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Integrating Care, Strengthening Communities: The Data Connection

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Why caring neighbourhoods?



What are caring neighbourhoods?

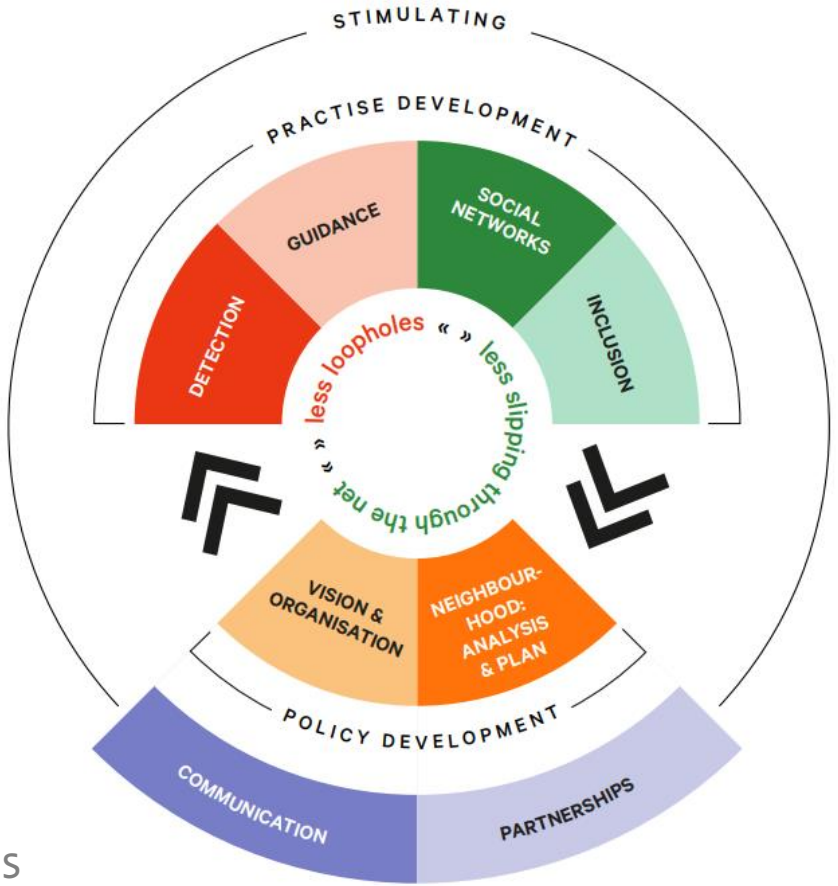


Policy on caring neighbourhoods

- **132 projects started March 1, 2022 → 28 February 2025**
  - → Projects initiated by municipalities or health and wellbeing organisations
  - → Local partnerships in which local residents cocreate
- **Projects supported by a consortium, coordinated by King Baudouin Foundation**
  - → More than 15 different colleges, universities, research centers and midfield
  - → Coaching and trainings on key topics (neighbourhood analysis, etc)
- **Flanking research - Policy Research Centre for Welfare, Public Health and Family**
  - → Aim: Developing practical tools to support neighbourhoods in developing a sustainable caring neighbourhood and giving concrete policy recommendations
- **Scaling up number of caring neighbourhoods: inspire + inform wider work field**
- **Stakeholders meeting**

The data connection…

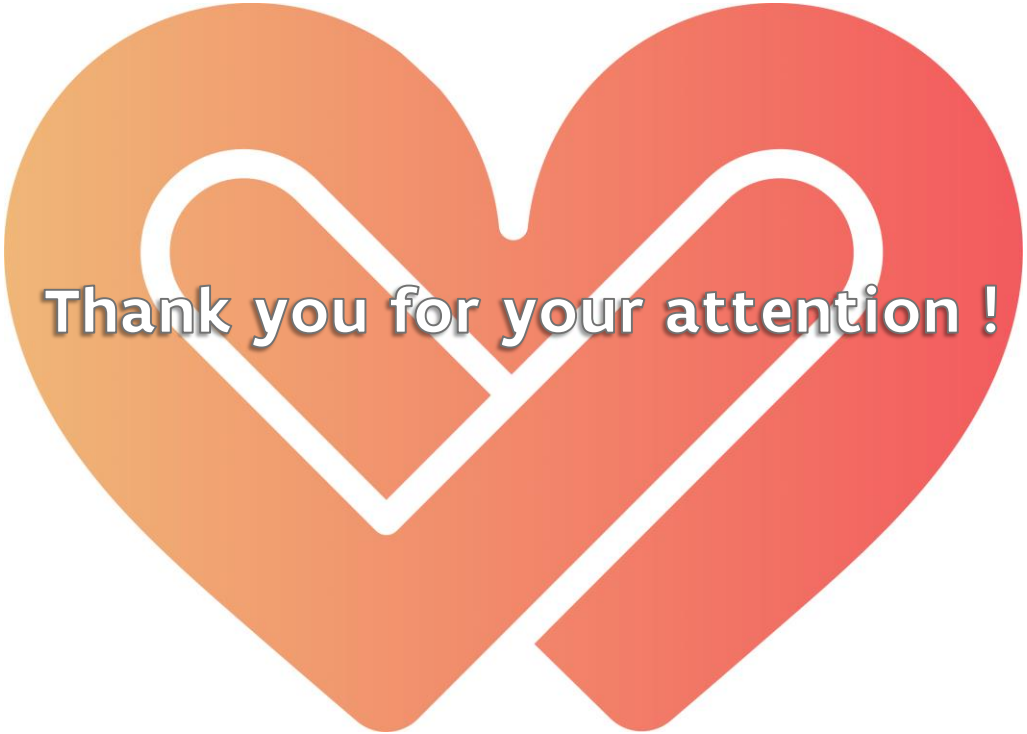
- **132 projects → different neighbourhoods → different sets of priorities**
- **Frame of reference with 8 building stones *(Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities VVSG & SAAMO)***
- **Neighbourhood analysis**
  - → Needs + Strengths + Possibilities
  - → Essential basis
  - → Opportunity to collaborate with neighbours and professionals
  - → From scepticism → advice for start-ups



Information?

- **www.zorgenvoormorgen.be/zorgzamebuurten/caring-neighborhoods**
  - → Policy in Flanders
  - → Practice Guide of SAAMO with the frame of reference
  - → Executive Summary of the research of the Policy Research Centre for Welfare, Public Health and Family

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Thank you for your attention !