

The Netherlands' Crime Anticipation System — A Decade of Hotspot Predictions With No Proven Crime Reduction

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Netherlands

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Dutch police used the Crime Anticipation System to predict 125x125m crime hotspots nationwide from 2017. A 2025 review found it correctly predicted only 1 in 50 incidents, and police discontinued it in 2026 unable to prove it cut crime.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-02

[Netherlands National Police \(Politie\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-02

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