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Experimenting with Minimum Income Guarantee in the Netherlands: Utrecht

Citizen's Basic Income Day, London School of Economics

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1. Introduction

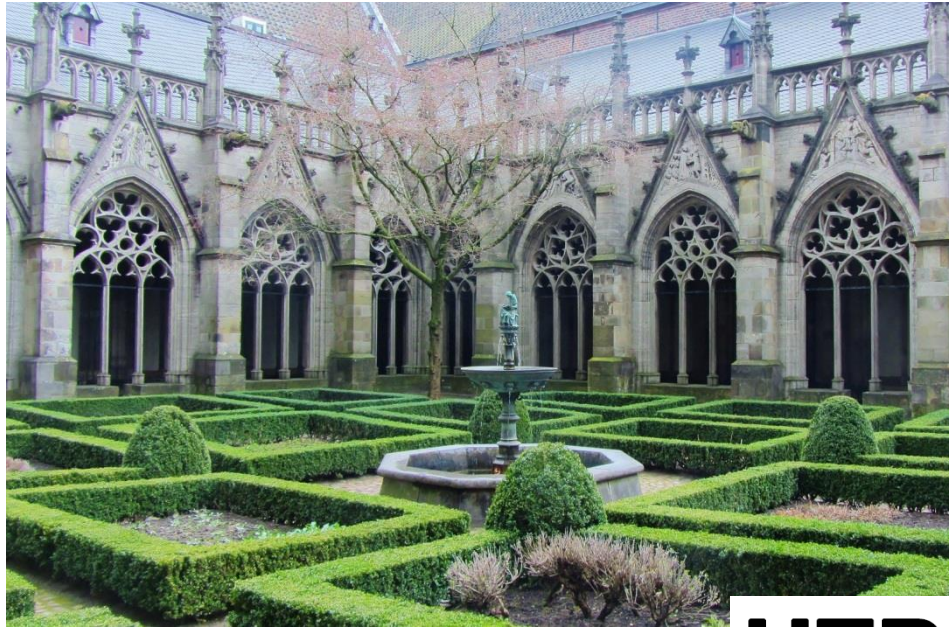
- (1) Utrecht: fast facts
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- (3) Where it all started
- (4) A new movement

Utrecht: fast facts¹



1) 2016 data
2) 2015 data

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Minimum Income Guarantee in the Netherlands

National government



Establishing legal frameworks

Municipalities

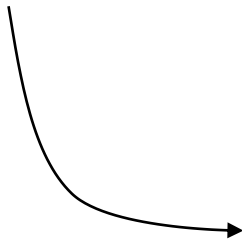


Executing the scheme

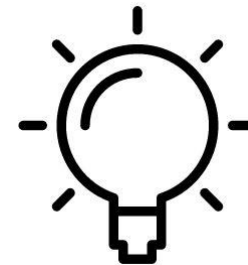
- Lowest social security layer
- Means-tested benefit
- Sanctioning in case of noncompliance
- 980€ / month for single person household
- On top: child, housing and healthcare allowances

Where it all started

- January 2015: Introduction of the Participation Act
- Tightening of social security regulations
- Reform discontents many Dutch municipalities



Is there
another way?



