

SBIR / Innovation Impact Challenge — Two Decades of Dutch Public Procurement for Innovative SMEs

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Quality score: 48/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2004 the Dutch government has funded SMEs through phased SBIR R&D; contracts on behalf of ministries, spending about EUR 8M/year, but its own 2010 evaluation found impact too early to judge and flagged uneven ministry uptake.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland \(RVO / Netherlands Enterprise Agency\)](#), on behalf of Dutch government ministries — accessed 2026-09-10

[RVO — SBIR official page](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

[bedrijvenbeleidinbeeld.nl — SBIR policy-monitoring data](#) — accessed 2026-09-10

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