



Annual Report 2019

In this annual report, the AIV provides an overview of advisory reports published and activities, appointments to the Advisory Council and permanent committees, and other developments that took place in 2019.

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Europe under pressure: AIV advisory reports in 2019

Europe is increasingly dependent on itself. This is one of the most significant trends of the past year.

The rivalry between the United States and China has come to dominate international relations. In areas such as the economy, technology and security policy, China's power is growing. The relatively unpredictable actions of the current US president in the fields of trade and foreign policy and the loss of political trust within the transatlantic alliance are forcing Europe to make its own choices. This is a major challenge, as the EU is preoccupied with the completion of Brexit and there is a lack of consensus – and thus also capacity for action – on a number of important issues. At the same time, the vital Franco-German axis is losing strength because the end of the Merkel era is approaching and the identity of the new German chancellor is still unknown. The increasingly fierce rivalry between the United States, China and Russia – the perennial disruptor – is also forcing the EU to take itself seriously.

AIV advisory reports

Arms control and the complete paralysis of all forums where this topic ought to be discussed are a key source of concern. The disruption in US-Russia relations has raised the spectre of total stagnation in this area, with all the consequences that entails. On 31 January 2019, on the eve of the United States' withdrawal from the INF Treaty, the AIV published the advisory report [‘Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives’](#).

In this report, the AIV highlights the threat of a new nuclear arms race arising from technological developments, the lack of dialogue among nuclear powers and modernisation programmes. In the AIV's view, Netherlands would be wise to submit a proposal to the UN General Assembly to the effect that an authoritative international commission – similar to the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Commission) – should outline the path towards agreements on controlling risks, quantities and types of weapons. The AIV believes that it is very much in Europe's interests to conclude effective agreements to prevent an arms race involving intermediate-range weapons.

Europe was also the focus of the advisory report [‘China and the Strategic Tasks for the Netherlands in Europe’](#). In the AIV’s view, the Netherlands should pursue its interests regarding China chiefly through the EU and participate in initiatives taken by large member states. The United States is putting pressure on the European allies to side with it in its disputes with China. Although they obviously have many shared interests, it is important for Europe to seek some strategic distance from the United States in areas where their interests do not run parallel for geographical or economic reasons. This calls for careful positioning rather than simply pursuing ‘equidistance’ between Washington and Beijing.

The AIV believes that issues relating to China should be placed on the European Council’s agenda with greater regularity. In addition, it is high time for an update of the EU’s China strategy. As a financial and economic heavyweight, the EU has numerous potential forms of leverage at its disposal in relation to China, including market access, technology, legitimacy, and diplomatic and geopolitical clout, provided that it acts in unison.

On 2 July 2019, Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin presented the advisory report [‘Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond’](#) to Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Sigrid Kaag and President of the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW) Hans de Boer at a symposium organised in cooperation with VNO-NCW and MKB-Nederland. In the report, the AIV advises the government to approach human rights policy and sustainable development policy in a more coherent and coordinated manner, while noting that the private sector and civil-society organisations are indispensable partners in this area.

On 17 July 2019, with a view to the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019, the AIV published the advisory letter [‘International Climate Policy’](#) at its own initiative. In this letter, the AIV calls on the government to highlight the need for a joint international approach during the summit in New York and develop specific proposals, in cooperation with its European partners, relating to funding, the development of internationally applicable standards and a renewed EU commitment to achieving the goals set out in the Paris Agreement.

Honorary member Frans Andriessen

Frans Andriessen passed away on 22 March 2019. In addition to chairing the European Integration Committee for many years, Mr Andriessen served as AIV Vice-Chair and, briefly, as acting AIV Chair. The AIV knew him as an exceptionally amiable, knowledgeable and committed chair who was instrumental in its advisory activities on European affairs. He was an honorary member of the AIV.

Appointments to the Advisory Council and permanent committees

In 2019, the AIV bade farewell to Professor Joyeeta Gupta, who made an important contribution to the Development Cooperation Committee’s activities and advisory reports in her role as Vice-Chair of the committee. She was succeeded by Koos Richelle on 1 July 2019.

