

Al made in Europe Policy and legal challenges

Alexandre de Streel University of Namur, NADI and CERRE

> EUI Alumni Association Brussels, 18 February 2019



1. Analytical framework

- 2. Data fluidity
- 3. Algorithm transparency and fairness

4. Law and Innovation



- Al Magic box
 - Inputs: data collected and stored
 - Process: with powerful computing machines
 - On the basis of machine learning techniques
 - Outputs: detection, prediction
- Role of law: Protect our values
 - Trust and democracy
 - Understandability and fairness
 - Innovation
 - Contestability and contestation



- Data is the non-rival infrastructure for innovation
 - Common European Data Space to contribute to contestability
- Appropriability tools should be minimised
 - Law Contracts Technology
- Access/sharing should be maximised
 - Extend of sharing
 - Private and public data
 - Sector differences
 - Governance of sharing
 - Direct between firms
 - Mediated through consumers

3. Al Process: Transparency and explainability

- Transparency understandability explainability
 - Human and machine brains
- Why and what is explainability in laws?
 - Private decisions: Consumer protection and data protection rules
 - Ensure consumers fluidity
 - Public decisions: Constitutional and administrative principles
 - Ensure effectivity of judicial control
- Enforcement
 - XAI
 - Give information in smart and personalised manner
 - Flanking measures



- Why and what is fairness in laws?
 - Consumer protection, competition, data protection, antidiscrimination, ...
 - Not necessarily equates with non-discrimination or neutrality
 - Again more important for public than private decisions

- Enforcement
 - Market (when information asymmetry is not to high)
 - State: ex post and ex ante



4. Regulation in innovative and uncertain environment

- Rules
 - Hard-law: principles-based
 - Complemented by participatory soft-law and soft-enforcement
- Enforcement
 - Public: Authorities
 - Experimentation and agility Probabilities but also costs of regulatory errors
 - Use AI: RegTech and e-gov
 - Private: Consumers
 - Technological: Compliance by design