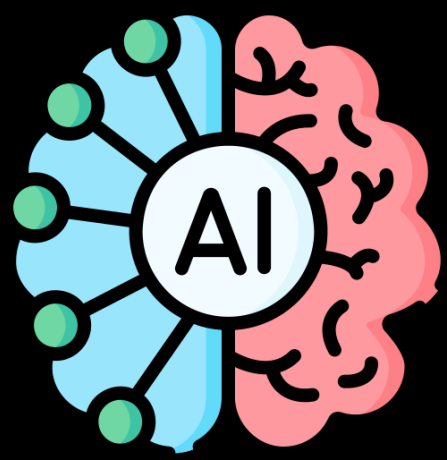


ETHICS BETWEEN AI AND FOSS

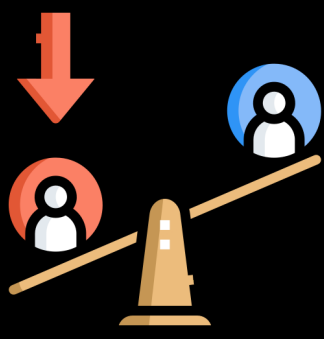
Sergio Vemic, Chief Visionary Officer, TELMEKOM



"Intelligence belongs to biological beings, capable of giving meaning and purpose to their actions.

AI, on the other hand, neither thinks nor understands: it processes data and instructions according to statistical and logical rules, producing results that appear intelligent to us because they are coherent or useful."

Luciano Floridi, "The Fundamental Difference" (2025)



AI mediates knowledge, power, and decisions

Challenges: opacity, bias, dependency

Floridi: AI as a new agent in the infosphere

Key question: Who governs the infosphere?



To be is to be interactable (Floridi)

Dignity = informational self-determination

Data misuse = violation of personhood

Ethical AI respects informational integrity



Infraethics = ethics of the environment that
enables moral action

Free Software → an infraethical practice

Openness and participation as moral design

FSFE: "Control over technology determines who controls society"

Sovereignty = capacity to inspect, adapt, and share

Closed AI → dependency

Open AI → autonomy and trust



Floridi

FSFE / FOSS

Shared Value

Infraethics — moral environments

Open standards, free licenses

Ethical infrastructure

Infosphere — shared digital ecosystem

Collaborative development

Commons-based governance

Information as a moral good

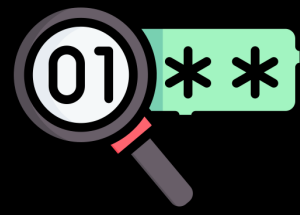
Software freedom as a right

Public interest

Dignity = autonomy

User control & transparency

Digital self-determination

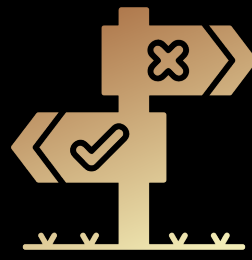


EU project in Barcelona / Amsterdam

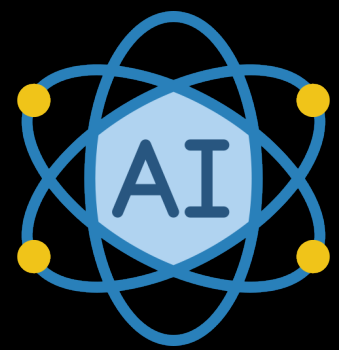
Goal: data sovereignty for citizens

Tools: decentralized identity, cryptographic
consent

Built entirely on open-source software



1. Transparency – inspectability as a right
2. Accountability – participatory governance
3. Interoperability – ethics through open standards
4. Sustainability – public funding → public code
5. Dignity – protect informational self-determination



"AI does not think nor understand – it calculates.
Meaning must come from us." – Floridi

Ethics in AI = the design of the human–digital
relation.

Free Software gives us the tools to make that
relation just, transparent, and dignified.

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