The AIV also bade farewell to a large number of members of the permanent committees in 2019. The AIV thanks them for their valuable contribution over the past several years. In total, 26 new members joined the European Integration Committee, the Human Rights Committee, the Development Cooperation Committee and the Peace and Security Committee, thereby infusing them with fresh expertise from the worlds of business, academia and knowledge institutions.

In 2019, the AIV introduced an external application procedure. In order to raise awareness of

vacancies at the AIV and thus reach more potential candidates, it has started publishing vacancies in a number of national newspapers in addition to the existing vacancy notices published in the *Government Gazette* and on the AIV's website.

Communication

Over the past year, the AIV put a lot of effort into raising awareness of its advisory reports and activities, including various innovations in the field of communication. The AIV has a new house style and a new website, which can be accessed at [advisorycouncilinternationalaffairs.nl](https://www.advisorycouncilinternationalaffairs.nl).



Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, AIV Chair

February 2020



Advisory reports published in 2019

In 2019, the AIV published three advisory reports and one advisory letter.

Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives



Villa Höfði (Reykjavík) © AIV

In this [advisory report](#), which was published on 31 January 2019, the AIV argues that the increase in the number of nuclear-weapon states, the surge in nuclear modernisation programmes, the growing role of China and the availability of new technologies threaten to give rise to a new nuclear arms race. The 20th-century nuclear arms control treaties and deterrence concepts no longer suffice, and the AIV therefore calls for new talks between the nuclear powers.

The report received a lot of attention in the media (newspapers, radio, podcasts and television), including an interview with Professor Joris Voorhoeve on commercial radio (*BNR Nieuwsradio*), [AIV bepleit Nederlandse rol in strijd tegen kernwapens](#) (AIV calls for a Dutch role in the fight against nuclear weapons), and an interview with Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer on the national news (*NOS*), [Adviesraad slaat alarm om kernwapens en vraagt om actie](#) (Advisory Council sounds the alarm on nuclear weapons and calls for action).

In its [response](#) to the advisory report, which was published on 18 April 2019, the government states that it regards the report as an endorsement of its nuclear weapons policy. While the government aspires to nuclear arms control, disarmament and risk reduction, it also recognises the importance of nuclear deterrence in maintaining a strategic balance of power and preventing the use of nuclear weapons. Together with its allies, the government will work to identify opportunities to bring about the withdrawal of all Russian and US sub-strategic nuclear weapons from Europe.

Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond



Sustainable development and human rights are two sides of the same coin. Dutch human rights efforts and sustainable development policy must therefore be closely coordinated. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a practical framework for this. That is the conclusion of the AIV's [advisory report](#) 'Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond', which was presented to Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Sigrid Kaag on 2 July 2019.

The AIV believes that human rights and development cooperation are wrongly regarded as separate policy areas in Dutch foreign policy and that the SDGs provide an opportunity to discuss human rights with countries that do not really want to talk about them.

China and the Strategic Tasks for the Netherlands in Europe



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The Netherlands and the EU should act more strategically in their relations with China, according to the AIV's [advisory report](#) 'China and the Strategic Tasks for the Netherlands in Europe', which was published on 26 June 2019. The report addresses such questions as: In what areas do we favour openness? What protections are needed to safeguard the way of life that has developed in the EU member states?

The AIV believes that Europe has several potential forms of leverage at its disposal in relation to China, including market access, technology, legitimacy and diplomatic and geopolitical clout. The Netherlands can and should invest more in its own high-tech industry. In addition, it should participate in initiatives of large EU member states that take a united stance in respect of China.

The report received attention in several newspapers (*De Volkskrant*, *Trouw*, *Het Financieele Dagblad*, *Het AD* and *De Telegraaf*) and on national and commercial radio (*NPO Radio 1* and *BNR Nieuwsradio*). See, for example, the interview with Professor Luuk van Middelaar on NPO Radio 1's foreign affairs programme *Bureau Buitenland*, [Strategischer optreden tegenover China, hoe doen we dat in Europa?](#) (How can Europe act more strategically towards China?).