A new movement



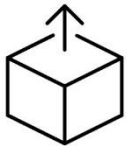
Simplifying the rules of the system



Improving the system through evidence-based policy



Stimulating more recipients to reintegrate and participate



Paradigm shift from enforcement and distrust

to own responsibility and trust

A new movement



42 municipalities
with plans to
experiment

2. The experiment

- (1) Experimental design
- (2) Outcomes
- (3) Outlook

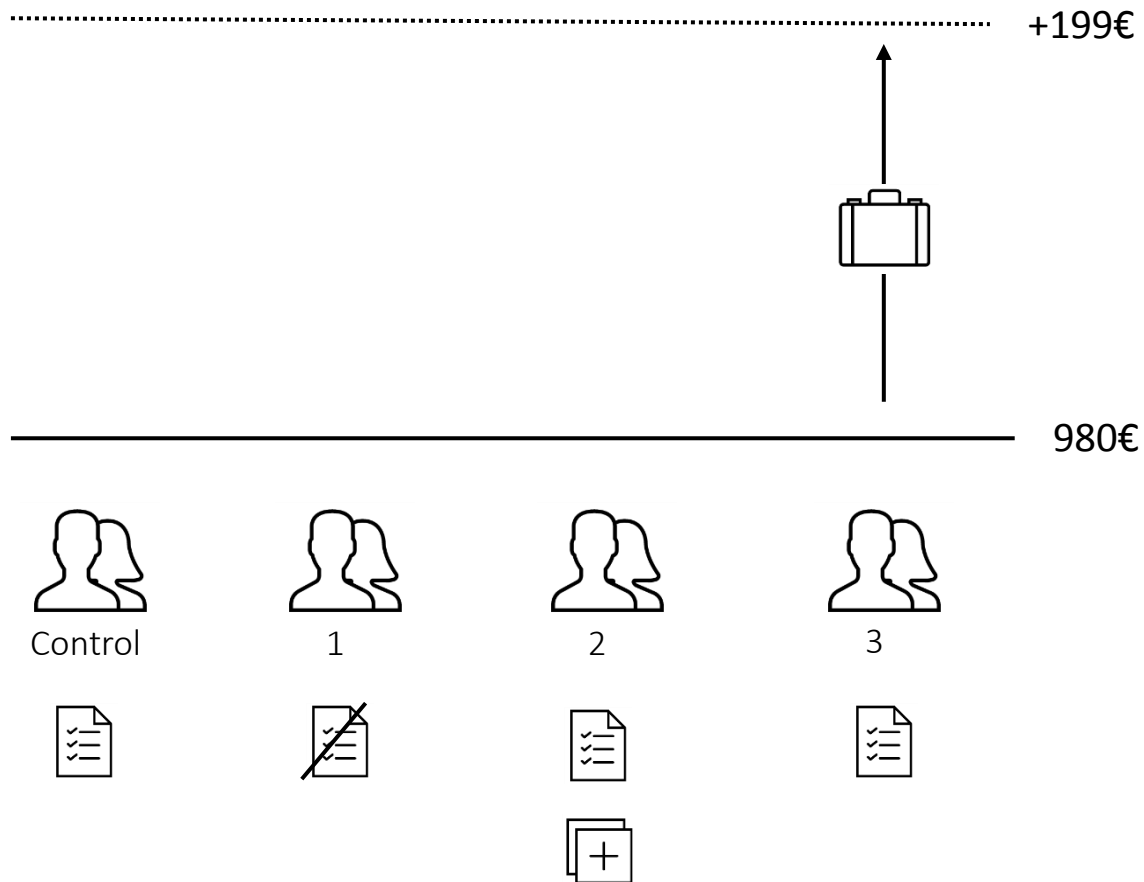


Experimental design: fast facts

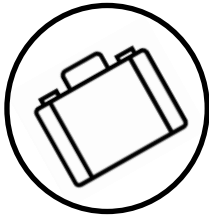


- Cooperation between City of Utrecht and Utrecht University
- RCT with recipients of minimum income guarantee in Utrecht
- Duration of 1.5 years
- One control and three treatment groups à 150-200 subjects
- Voluntary participation

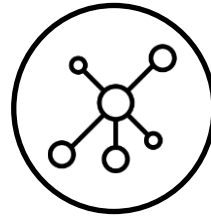
Experimental design: treatments



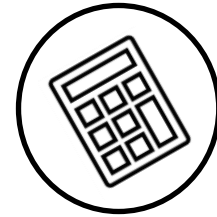
Outcomes



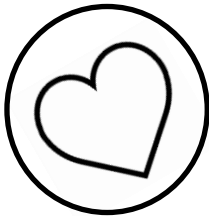
Job search behaviour &
labour market reintegration



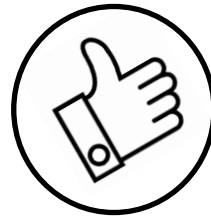
Participation &
social activation



Financial
situation



Health &
well-being



Satisfaction of
recipients and caseworkers



Cost of
the scheme

Outlook

- (1) Six Dutch cities started to experiment
- (2) Experiments started under strict regulations
- (3) Results expected in spring 2020

Thank you for your attention.

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