REGTECH: PROMISE, AND PRECONDITIONS

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A New Wave of Regulatory Governance?

• First wave: structural reforms (1970s-1980s)

• Privatizations, liberalizations: market-oriented reforms

• Second wave: regulatory reform (1980s-1990s)

• Ex ante filters + "Less is more"

• Third wave: regulatory governance/management (2000s)

• Policy cycle concept + importance of oversight

• Fourth wave: re-designing government (2010s)

- Regulating technology, and regulating "with" technology
- Experimental, adaptive regulation, design-based rules
- Algorithmic and data-driven regulation
- "The perfect technology of justice"?

Promising areas for RegTech

Regulation of algorithms

• EU P2B proposed regulation; algorithmic take-down (e.g. copyright, fake news)

Open API regulations

- EU PSD2 "Open banking" regulation
- Mandatory or voluntary data-sharing (e.g. IDS, in-vehicle data sharing)

Algorithmic regulation/enforcement

- Predictive analytics (e.g. PredPol)
- Co-regulatory solutions plus ex ante/ongoing monitoring

Experimental regulation

• Virtual sandboxes, virtual data spaces

Verification of compliance

• Trust-based systems, trustless systems coupled with zero-knowledge tools

"Zero red tape"

• From administrative burdens reduction to user-centric, "zero contact" administrative procedures

"Regulatory engineering"

- New screens
 - Openness/neutrality
 - Interoperability
 - Scalability
 - Contestability
 - Resilience
 - Enforceability
 - Input/throughput/output/outco me accountability
 - Trusted/trustless systems

- New experiments
 - RCTs
 - (Virtual) sandboxes
 - Ideation Sprints and rapid prototyping
 - Regulation via "extensions"
 - Algorithmic auditing and differential access to data
 - Co-regulatory schemes

Taxonomy of algorithmic approaches (Yeung 2017)

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	Standard setting	Monitoring	Enforcement/ Sanction	Description
1.	Fixed	Real time reactive violation detection	Automated	Simple real-time sanction administration systems
2.	Fixed	Real time reactive violation detection	Recommender system	Simple real-time warning systems
3.	Fixed	Pre-emptive violation prediction	Automated	Simple pre-emptive sanction administration systems
4.	Fixed	Pre-emptive violation prediction	Recommender system	Simple predictive recommender system
5.	Adaptive	Real time reactive violation detection	Automated	Complex sanction administration systems
6.	Adaptive	Real time reactive violation detection	Recommender system	Complex real-time prioritization systems
7.	Adaptive	Pre-emptive violation prediction	Automated	Complex predictive sanctioning systems
8.	Adaptive	Pre-emptive violation prediction	Recommender system	Complex predictive recommender systems

Key preconditions

- Infrastructure
- Trust!
- Ethical rules and minimum legal standards for AI and blockchain
- Compatible procedures: technology is no solution for administrative chaos
- Legal interoperability: work on open standards and "federated" standards
- Technical interoperability: e.g. forthcoming EU blockchain platform
- Understanding of layered architectures
- Skills in government

Example: EU ISA²

EU's transition towards smart government



Source: European Commission, DG DIGIT (2018)



Number of institutions = 65 (all institutions)

Source: Renda et al. (2018)

Example: automated driving





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