In its [response](#) to the advisory report, which was published on 9 September 2019, the government notes that it sees the report as a valuable addition to its policy document 'The Netherlands & China: A New Balance' from May 2019. Taken together, they provide a good basis for the Netherlands' prospects of strategic action in Europe. For the most part, the government agrees with the report's recommendations, although it has reservations concerning the recommendation to upgrade the EU's status in the 17+1 platform from observer to full member.

International Climate Policy



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On 17 July 2019, in the run-up to the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019, the AIV published an [advisory letter](#) on international climate policy. The main goal of the 2015 Paris Agreement – to limit the rise in temperature to 2 degrees Celsius – is in danger of being missed, time is running out and the international community needs to shoulder its responsibilities. In its letter, the AIV calls on the government to use the summit to highlight the need for a joint international approach to climate change and put forward specific proposals in cooperation with its European partners.

Various digital media outlets devoted attention to the advisory letter. See, for example, the interview with Professor Joyeeta Gupta on the *Vice Versa* platform: [Een klimaatlijst voor Kaag](#) (A climate list for [Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Sigrid] Kaag).

The government incorporated its [response](#) to the advisory letter in its letter to the House of Representatives of 13 September 2019 on European and global climate diplomacy. In this letter, the government notes that it shares the AIV's conviction that more must be done worldwide if the goals laid down in the Paris Agreement are to be achieved. In addition, it announces that the Netherlands will work to step up international collective climate action both during the UN climate summit and thereafter.

Fundamental Rights in the Kingdom of the Netherlands

On 4 April 2019, the AIV received the government's [response](#) to its advisory report 'Fundamental Rights in the Kingdom of the Netherlands: Equivalent Protection in All Parts of the Kingdom', which was published on 8 June 2018.

In its response, the government notes that the AIV is right to draw attention to the fact that some human rights treaties apply only in certain parts of the Kingdom, notwithstanding the observation of the Council of Ministers for the Kingdom that this issue concerns a limited number of treaties. The government further notes that compliance with human rights treaties poses different

challenges for each part of the Kingdom.

The government accepts the AIV's recommendation that the Netherlands take the lead in drawing up an implementation plan for all countries of the Kingdom in the event of a temporary territorial limitation on the application of a human rights treaty. The government will inform the States General about these implementation plans.

Finally, in accordance with the AIV's recommendation to increase knowledge within central government in the Netherlands regarding the structure of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and improve cooperation between the countries of the Kingdom, the government is offering various courses that devote attention to this issue and is recording the progress of the relevant legislation in the central government registration system.



New advisory processes in 2019

In 2019, the AIV launched five advisory processes:

- Asylum and migration in and to Europe
- Digitalisation and employment in Africa
- Regulating online content
- Developments relating to security policy in the Caribbean region
- Assessment framework for non-lethal assistance to non-state armed groups abroad

While the first four topics appear in the AIV's work programme, the fifth topic does not. The House of Representatives requested the Advisory Committee on Issues of Public International Law (CAVV) and the AIV to prepare a joint advisory report on an assessment framework for non-lethal assistance to non-state armed groups abroad.

The AIV aims to publish these advisory report by mid-2020.



Meetings with parliament in 2019

Following the publication of an advisory report, the AIV is regularly invited to present its findings to permanent committees of the House of Representatives.

Technical briefing in the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs

On 16 January 2019, the House of Representatives hosted a [technical briefing](#) on AIV advisory report [‘Forming Coalitions in the EU after Brexit: Alliances for a European Union that Modernises and Protects’](#) for members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs. The briefing, which also touched on the government’s response to the report, was provided by Monika Sie Dhian Ho, Professor Luuk van Middelaar and André Westerink. The government’s response was also on the agenda of a [meeting](#) between several ministers and permanent parliamentary committees concerning Brexit on 23 January 2019.

