NexusAI

Sovereign AI readiness checklist

Twelve questions about data, models, access, control, audit and cost. Tick one box per line. Score Yes = 2, Partly = 1, No = 0.

1	DATA	We know where every dataset the AI reads is stored.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
2	DATA	Data that must stay in-country or in-house never leaves for AI processing.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
3	MODELS	The models we use can run in our own environment or a sovereign cloud.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
4	MODELS	We can switch to a different model without rebuilding our AI applications.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
5	ACCESS	The AI only sees what the person asking is allowed to see.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
6	ACCESS	AI agents can only use actions we have defined.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
7	CONTROL	High-risk or irreversible actions need a person's approval.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
8	CONTROL	Business rules live in one place, not inside prompts.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
9	AUDIT	Every AI action is logged: who, what, when and which rule allowed it.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
10	AUDIT	We can explain any AI answer from its sources.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
11	COST	We know what our AI will cost at full-company usage.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No
12	COST	Our AI costs do not grow with every word processed.	☐ Yes	☐ Partly	☐ No

Your total: _____ / 24

What your score means

19-24
Ready
You have the foundations. The next step is scaling to more use cases without losing control.

11-18
Partly ready
Some foundations are in place. Close the gaps in data location, access and audit before scaling.

0-10
Not yet
Start with where data lives, who can see what, and how actions are approved and logged.

Where to start on any "No"

1. **Data.** Map which systems hold the data your AI needs, and which data may not leave the country or the company.
2. **Models.** Prefer models you can run in your own environment or a sovereign cloud, behind an interface that lets you swap them.
3. **Access.** Make the AI inherit each user's permissions, and give agents a fixed list of actions.
4. **Control.** Put approval steps on irreversible or high-value actions. Keep rules in one place, readable by people.
5. **Audit.** Log every action with who, what, when and which rule allowed it. Show sources for every answer.
6. **Cost.** Estimate full-company usage before you scale. Our free calculator: thenexusai.tech/tools/ai-cost-calculator

Want a second opinion on your gaps?

We run proofs of concept inside your environment, on your data, with one process and one owner. Write to sales@thenexusai.tech or visit thenexusai.tech.

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