Open Algorithms in France, the Netherlands and New Zealand

FRANCE

What They're Doing	Legislative framework?	OGP Commitment
Etalab has been focusing on how to help agencies fulfill their legal obligations in terms of explainability and transparency. In this context, Etalab has produced two guidance documents for agencies: one on opening public source codes and one on the legal framework of accountability and transparency of public sector algorithms. Their work is also grounded in accompanying agencies on specific case studies. In June 2019, Etalab wrote a paper outlining their approach.	Yes - the 2016 'Law for a Digital Republic', introduced new provisions concerning public algorithms. These provisions aim to introduce greater transparency and accountability of the administration in the use of these systems, in particular when they are used to make decisions.	'Improving transparency of public algorithms and source codes', Commitment #6, AP 2018-2020

NETHERLANDS

What They're Doing	Legislative framework?	OGP Commitment
The Ministry of Justice and Safety and The Ministry of the Interior, among others, published guidelines on the use of algorithms by the government, with public values as an important focus.	No	'Open Algorithms', Commitment #6, AP 2018-2020
In 2019 <u>research</u> was conducted on the oversight of the government's use of algorithms.		
The Dutch National Chamber of Audit has been <u>researching</u> the use of algorithms in the public sector since February 2020.		
The Dutch government is considering a tri-level approach, looking at utilisation, implementation and adoption of open algorithms.		

NEW ZEALAND

What They're Doing	Legislative framework?	OGP Commitment
In 2018 the Government Chief Data	No	'Review of government
Steward and the Privacy Commissioner		use of algorithms',
published the Principles for the Safe and		Commitment #8, AP
Effective use of Data and Analytics to		2018-2020
guide government agency practices.		
In October 2018 the government		
published <u>a stocktake</u> of operational		
algorithms used by government agencies.		
In June 2019 the Government Chief Data		
Steward convened an independent Data		
Ethics Advisory Group and in October		
2019, announced public consultation on a		
proposed algorithm charter for		
government agencies.		