Meeting with the Permanent Parliamentary Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence

On 5 March 2019, Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, Professor Joris Voorhoeve, Lieutenant General (ret.) Marcel Urlings and Jan Willem Glashouwer [met](#) with members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Defence to discuss AIV advisory report [‘Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives’](#). On 26 June 2019, the same two committees hosted a [roundtable discussion](#) on the government’s response that was attended by representatives of civil-society organisations, academic experts, and foreign experts and organisations. On 29 January 2020, the two committees hosted a [meeting](#) with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Defence at which the government’s response was also discussed.

Meeting with the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs

On 9 September 2019, Monika Sie Dhian Ho, Dirk Jan van den Berg, Dr Frans-Paul van der Putten and André Westerink participated in a [roundtable discussion](#) with members of the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs regarding the AIV advisory report [‘China and the Strategic Tasks for the Netherlands in Europe’](#). During this discussion, the members of the AIV committee that prepared the report presented their main findings and discussed the government’s response, which had been published that day. The roundtable discussion also served as preparation for a [meeting](#) between the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation on 30 September

2019 to discuss the policy memorandum on the Netherlands and China.

Meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation

At a meeting with the General Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation on 12 November 2019, Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin, Professor Tineke Cleiren, Professor Rolph van der Hoeven and Robert Dekker presented the main findings of AIV advisory report [‘Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond’](#). The meeting focused on various topics, including domestic efforts to realise the Sustainable Development Goals, the role of the private sector and the increasing number of obstacles faced by human rights organisations in many countries.



Events in 2019

Following the publication of an advisory report, the AIV organises events for experts and members of the public to publicise the report and contribute to political and public debate on the issue in question.

Panel Discussion on Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality

On 16 April 2019, the AIV organised a [panel discussion](#) on its advisory report 'Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives' at Campus The Hague, in cooperation with Leiden University's Institute of Security and Global Affairs. The discussion was attended by students, current and former diplomats, representatives of embassies and policymakers.

Lunchtime Lecture on Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality

On 17 April 2019, the AIV hosted a lunchtime lecture on its advisory report 'Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives' at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague, in cooperation with the ministry's own Academy for International Relations. The lecture was attended by representatives of various ministries.

Presentation of Advisory Report on Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights

On behalf of the AIV, Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin presented the advisory report '[Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond](#)' to Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Sigrid Kaag and President of the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW) Hans de Boer at a [symposium](#) on 2 July 2019. The presentation was followed by a panel discussion featuring Maria Anne van Dijk (Head of Environmental and Social Risk Advisory and Monitoring, ABN AMRO), Jan-Willem Scheijgrond (Global Head of Government and Public Affairs, Philips) and Geraldine Leegwater (member of the board, ABP Pension Fund). The symposium was organised in cooperation with MKB-Nederland and VNO-NCW.

Lunchtime Lecture on International Climate Policy

On 18 September 2019, Professor Hans Opschoor presented the advisory letter '[International Climate Policy](#)' during a lunchtime lecture at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague. Afterwards, Carola van Rijnsoever (Director of Inclusive Green Growth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs) offered a response to the letter and Remko Ybema (Manager External Affairs Energy, Nouryon) and Daniëlle Hirsch (Director, Both ENDS) shared their views on the issue.



Members of the Advisory Council in 2019

The Council comprises nine members, including the Chair and the Vice-Chair, who are drawn from the worlds of academia, public administration and knowledge institutions. They each have specific expertise in the area of human rights, peace and security, development cooperation or European integration. The Council meets once a month to discuss ongoing advisory processes and adopt completed reports.

Professor Joyeeta Gupta, whose term ended on 1 July 2019, was succeeded by Koos Richelle. The following overview summarises each Council member's involvement in the publication of advisory reports and participation in other activities.

