MIT Scheme — The Netherlands' National–Provincial SME Innovation Subsidy, and a Critical 2023 Counterfactual Evaluation

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Netherlands

Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

The MIT scheme funds SME feasibility studies, R&D; collaboration and knowledge vouchers; about 8,000 firms used it in 2017–2021. A 2023 Dialogic/SEO evaluation against rejected applicants found mostly temporary job effects, no turnover or productivity gain, no voucher effect.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-11-25

Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy / RVO, co-financed by the Dutch provinces — accessed 2026-11-25

Parliamentary letter on the MIT/IPC evaluations (Kamerstuk 32637-588, 21 Nov 2023) — accessed 2026-11-25

Dialogic — Evaluation of the MIT and IPC schemes — accessed 2026-11-25

RVO — MIT scheme page — accessed 2026-11-25

Cite this — Evidoria. *MIT Scheme — The Netherlands' National–Provincial SME Innovation Subsidy, and a Critical 2023 Counterfactual Evaluation*. Persistent ID: 9c840582-b58a-460c-a6e7-d304aedeaeb8.