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Using knowledge to realise a good health for everybody is something we do throughout the entire knowledge chain, from fundamental research to implementation. Thanks to the wide-ranging working field of its entire knowledge chain, ZonMw can call itself a unique organisation. This page describes the structure of our organisation and how we work.

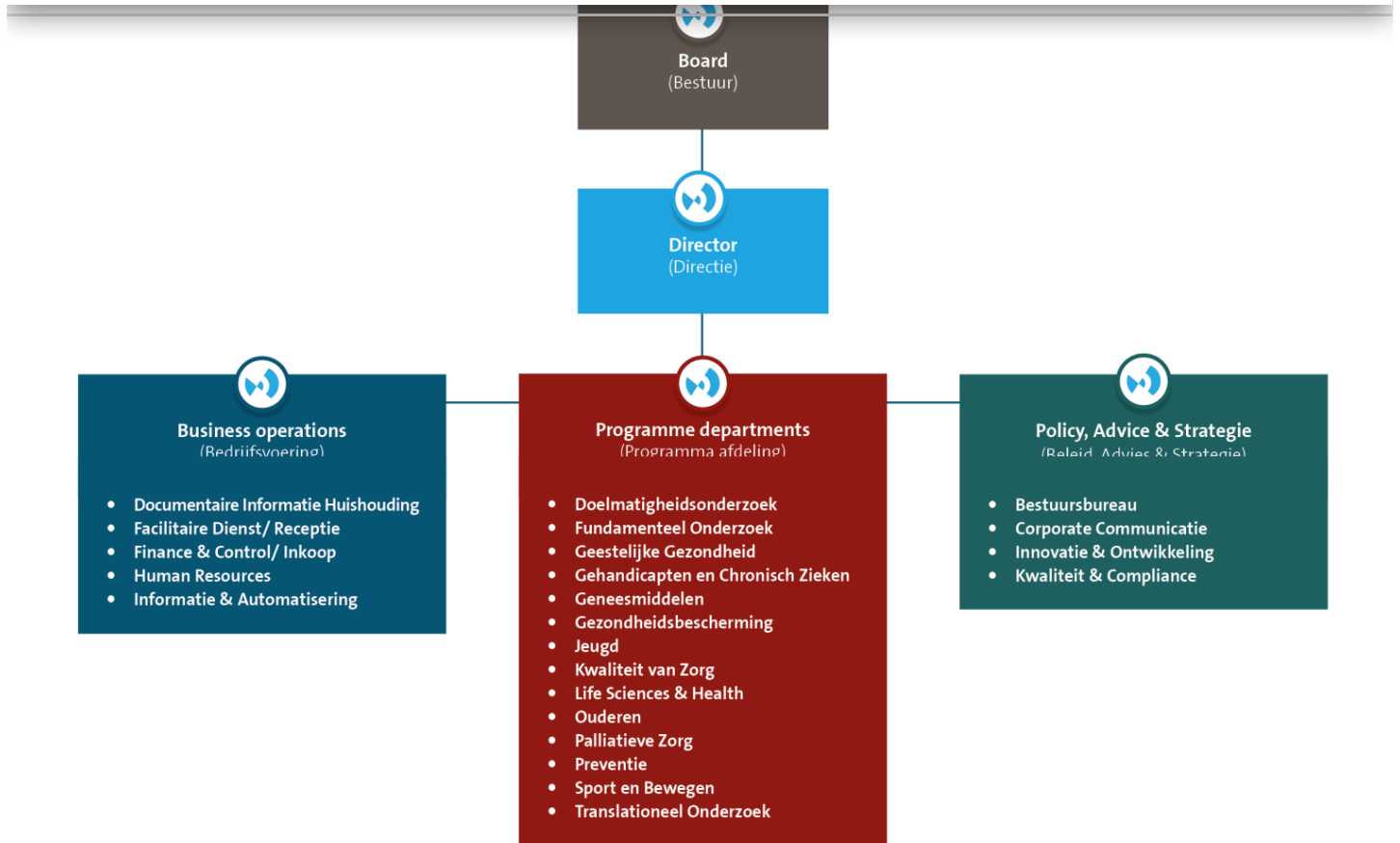
Broad field of activity

With a wide range of grant programmes, we encourage and fund knowledge development in the area of health, care and well-being. In addition, we stimulate the use of knowledge developed and highlight where knowledge is needed. This enables us to respond to the changing world around us.