Advisory Council

2019

Professor Jaap de Hoop Scheffer

AIV Chair

Involved in the publication of:

- 'Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives'
- 'De Europese Unie: de geopolitieke vakantie is voorbij' (The European Union: the geopolitical holiday is over) – Guest column in the joint newsletter of the advisory bodies



Participated in:

- Press conference for advisory report on nuclear weapons, 31 January 2019
- Panel discussion on nuclear weapons, 16 April 2018

Professor Joris Voorhoeve

AIV Vice-Chair, Peace and Security Committee
Chair

Involved in the publication of:

- 'Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives'

Participated in:

- Press conference for advisory report on nuclear weapons, 31 January 2019
- Meeting with the Permanent Parliamentary Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence, 5 March 2019
- Panel discussion on nuclear weapons, 16 April 2018

Involved in advisory process on:

- Developments relating to security policy in the Caribbean region



Professor Tineke Cleiren

Human Rights Committee Vice-Chair

Involved in publication of:

- 'Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond'

Participated in:

- Presentation of advisory report 'Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond', 2 July 2019
- Meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, 12 November 2019

Involved in advisory process on:



- Regulating online content
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Professor Joyeeta Gupta (until 1 July 2019)

Development Cooperation Committee Vice-Chair

Involved in publication of:

- 'International Climate Policy'
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Professor Ernst Hirsch Ballin

Human Rights Committee Chair

Involved in publication of:

- 'Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond'

Participated in:

- Presentation of advisory report 'Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: An Indivisible Bond', 2 July 2019
 - Meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, 12 November 2019
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Professor Luuk van Middelaar

European Integration Committee Chair

Involved in publication of:

- 'China and the Strategic Tasks for the Netherlands in Europe'

Participated in:

- Technical briefing in Permanent Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs, 16 January 2019
- Meeting with the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, 9 September 2019



Involved in advisory process on:

- Asylum and migration in and to Europe
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Professor Mirjam van Reisen

Development Cooperation Committee Chair

Involved in advisory process on:

- Digitalisation and employment in Africa



Koos Richelle (from 1 July 2019)

Development Cooperation Committee Vice-Chair

Involved in advisory process on:

- Digitalisation and employment in Africa



Lieutenant General (ret.) Marcel Urlings

Peace and Security Committee Vice-Chair

Involved in publication of:

- 'Nuclear Weapons in a New Geopolitical Reality: An Urgent Need for New Arms Control Initiatives'

Participated in:

- Press conference for advisory report on nuclear weapons, 31 January 2019
- Meeting with the Permanent Parliamentary Committees on Foreign Affairs and Defence, 5 March 2019
- Panel discussion on nuclear weapons, 16 April 2018

Involved in advisory process on:

- Developments relating to security policy in the Caribbean region



Monika Sie Dhian Ho

European Integration Committee Vice-Chair

Involved in publication of:

- 'China and the Strategic Tasks for the Netherlands in Europe'

Participated in:

- Technical briefing in the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs, 16 January 2019
- Meeting with the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, 9 September 2019

Involved in advisory process on:

- Asylum and migration in and to Europe





Members of the permanent committees in 2020

The AIV comprises four permanent committees: the European Integration Committee, the Human Rights Committee, the Development Cooperation Committee and the Peace and Security Committee. Members of the Advisory Council serve as the chairs and vice-chairs of the permanent committees, which prepare the advisory reports.

Many members of the permanent committees concluded their terms in 2019. In total, 26 new members were appointed.

European Integration Committee (CEI)

1 January 2019	31 December 2019
Dirk Jan van den Berg	Carsten Brzeski
Dr Femke van Esch	René Cuperus
Professor Sylvester Eijffinger	Dr Hylke Dijkstra
Professor Madeleine Hosli	Dr Hanneke van Eijken
Marnix Krop	Joanne Kellermann
Professor Kees van Paridon	Ed Kronenburg
Dr Adriaan Schout	Marnix Krop
Professor Mathieu Segers	Joshua Livestro
Professor Linda Senden	Professor Ton Nijhuis
Carlo Trojan	Professor Mathieu Segers
Mirella Visser	Professor Catherine de Vries
Niek van Zutphen	

Human Rights Committee (CMR)

