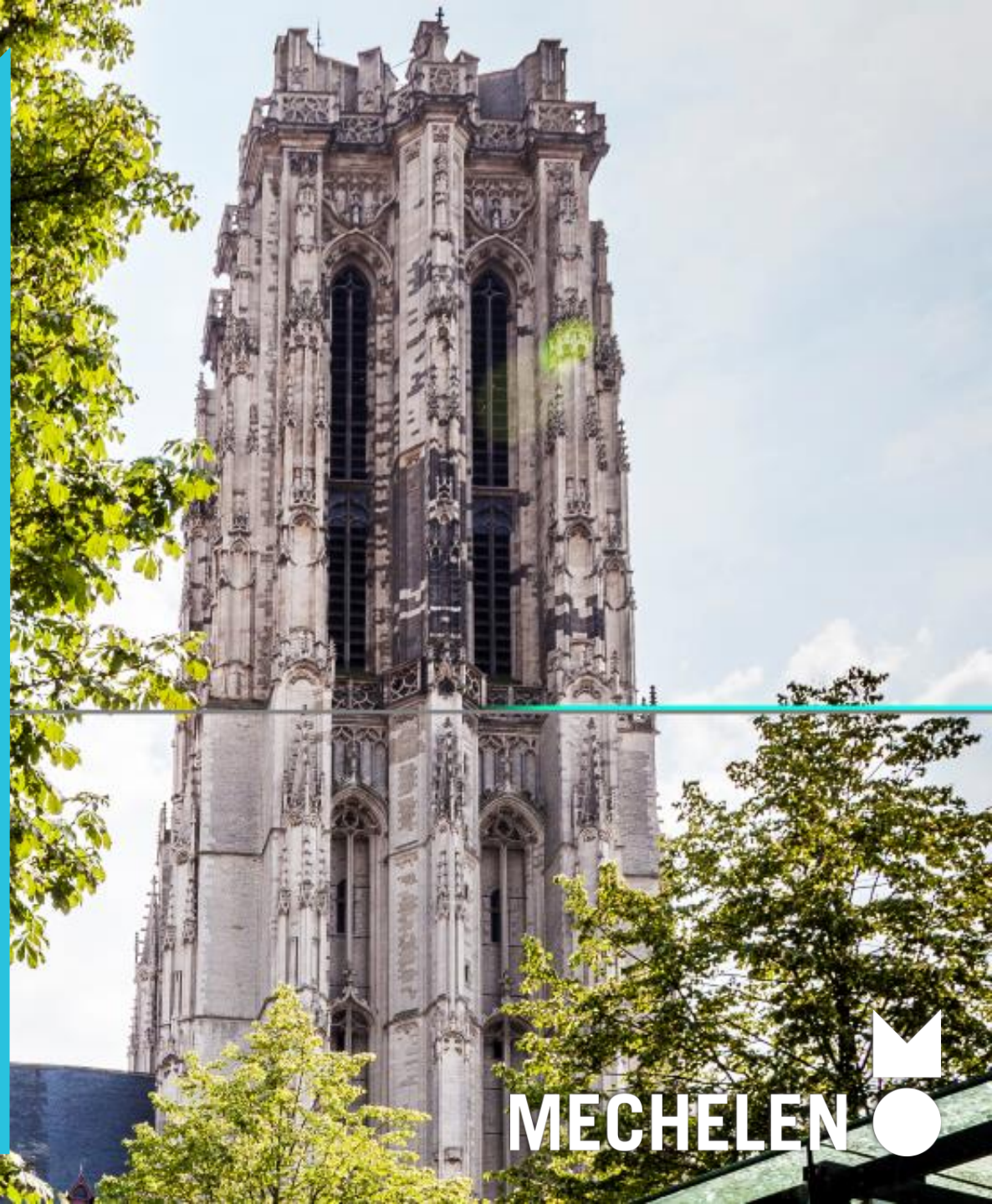




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PILOT MECHELEN

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Starting points

Small group repeat offenders with high impact on urban security level

Reducing re-offending = improved (feelings of) urban security

Current reaction has little to no effect on recidivism (of this specific target group)

Few guidance programs in transition age from juvenile to young-adult

Little attention for victims of 'common, frequent offences'

Successful case-management approach of the Family Justice Centre inspired the IN TEAM approach repeat offenders



Immediatly = fast reaction and quick decision-making



Neighbourhood focussed = project-based / within well-defined zones that require extra attention



Together = an integrated reaction of the different professionals / casemanager as 'binding agent'



Efficiënt = keep a close eye on things and take action if necessary / intensive follow-up / outreach approach



Adapted = take the context of the facts and people involved into account / risk factors & individual talents



Measures with concrete impact = focus on alternative measures & social measures / reaction & empowerment

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prevent recidivism of repeat offenders

Core partners – *a hub of networks*

Public Prosecutors Office & Criminal Courts

Local department of social welfare

Civil society partner on youth welfare

Institute for jobtraining & mediation (VDAB)

Youth care centre - Emmaüs

Local police

Social Prevention Services city of Mechelen



IMPACT challenges

- Less mistrials & dismissals and more, faster (effective) reaction to offences → higher 'visible justice system' & trust in criminal justice
 - Fast compensation & extra focus mediation → victims' needs are better met
 - Tailor-made, integrated approach (alternative measures combined with social measures) & outreaching case-manager/coach → sustainable impact on offender's recidivism
 - 2 track workflow to 1 integrated workflow
- ! Academic support → neutral sparring partner & finding evidence !

RESEARCH SAMEN

THE WHAT AND THE WHO

- Action research by PhD-student R. Haers under guidance of Dr. Prof. K. Verfaillie
- *Ex-durante* evaluation
- Reciprocal interaction between scientific and practical/field knowledge
 - F.e. qualitative stakeholder survey → analysis of data + scientific recommendation 'theory of change' → demarcation target group & goalsetting
 - Next step: formulation selectioncriteria targetgroup
- Start in November 2021

RESEARCH SAMEN

TOPIC

- Research question:

“How can an offender-based multi-agency approach reduce the risk of recidivism among repeat offenders?”