

Amsterdam and Helsinki's Public Algorithm Register — the World's First City AI Registers

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Netherlands

Quality score: 80/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Amsterdam and Helsinki launched the world's first public algorithm registers in 2020; Amsterdam's now lists ~60 systems, folded into a mandatory Dutch national register — though a 2021 academic study found the format still lacks enforcement teeth.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability beyond pilot	3/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-24

[City of Amsterdam \(Gemeente Amsterdam\), joint initiative with the City of Helsinki](#) — accessed 2026-07-24

[Gemeente Amsterdam — Dutch national algorithm register](#) — accessed 2026-07-24

[OECD.AI: Amsterdam's AI Register \(policy dashboard\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-24

[Dutch Comfort: The Limits of AI Governance Through Municipal Registers \(arXiv\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-24

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