Research report

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# Research methods

 **Literature**

** Google**

Since this is an early stage of the project and research we are mainly going to do literature and field research. We will do this by looking up research on Google what Eindhoven already does to improve the Neighborhood and we will look up if everything is understandable for foreign habitats of Eindhoven.

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# Main question

## What is done in Eindhoven to improve the quality of neighborhoods for habitants?

# Hypothesis

We expect that certain neighbourhoods have neighbourhood associations. We think that these neighbourhood associations discuss and execute improvements for the neighbourhoods.

Our expectation is that neighbourhoods without these associations are also not as developed as those who have an association.

# Sub Questions:

## What does township Eindhoven do to improve the neighbourhood?

#### Open for ideas

The township of Eindhoven is open for ideas, you can for example send them an email and with your idea to improve the township or neighborhood. They even support you if your idea is great and they try to investigate if the idea needs subsidy.

#### Make Eindhoven greener (Dutch)

Eindhoven also tries to motivate habitants to make their gardens greener. On the township website is also a link to a folder which helps habitants to choose plants that work good in their gardens. And if you don’t really like maintaining the garden, there are tips on how to have a green garden without too much maintenance. This folder is in Dutch. Eindhoven calls this Operation Steenbreek.

#### Brighten your neighborhood (Dutch)

On the township website is also an .pdf called [Smilezine](https://www.eindhoven.nl/sites/default/files/2018-06/Smilezine2018.pdf). (also in Dutch). In Smilezine are examples of how you can brighten the neighbourhood.

#### Adopt a street (Dutch)

If you meet people with the same hobbies and interest it is easier to build up a friendship. That way you can get to know each other quicker and better. You could for example meet locals at a football club.

#### Neighborhood Prevention

You can get in contact with Township Eindhoven for setting up a neighborhood prevention. This will improve the security of a neighborhood. The township gives practical support for free.

#### Meet places in Eindhoven

In Eindhoven it is possible to hire a neighborhood meet-up place where u can get in contact with people from the neighborhood. [buurtruimte040.nl](https://www.buurtruimte040.nl/) These places are good affordable and there are a lot of services that u can use.

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## Is it Easy for a non Dutch person to find answers on how to improve the neighborhood?

To answer this question we went searching on Google with english terms. and we wrote down what we found.

**Term: Eindhoven improve neighbourhood:**

**Results**

* Forum topics
* Nomad list

**Term: Eindhoven neighborhood ideas**

**Results**

* Pinterest
* Page about renting in Eindhoven

**Term: Eindhoven neighborhood improvement idea**

**Results**

* Eindhoven PvdA pdf
* Child friendly urban design research by TU/e.

**Term: Eindhoven district improvement**

**Results**

* <http://www.district-e.nl/> (in Dutch)

# Conclusion

We can conclude that the township of Eindhoven does a lot for the inhabitants of Eindhoven. The only thing we see is that most of the services the township of Eindhoven has are only written in Dutch, this can make it hard for foreign habitants of Eindhoven to understand and use the services.

# App recommendation based on research

* Make sure that the app supports multiple languages
* Give contact information and describe what you can do together with the township of Eindhoven

## Reflection

We think the results of the research are good. We have gathered valuable information. Also we think our approach was good. We think we should have came up with a more specific research question though.

**Sources**

[Actief zijn en meedenken](https://www.eindhoven.nl/stad-en-wonen/stad/meedenken)

[Doe mee met Operatie Steenbreek Eindhoven](https://www.eindhoven.nl/stad-en-wonen/wonen/groen/groen-in-eindhoven/doe-mee-met-operatie-steenbreek-eindhoven)

[Buurtpreventie](https://www.eindhoven.nl/stad-en-wonen/buurten/buurtpreventie)