Monitoring urban policy in the Netherlands

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Overview of the presentation

– Covenant for urban policy 2005-2009
– Type of indicators: outcome vs. output
– Data source: central vs. city
– Organisation of the monitor
– Policy context: benchmarking and evaluation
Covenant for urban policy 2005-2009

31 Dutch cities and the central government

4 billion euro
  • Social aspects, Integration and Safety 60%
  • Physical aspects 36%
  • Economic aspects 4%
Objectives and outcome indicators

Improving safety
– Perception indicators on crime and fear of crime

Improving the physical quality of the neighbourhood
– Transaction price of houses, perception of degradation

Improving the social quality of the neighbourhood
– Labour participation, perception of social quality

Binding middle and upper income groups to the city
– Household income

Improving the city’s economic strength
– Perception of business climate, city gross product
% of people that feel unsafe in their neighbourhood

- Utrecht: 34.8%
- Rotterdam: 28.2%
- Den Haag: 24.5%
- Amsterdam: 31.2%

2004, city surveys
Transaction price of houses

- Utrecht: 208
- Rotterdam: 160
- Den Haag: 180
- Amsterdam: 228

x 1000 euro

2004, Kadaster
A selection of the 53 output indicators

- Number of clients in outpatient addiction treatment
- Number of reports of domestic violence
- Changes in the housing stock
- Soil decontamination
- Number of hectares of renovated industrial sites
Number of new houses minus number of demolished houses (2009)

- Utrecht: 13400
- Rotterdam: 6000
- Den Haag: 8800
- Amsterdam: 9000
Data sources

– Central sources (28% of indicators)
  • central statistical office
  • police
  • surveys
  • …

– City (72% of indicators)
  • surveys
  • registration by city departments
Organisation of the monitor

- Private contractor hired by the ministry collects the data.

- A committee of representatives from ministries and cities overviews the progress.

- The ministry intervenes when there are problems with data collection.

- The ministry publishes the monitor (report, internet).
Policy context

2005: baseline measurement

2007: mid-term review

2010: final accounting