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AI & INCLUSION IN EU EDTECH

The 2026 Strategic Compliance Checklist for VADs and System Integrators

The New Reality of B2G Procurement

The era of "shifting boxes" to European schools is over. In 2026, educational institutions and municipalities face unprecedented regulatory pressure. They must digitalize classrooms while ensuring strict compliance with the **EU AI Act** and the **European Accessibility Act (EAA)**.

1. The EU AI Act: Education as "High-Risk"

AI systems used in education are classified as **High-Risk (Annex III)**.

Vendor Assessment Checklist:

- ✓ **Risk Management System:** Documented system to mitigate algorithmic bias.
- ✓ **Data Governance:** Proof that training datasets are representative.
- ✓ **Human Oversight:** Teacher can intervene or override AI decisions.
- ✓ **Transparency:** Clear decision-making process for educators and parents.

If a vendor cannot provide technical documentation for these points, the product will be rejected at the first stage of any public tender.

2. European Accessibility Act (EAA)

As of June 2025, the EAA is mandatory. Non-inclusive hardware or software is illegal to procure.

EAA Compliance Checklist:

- ✓ **Screen Reader Compatibility:** Support for visually impaired students.
- ✓ **Keyboard Navigation:** Operation without a mouse.
- ✓ **Adaptive UI/UX:** High contrast, scalable text for neurodiverse students.
- ✓ **Captions & Audio:** Mandatory for all multimedia.

Including a "compliant-out-of-the-box" solution disqualifies 80% of low-cost competitors.

3. Data Privacy: GDPR & Children's Safety

- ✓ **Data Residency:** Servers strictly within the EU.
- ✓ **Zero-Data Training:** Student data NOT used to train commercial AI models.
- ✓ **Anonymization:** Strict role-based access control.

UNOWA Strategy: Excellence by Design

MIKKO by UNOWA is engineered to exceed EU AI Act, EAA, and GDPR standards.

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