

Woogle — the Dutch NLP Search Engine for 3 Million Freedom-of-Information Files, Now Being Tested on Estonia's Records

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Netherlands

Quality score: 80/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Woogle, built at the University of Amsterdam, uses OCR and document-classification models to index over 3 million Dutch FOIA dossiers (11M+ pages) from 1,000+ public bodies — and peer-reviewed research shows the same pipeline can be adapted to Estonia's public records.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[University of Amsterdam \(Informatics Institute\) with the Dutch Government Organisation for Information Management \(RvIHH\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[MDPI Data journal: Enhancing Access Across Europe for FOI Documents — Applying Woogle Design to Estonian Public Information Act Documents](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

[University of Amsterdam: New AI Lab Makes Open Government Information Easier to Find and Understand](#) — accessed 2026-08-16

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