



M.S. (Martijn) Thijssen
Senior Advisor

Curriculum Vitae

Profile

I am an experienced programme manager who is passionate about booking results through intensive teamwork. I see the involvement of organisations that have strong interests in societal challenges as a prerequisite for good policymaking. Through this involvement I make sure we identify collective solutions and measures that will last, with full respect for the different responsibilities and interests of the involved organizations. I have 35 years of experience on environmental and sustainability policies, both on international, national and regional scale. Examples include the implementation of the European Water Framework Directive, the policies on local use of contaminated soil, and the Dutch sustainability policies. I am currently working on the topic of natural capital, advising at national and international level. I'm also working on issues related to soil policies, involving strategic communication. A recent development in my work is the involvement in two research projects on peat soils, in particular the effects of the raise of groundwater level. This has effects on both the environmental quality and the business results of farmers. I'm secretary of the global network 'Promote Pollinators' and involved in the CBD and IPBES community.

Experience

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2014-present *associated partner/Senior adviser*

Currently working on:

- Promote Pollinators. Running the secretariat of a coalition of currently 29 countries that want to work on the protection of pollinators. Organizing strategical discussions, meetings & workshops, communication, website etc. (Mexico, Dutch ministry for Agriculture Food and Nature). Through this position also involved in various Horizon Europe research projects.

Date of birth

08-03-1961

Function

Associated partner/senior-advisor

Expertise

Process and programme management, strategic advise, policy advise

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- Program on soil & groundwater by the Dutch ministry of Infrastructure and Water (IenW).
- Peat areas water ditches of the future (VeeST). Research on the effect on environmental quality of these ditches caused by raise of groundwater level (VIC).
- Farming with high groundwater levels in peatlands. Research on the effect on business results of farmers caused by raise of groundwater level (VIC).
- Drafting an action plan to produce an online assessment tool to assess the planned measures for the Dutch rural area's (RIVM)

Recent projects:

- Research on the perception of civilians on the use of contaminated soil and deposit in surface water (Dutch ministry for Agriculture, Food and Nature)
- Project manager for the implementation of the European Directive for drinking water in the Dutch legislation (Dutch ministry for Infrastructure and Water)
- The reduction of nitrate leach into groundwater in areas designated for the withdrawal of drinking water. Secretary of the governmental steering committee (Dutch ministry for Agriculture Food and Nature);
- Nature policies and climate change adaptation. Quicksan of the extent to which the Dutch nature-policies include a vision or action plan to adapt to changing climate circumstances (Dutch ministry for Agriculture Food and Nature);
- EnRoute: Enhancing Resilience Of Urban Ecosystems through Green Infrastructure. Europe-wide project showing the potential benefits of nature in cities. Managed by the Joint Research Centre and commissioned by the European Commission (ongoing). Co-organizing meetings, conferences, workshops, reporting;
- Midterm evaluation of the Dutch policies on the implementation of integrated pest management. Development and application of a theoretical framework;
- Midterm evaluation of the implementation of the Dutch Soil Covenant;
- Seminar coach for Athena Institute (VU Amsterdam). Coaching master students in the context of the courses 'Policy, politics and participation' and 'Communication, organization and management';
- Various activities on climate change adaptation (local, regional & national level);
- Ex-ante evaluation of parts of the new environmental law of the Netherlands. This law brings together several hundreds of existing laws;
- Evaluation of the potential strategies for reduction of nutrient flows to surface water (Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL));

- Pilot Urban, related to the MAES working group (EC). In close collaboration with Joint Research Centre (European Commission, Ispra) working on indicator framework and policy options to enhance the use of nature in cities to help solving different societal problems;
- The Atlas of Natural Capital (ANC, [Atlas of Natural Capital](#)) of the Netherlands, commissioned by the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM).

Dutch ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment (VROM). Later Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment. 2004 – 2014

Programme and project management on a broad range of environmental topics. Policy-development, strategic management of research for policies, formulation of national legislation, implementation of European legislation

Responsible for (ao):

- Biodiversity and natural capital file;
- The Dutch policies on sustainability;
- Policies and legislation regarding the Dutch drinking water system;
- Legal implementation of the (environmental part) of the European Water Framework Directive;
- Action plan concerning reduction of emission of ammonium in agriculture;
- Policy development and legal implementation of sustainable re-use of (polluted) soil and deposit.

Activities to achieve this:

- Preparation of, and support of the State Secretary in Parliament;
- Communication with Parliament and societal stakeholders;
- Day-to-day management of politically sensitive projects and programs with high financial and overall societal stakes;
- Chairing meetings at various levels with multiple stakeholders, preparation and support of steering boards;
- Negotiating at various levels;
- Management of legal procedures involved in the development of legislation;
- Organising and running conferences, workshops etc.

Environmental inspectorate, Ministry of VROM (1993 – 2004)

- Broad range of topics in the enforcement of environmental law as well as development of inspectorate strategies;
- Steering of the implementation of diverse environmental policies in the local and regional government, eg. soil remediation act and the re-use of polluted soil and deposit;
- (Management of the inspection of waste legislation, marketing of new substances, agricultural businesses, genetically modified organisms.

Selection of projects and programs

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- Project management Atlas Natural Capital (RIVM);
- Strategic communication Atlas Natural Capital (RIVM);

- Ex ante evaluation of the Environment and Planning Act and Decision (Omgevingswet/Omgevingsbesluit (Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment);
- Evaluation of opportunities and needs regarding local renewable energy production;

Ministry VROM/IenM

- Policy coordination, daily management of the biodiversity file and the sustainability file (2010 – 2014); Various policy briefs amongst which the Sustainability agenda (2011)
- Programme manager file on drinking water Various legislation and policy briefs Contact person for drinking water in the Caribbean Netherlands;
- Project/program manager Implementation of the (environmental goals) of the WFD, the Groundwater Directive and the Directive on Priority substances. (2008 – 2011);
- Project manager Actionplan Ammonium regarding the phasing out of old stables in accordance with the European NEC (2010);
- Facilitator for the process of adaptation/renewal of organisational culture (Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and Environment. 2010);
- Project manager for the laws on the use of contaminated deposit and soil (2004 – 2008);

Education

- Biology (M.Sc., 1991, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Athenaeum (science) 1985, Joke Smit School, Amsterdam

Publications

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 - Besluit Bodemkwaliteit (http://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0022929/geldigheidsdatum_24-09-2014)
 - Duurzaamheidsagenda 2011 (http://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0027061/geldigheidsdatum_05-02-2010)
 - Online Atlas Natuurlijk Kapitaal, H2O online, voorjaar 2015. Breure, Thijssen & Veerdonk
 - De energieke samenleving en lokale energieopwekking. Welke kansen liggen er, wat is er nodig? Essay iov RVO, februari 2015
 - Digitale Atlas Natuurlijk Kapitaal (DANK); ecosysteemdiensten in beeld. **bodem** nummer 4 | augustus 2014, Breure & Thijssen
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 - Een beter Bkmw door een gesimuleerde rechtszaak? Ervaringen met een nieuw toetsingsinstrument bij wetgeving. C.G. Le Blansch en M.S. Thijssen, RegelMaat, afl. 2013/1
 - 'Kaderrichtlijn water, waterkwaliteitseisen waterdicht geregeld', Thijssen en Woldendorp, Milieu & Recht, november 2009
 - Bodembeheer, van wens naar realisatie', Bodem, maart 2008
 - Zakboekje regelgeving moderne biotechnologie, SDU 1998
 - 'Gelijke (bodem)monniken met verschillende (bouw)kappen?' Bodem, februari 1996