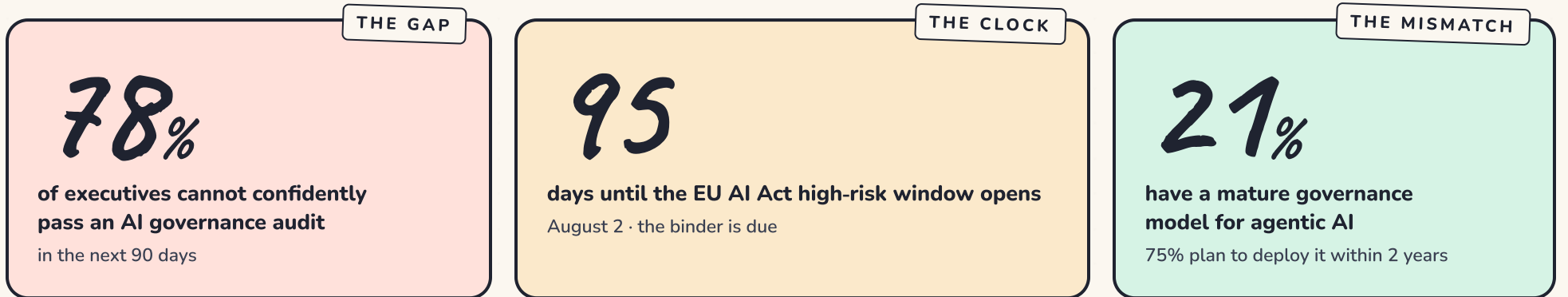


The 78% who can't pass an audit

Grant Thornton just surveyed 950 business leaders. Most cannot prove their AI governance works. The EU AI Act high-risk window opens August 2. That gives you 95 days.

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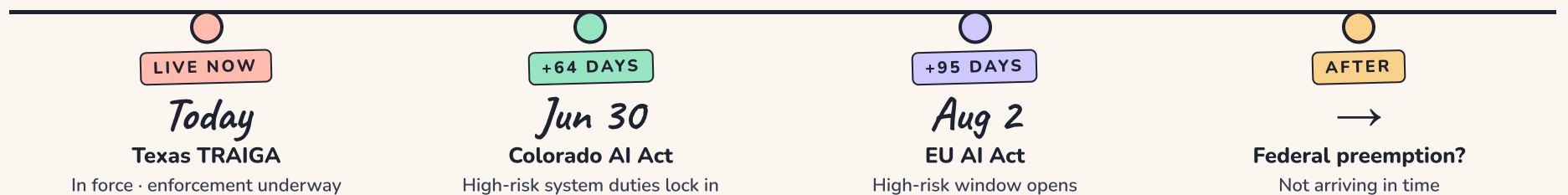
The AI proof gap – in 5 parts

WHAT BOARDS ARE NOW ASKING

- You can't govern what you can't list**
 Most enterprises cannot produce a current inventory of their AI systems, models, and prompts. No inventory means no risk classification — and no risk classification means no audit trail.
- Agentic AI is racing past oversight**
 Boards are greenlighting autonomous agents at four times the rate that governance teams are ready for them.
 - 21% MATURE GOVERNANCE FOR AGENTIC AI TODAY
 - 75% PLAN TO DEPLOY IT INSIDE 2 YEARS
- Boards want evidence, not policy PDFs**
 “We have a policy” is no longer an answer. Regulators and audit committees want logs, conformity records, and a fundamental rights impact assessment they can read.
If you can't hand it over, you don't have it.
- Regulation is here, not coming**
 Texas TRAIGA is already live. Colorado locks in June 30. The EU locks in August 2. Federal preemption is not arriving fast enough to save anyone — the calendar is the strategy.
- Treat ISO 42001 and NIST AI RMF as the operating system, not the checkbox**
 The firms closing the gap right now run their AI on the standards. Risk classification, controls, evidence, and rights assessments all flow from one operating model — so when a regulator, a board, or an external auditor asks, the same binder answers all three.

The next 95 days, on the calendar

2026 LOCK-IN DATES



If your board asked tomorrow – do you show up to August 2 with a binder, or with an excuse?

A BINDER

AN EXCUSE