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 Artificial Intelligence has developed so much trough these years. However, every great invention comes with problems attached to it. The ethical problems that AI has brought to us seems very concerning. The Netherlands Government is incorporating more AI in their day-to-day activities. While the Netherlands Government focus on the ethics of AI, the Netherlands Supervisory authorities in the financial sector focus on responsible use of AI.

 Netherlands understands the importance of these ethical issues. That’s why we are currently developing new codes and standards such as the code on Digital Public Policy and Ethical code on Artificial Intelligence. The public-private institutions’ collaboration ECP (the Dutch platform for the information society) released a code of conduct as a starting point for the development of a legal and ethical framework that can be used for the assessment of an AI application. The code of conduct is used as a guideline for establishing the framework for the published Artificial Intelligence Impact Assesment (AIIA). It is a short test that can be carried out by a number of independent experts at the start of a project. The outcome is concrete advice on how the AI system can be implemented responsibly. Companies and developers may use the AIIA to identify the relevant legal and ethical standards and considerations for the deployment of AI applications.

 Netherlands believes that AI is a great tool as long as we use it carefully. In a speech by the Minister Van Engelshoven she said, “I don’t have to show you dystopia in boks or films to tell you what that might result in. At the same time, we should not frighten each other. Where AI is useful and used responsibly, being “outsmarted”, might not be that big a threat.”. We don’t want these machines to make the same mistakes as we did. That’s why we should work with experts.

 We think that AI is not something to be scared of. It is just a helpful tool and like every tool we should know how to use it. Our first concern should be who will make these machines. We shouldn’t let anyone design a AI. These things should be made with groups and with experts. These groups should have engineers, programmers and philosophers. Our second concern shoul be how these machines will be made. Some of these AIs can learn from experience and it’s called machine learning. When an AI is first made it’s like a baby and just like a baby it needs good parents. These AIs should have their own ethic rules decided by philosophers so we can prevent them from being racist, sexist or making wrong choices.