

Results of Working with the Neighbourhood Corporation Enschede B.V.: The Year 2002, the First Year in Business

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SUMMARY

The Neighbourhood Corporation started its work in September 2001 in the east part of Enschede. This area has to cope with: riots, prostitution, illegal-gambling and drugs-abuse and, because of the fact that the border with Germany is only 10 km., a lot of drug-related-traffic. About 50.000 people live in the area.

In the paper I presented in Washington, I wrote about the start of the project in May 2000, where we started the project of rehabilitation of this area. One off the instruments we work with is the founding of the Neighbourhood Corporation Enschede B.V.(NCE). The NCE is a public-private-partnership between the Municipality of Enschede and two housing-agencies. The organisation is familiar to the organisation that is used in Rotterdam.

After one year the NCE bought more than 50 houses; some with commercial places. The company owns some coffee-shops and some illegal pensions. Aim is to close all of these places in the upcoming year.

The paper will handle the whole project, with an accent of the marbelious work the police is doing within the project in cooperation of the Municipality and i.e. the Ministerie of Justice. Special place in the project is taken by the organisation of the inhabitants: the so-called Wijk-Raad.

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