

MARC Internal Generative AI policy and updates

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- What is Al?
- Where is it already used?
- Legislation and Regulation



In the Lab: GenAl for Local Governments

#### GenAl for Local Governments Task Force by Numbers









45+ local govt's

15+ universities

20+ private sector

15+ other agencies



#### **Local Government's Approach to GenAl Policy**

- 1. **GenAl is a how, not necessarily a what.** GenAl is a technology that can transform *how* we do things. It's not necessarily the end result.
- 2. There is a level of education and understanding on how the technology works that is required to enable governments to develop policy and consider use cases.

# Use of GenAI at MARC

- Use the built-in tools on existing platforms once you have reviewed and understand the terms and conditions.
- Don't use the standalone tools just yet – ChatGPT, etc
  - Still evaluating these tools



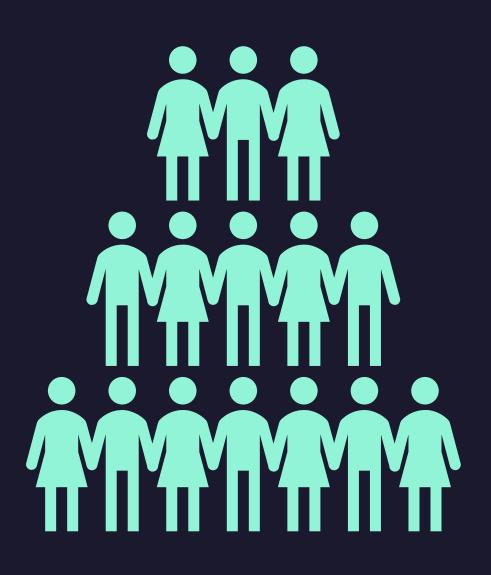
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### GenAI Use in Collaborative Projects

- Take the lead on bringing the topic up in discussion
- If any organizations in the collaborative have banned its used, discuss whether it is appropriate to use on the project
- If you are using it, you should be prepared to demonstrate how you have used it to the relevant committee or group



### Intergovernmental Regulation

Staff should research rules or guidance from funding agencies or organizations before using any AI tools for projects



### Ethical Use of AI

- Models are trained on significant amounts of data with potential unknown biases resulting in discriminatory outputs.
- There is a significant environmental footprint to the electricity consumed to run LLMs

#### AI Principles of Use (OECD)



- I. Inclusive growth, sustainable development and well-being. Al should benefit people and the planet.
- 2. Human-centered values and fairness. Al systems should be designed in a way that respects the rule of law, human rights, democratic values and diversity, and they should include appropriate safeguards – for example, enabling human intervention when necessary – to ensure a fair and just society.
- 3. **Transparency and explainability.** There should be transparency and a responsible disclosure around AI systems to ensure that people understand AI-based outcomes and can challenge them.
- 4. **Robustness, security and safety.** Al systems must function in a robust, secure and safe way throughout their life cycles and potential risks should be continually assessed and managed.
- 5. Accountability. Organizations and individuals developing, deploying or operating AI systems should be held accountable for their proper functioning in line with the above principles.

## **Risk Mitigation**



Do not under any circumstances put any private information about yourself, others or the organization into any generative AI tool.



Be wary of copyrighted sources being used to generate the requested content.



Cite generative AI use (the tool, the date used and the prompt used) for transparency whenever it is used. Require disclosure of its use by vendor, contractors or consultants when creating products on our behalf.



Always evaluate the content before using it – consider it a first draft and seek additional sources every time. Regional Innovation Forum: GenAI and the Public Sector

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#### Thank You

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