

Innopolis — Russia's Purpose-Built IT City and the Gap Between Its Master Plan and Its Population

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Quality score: 43/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Tatarstan built a greenfield city, university and tax-privileged zone to attract IT talent. A decade on, roughly 4,200-5,200 people live there against a 155,000 master-plan figure, and Russia's Accounts Chamber rated the zone ineffective in 2018.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	1/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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