



Ministry of Social Affairs and
Employment

The interministerial CSO-network in the Netherlands



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THE BASICS

- > Formed in 2020, first meeting March 2020
- > 10 out of 12 ministries are part of the network
- > Ministries either represented by a CSO (3), or strategic advisor, head of innovation and strategy, etc.
- > Network is informal in nature (no mandate)
- > Convenes every 2 months, with one subject brought to the table by one of the CSO's



A short history of the network

TIMELINE

- > Formed in **2020**
- > Creation of a shared *Kennisagenda* (knowledge agenda) 'Online Society' in **2021**, as a response to the covid-19 crisis
- > **2021-2022**: Creation of a shared research budget through the *National Science Agenda* to tackle questions from the shared knowledge agenda
- > **Q4 2022**: Call for proposals



Current function of the network

INCLUDES:

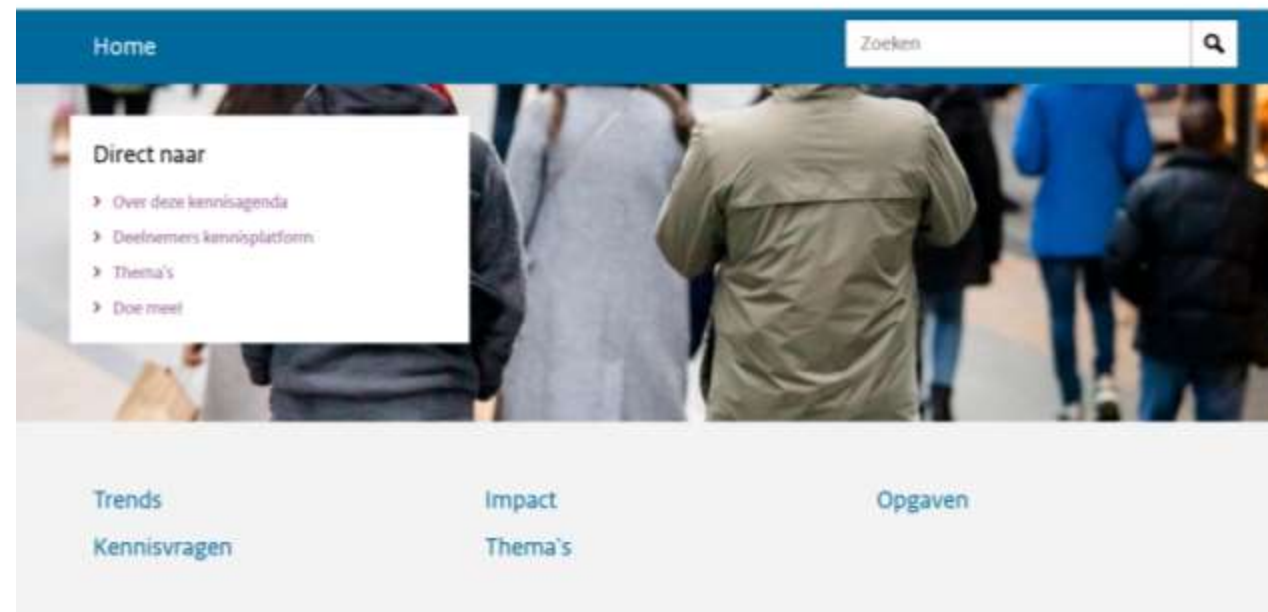
- > Strengthening ties between departments
- > Identifying research gaps which concern multiple departments
- > Getting input on shared challenges (e.g. infrastructure for research publications)
- > Providing input for knowledge/research agendas



The knowledge agenda *Online Society*

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- > Result of expert panels with policy makers, scientists, public policy bureaus
- > Issues that cross departmental lines
- > Follow-up in a call for proposals through the National Science Agenda, shared funding





Future role

2023 AND BEYOND

- > In the making: an independent report on the (future) role of the network
- > Possible change in informal status (in relation to questions such as funding research across multiple departments)



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Questions and comments