



Closing the Governance Debt Gap

How AssuranceGrid's platform capabilities map to the five-part Governance Debt taxonomy. A companion to the full whitepaper at assurancegrid.com/resources/governance-debt-whitepaper.

POLICY DEBT

Written policy drifts out of sync as regulations move faster than annual review cycles.

→ Policy Management

A continuous document lifecycle (Draft, Review, Approved, Published) mapped to all 10 supported frameworks, including EU AI Act, ISO/IEC 42001, and NIST AI RMF, at the individual requirement level, not a framework-wide checkbox.

OWNERSHIP DEBT

No named, accountable individual for who owns an AI system or can shut it down.

→ Named Ownership, Enforced by the Platform

Every risk, control, vendor, policy, and AI system carries a required owner from the moment it's created, backed by 8-role RBAC. Accountability isn't a spreadsheet convention here: it's a field the platform won't let you skip.

VISIBILITY DEBT

Incomplete AI inventories, especially vendor-embedded "shadow AI" nobody documented.

→ Three-Layer AI Discovery

AI System Inventory (documented use cases), Agent Registry (instrumented governance), and passive AI Agent Discovery via Okta and GitHub Copilot data, catching the shadow AI the other two layers miss.

EVIDENCE DEBT

Can't produce on-demand proof a control actually operated; evidence scattered across systems.

→ Continuous Evidence Sync

Nightly evidence connectors (GitHub, Okta, BambooHR, and AWS Config today, with more connectors on the roadmap) attach evidence directly to the control it supports, and an automated Missing Evidence Detector flags staleness before an audit does.

PROCESS DEBT

Manual, point-in-time governance degrades silently between formal review cycles.

→ A Real-Time Governance Engine

Live anomaly scoring, IF/THEN enforcement (observe, alert, block, escalate), and hourly KRI/KCI breach scanning mean the platform is never more stale than its last sync, not its last review meeting.

One connected platform, not five point solutions

Governance Debt compounds: Ownership gaps create Visibility gaps, which create Evidence gaps. An organization is scored on its weakest dimension, not the average. AssuranceGrid puts every owner, system, control, and piece of evidence on one entity graph, not five disconnected tools.

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