

The Consumer Voice in Europe

Credit scoring and Al

- The consumer perspective

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CREDITWORTHINESS ASSESSMENTS: CHALLENGES AHEAD

- Relevance for consumer vs. creditor?
- Which data is used?
- Quality of data accessed?
- Transparency of automated decision-making/scoring?
- Control over data access?





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Al Act: High-risk classification

- → Risk management system
- → Transparency requirements
- → Training, validation and testing of data
- → Fundamental rights impact assessment
- → Supervision

<u>General Data Protection Regulation: data protection</u>

- → Data minimisation
- → Consent-based data use
- → Article 9 personally sensitive data
- → Right to access personal data
- → Rules on automated decision-making

<u>Consumer Credit Directive: creditworthiness</u> assessment

- → Use of financially relevant data
- → Right to human intervention for automated decision-making
- → Strict prohibition to use personallysensitive data (Art. 9 GDPR) and data from social media
- → Right to correct data in databases

Payment Services Directive/Regulation: Open Banking

- → Third party data access (consent vs. permission, relationship with GDPR?)
- → Techniques of data access (dedicated interface API vs. screen scraping)



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- Transposition to national law till the 20th of Nov.
- German draft bill includes all obligations regarding creditworthiness assessments but:
 - Proportionality of required information
 - Uncertainty regarding processing of bank account information
 - Unspecified obligation to explain credit decisions
- Specific rights in the case of automated processing of personal data



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Ineffective CWA for small credits

- "information (...) which is necessary and proportionate to the *nature*, duration, value and risks of the credit for the consumer"
- An 18-year-old consumer with €150 pocket money per month accumulated €3,107.74 in debt in three months due to fees and late payment charges.

Uncertainty regarding processing of bank account information

- Art. 9 GDPR-Data and bank account information include: political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, health data, data concerning a natural person's sex life or sexual orientation
- Information on capacity to repay loans through PSDII/PSR-Interface
- Personal habits and sensivite data should not influence credit decisions



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- Human intervention for automated processing of personal data in the CWA
 - clear and comprehensible explanation
 - express the consumer's own point of view to the creditor
 - request a review
- Compared to GDPR: Extension of the scope



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