Nationale AI-Cursus — The Netherlands' Free Public AI Course Completed by 170,000 Citizens (1% of the Population)

AI in Education · Good practice · Netherlands

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A free Dutch online AI course, inspired by Finland's Elements of AI, set a 2018 goal of reaching 1% of the population; by October 2020 over 170,000 people had completed it and received a certificate. Learning gains were never independently evaluated.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	1/3
Equity & inclusion	1/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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

Nationale AI-Cursus (initiated by Jim Stolze / Aigency; now hosted by Gotcha Certified) — accessed 2026-11-11

Nationale AI-Cursus (official site) — accessed 2026-11-11

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