We increase the relevance, quality and impact of knowledge and innovations, and accelerate their practical applications to contribute to a good health for all. In doing this, ZonMw supports the entire knowledge chain from fundamental research to applied research and action research, through to implementation projects.

Within the organisation, we focus on socially relevant [themes](https://www.zonmw.nl/en/topics) (<https://www.zonmw.nl/en/topics>) that are realised in the form of programmes that are part of different clusters. Each cluster has its own team with a manager and ZonMw as a whole is led by its general director Véronique Timmerhuis. For this, she works together with the management team that is made up of two programme directors, who lead the clusters, and the heads of the Policy, Advice and Strategy department and the Operations department. The ZonMw Board is the highest administrative body of ZonMw.

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Véronique Timmerhuis

Management team

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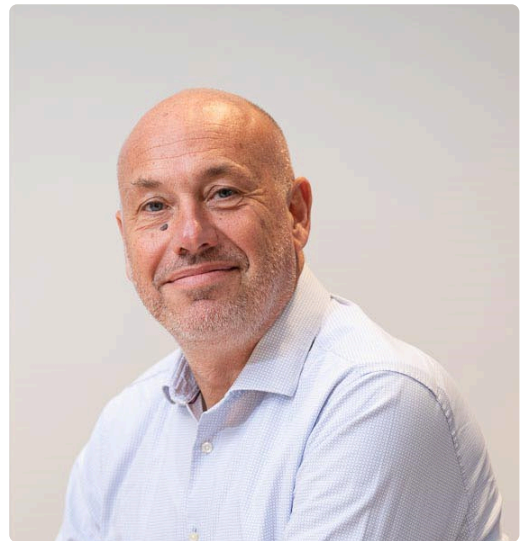
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Loes van Herten
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Mariëlle Snijders
Director programs



Merik Seven
Director programs

Governance documents

Positions and ancillary activities of ZonMw board members



Governance regulation ZonMw, Dutch Government Gazette 2019 no. 24893



The governance regulation encompasses the operating procedures of the board, the appointment, composition and operating procedures of programme committees and the tasks and responsibilities of the director.

How ZonMw works

ZonMw designs programmes on behalf of the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS), the Dutch Research Council (NWO) and other organisations. These programmes frequently focus on specific themes for which targeted knowledge development is

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Subsequently, ZonMw identifies in the programme which knowledge is required to bring a solution to the problem or challenge a step closer. Researchers (from fundamental to applied), care providers and institutions that focus on health, healthcare and well-being who have ideas that connect with the programme can subsequently submit a project proposal and request funding. They can use that funding to carry out research or to develop, test and realise innovations.

Each programme has its own goals, quality criteria and deadlines. An expert committee, advised by independent experts (referees) assesses the proposals and selects them for funding.

Find out more about how you can qualify for funding on the page '[How to apply for funding?](https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidies/how-apply-funding)' (<https://www.zonmw.nl/en/subsidies/how-apply-funding>).

Working at ZonMw

Working at ZonMw means using knowledge to realise a good health for everybody and thus contribute to innovation in care, health and welfare. Would you also like to contribute to that? Then take a look at [our vacancies](#) .

Whichever position your start in, we will give you the opportunity to grow and to further develop yourself. We will enable you to use your talents and make sure that you have plenty of opportunities to take initiative in an open, collegial and informal work environment.

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We connect people and organizations on relevant social and scientific issues that affect health, care and well-being.

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