

# Council for the Environment and Infrastructure (Rli)

The Council is an independent body that provides the Dutch government and Parliament with solicited and unsolicited advice on overall policy pertaining to the sustainable development of the physical living environment and infrastructure.

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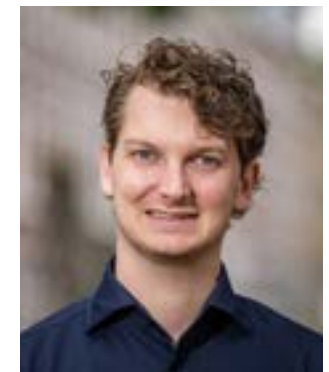
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### Task

The Council advises the Ministers of Infrastructure and Water Management (IenW), Economic Affairs (EZ), Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN), Climate and Green Growth (KGG), Housing and Spatial Planning (VRO), and the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK) on policy concerning the broad domain of the physical environment. The advice provided covers policy issues regarding housing, spatial planning, the environment, climate, water, agriculture, nature, food (and food quality), traffic and transport, spatial-economic development, the energy infrastructure, and external security.

### Approach

With its strategic advice, the Council aims to make an agenda-setting, guiding, and nurturing contribution to public discussion and political decision-making. It does

so by monitoring trends and developments, identifying societal issues, and placing these on the agenda.

The Council's advisory reports are produced by means of an open process involving the bodies that have requested advice and civil stakeholders. The government is obligated to respond to the reports and to indicate what action it is taking or intends taking. The reports are in the public domain and are available on the [www.rli.nl](http://www.rli.nl) website.

The Council collaborates with various knowledge institutions and planning agencies, in particular the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL), and makes use of their analyses, forecasts, and policy reviews. The planning agencies focus on how knowledge can be applied for policy development and on identifying trends and developments on behalf of central government, whereas the Council focuses on

the interface with politics. Its focus is on issues that are relevant in the medium to long term.

### Council members

The Council consists of twelve government-appointed members, including the chair and two members of the Environment and Planning Act Evaluation Committee (EcO). The members are appointed for four years by Royal Decree on the basis of their broad knowledge and experience of society. They come from the spheres of public administration, business, and academia.

### Junior members of the Council

The Council has appointed three junior councillors with a view to the knowledge and experience of younger generations being reflected in its work. The junior council members take part in all the Council's activities.

The Council was established by law on 10 February 2012.

### Secretariat Rli

The Council for the Environment and Infrastructure is assisted as regards content and facilities by a secretariat. The general secretary to the Council and director of the secretariat is Dr R. (Ron) Hillebrand.