a supervisory authority,
  - and by fostering practical experience in managing the Sandbox.
    - Regulatory: supporting innovation actors in their compliance with the GDPR (currently the only effective regulation).
    - Artificial Intelligence: Implementing a sandbox dedicated to artificial
      intelligence, focused on personal data protection, follows a specific plan over a
      set period.
  - A measure of support for effective innovation IA act:
    - Operational Al regulatory sandbox (horizon 2026).

## **Entry Mechanism**



#### Entry into the Sandbox

#### Participating Organisation:

Any entity registered in Luxembourg, regardless of its size, sector of activity, or status.

#### Innovation:

 Projects can focus on the development, integration, or use of new technologies, particularly artificial intelligence systems.

#### Benefits for individuals or society in general:

 This includes products or services that provide benefits to consumers or optimize the use of resources such as digital transformation, ecological transition, and more.

## The Participation mechanism



#### Focused on personal data protection:

- A specific plan defined in collaboration with the participating organization.
- Project monitoring in the sandbox adjusted based on the challenges encountered and issues to be resolved during the experimentation.
- A determined duration ranging from 9 to 18 months, divided into three phases of three to six months each.
- The 5 Guiding principles:



## The mechanism at a glance







Phase I

**Exploring GDPR** compliance issues

Define the action plan and RoadMap



Implement the mitigation plan and follow up the measures



Results assessment Exit reporting

## The benefits





#### Safe Space

Support data protection in the era of AI complexity



#### **Open discussion**

Direct collaboration with the data protection authority



#### **Experiment**

Address new processing activities



#### **Trusted innovation**

Respectful of data subjects rights



#### Compliance

Strengthen the foundations for upcoming regulations



#### Reduce the costs

Prevent corrective actions and remediation costs



## The future

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# Al Act – New missions for the CNPD (draft law)



- Market surveillance authority (by default)
- Notified body (scope: law enforcement, immigration and asylum)
- Fundamental Rights Authority (with 2 other bodies)
- National Coordinator
- Responsible for implementing a regulatory sandbox in Luxembourg (mandatory)

#### Innovation support measures – Chap. VI IA act



#### Regulatory sandbox

3 Months inform the applicant of the decision

#### Duration

**limited** to a period appropriate to the complexity and scale of the project and which may be extended by the competent national authority

Decision of the competent authority

> Al regulatory sandboxes facilitate the participation of other relevant actors within the Al ecosystem, such as notified bodies and standardisation bodies, SMEs including start-ups, enterprises, innovators, testing and experimentation facilities, research and experimentation laboratories [...] in order to enable and facilitate cooperation with the public and private sectors;

#### Real-life tests (excluding Reg. SB)

30 Days inform the decision

applicant of the With regard to the test plan

Duration 6 months max Renewable 1x 6 additional months max

Subject to notification to the market surveillance authority

Approval by the market surveillance authority

Prior **notification** to market surveillance authority

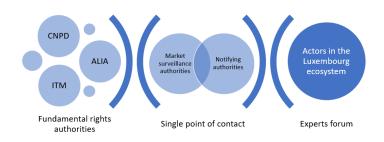
"[...] Member States shall empower their market surveillance authorities to require providers and potential providers to provide information, to carry out unannounced remote or on-site inspections and to monitor the conduct of real-world trials and associated high-risk Al systems. Market surveillance authorities shall use these powers to ensure the safety of realworld trials[...]

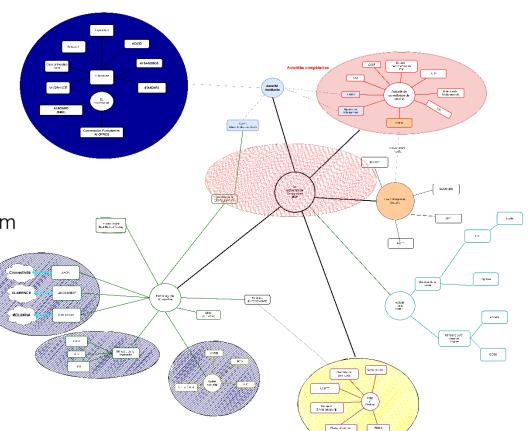
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## Al Act – The way to get there

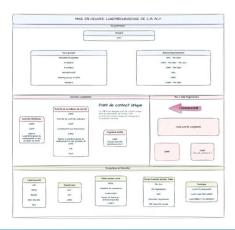


#### National coordination





Cooperation at the heart of the Ecosystem



# Conclusion



Regulate and support innovation while respecting fundamental rights

Focus on "by design"



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