1 January 2019	31 December 2019
Professor Karin Arts	Dr Maarten Biermans
Professor Maurits Berger	Professor Antoine Buyse
Professor Yvonne Donders	Maria Anne van Dijk
Professor Janneke Gerards	Professor Yvonne Donders
Arjan Hamburger	Professor Janneke Gerards
Ton Heerts	Arjan Hamburger
Professor Nicola Jägers	Ton Heerts
Professor Rick Lawson	Dr Narin Idriz
Professor Egbert Meyer	Professor Nicola Jägers
Dr Bart Schermer	Professor Egbert Meyer
Naema Tahir	Dr Bart Schermer
	Naema Tahir

Development Cooperation Committee (COS)

1 January 2019	31 December 2019
Dr Bernard Berendsen	Professor Bas Arts
Jack van Ham	Linda Broekhuizen
Professor Rolph van der Hoeven	Professor Rolph van der Hoeven
Manuela Monteiro	Professor Ronald de Jong
Dr Antony Ong'ayo	Dr Kellie Liket
Professor Hans Opschoor	Pim Mol
Koos Richelle	Dr Antony Ong'ayo

Marieke Schouten	Marieke Schouten
Elisabeth van der Steenhoven	Elisabeth van der Steenhoven
André Veneman	André Veneman
	Léon Wijnands

Peace and Security Committee (CVV)

1 January 2019	31 December 2019
Professor Edwin Bakker	Professor Edwin Bakker
Dirk Barth	Dirk Barth
Arend Jan Boekestijn	Arend Jan Boekestijn
Lo Casteleijn	Lieutenant General (ret.) Jan Broeks
Professor Ko Colijn	Lo Casteleijn
Dr Nikolaos van Dam	Professor Jolle Demmers
Dr Nienke de Deugd	Dr Nienke de Deugd
Dr Margriet Drent	Professor Isabelle Duyvesteyn
Professor Isabelle Duyvesteyn	Pieter Feith
Pieter Feith	Professor Beatrice de Graaf
Dr Rem Korteweg	Jochem de Groot
Lieutenant General (ret.) Dirk Starink	Lieutenant General (ret.) Dirk Starink



Secretariat in 2019

The secretariat provides substantive, editorial and organisational support to the AIV and the permanent committees. The bulk of its work relates to the preparation, drafting and publication of reports.

Executive secretaries

Marja Kwast-van Duursen, AIV executive secretary

André Westerink, CEI executive secretary

Robert Dekker, CMR executive secretary

Dr Marenne Jansen, COS executive secretary

Jan Willem Glashouwer, CVV executive secretary

Communication

Frits Kemperman, spokesperson / communication adviser (part-time)

Mary Schilder, web editor (part-time)

Management assistants

Irene van der Winkel

Fabiola San Martín López

Trainees

Jodie in 't Groen, 2019 (first half)

Lyke Kruizinga, 2019 (first half)

Nadine Kops, 2019 (second half)

Sofie van der Maarel, 2019 (second half)



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Communication in 2019

In 2019, the AIV carried out various innovations in the field of communication with a view to extending the reach and impact of its advisory reports and defining its role and tasks more clearly.

The AIV has a new website and a new house style. Since the second half of 2019, it has been regularly posting messages on its Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. In October 2019, it appointed a part-time spokesperson / communication adviser to provide support in the field of communication.

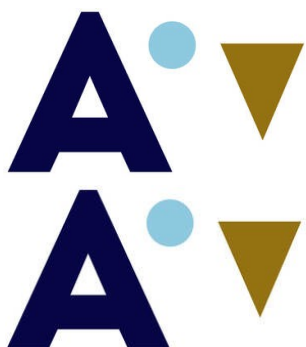
Website

The new AIV website went live on 17 October 2019. In addition to providing easy access to all advisory reports and other publications, it offers detailed information on ongoing advisory processes and includes profile pages on the members of the Advisory Council.

House style

The AIV's house style has been updated with a new logo and a new colour scheme. The new house style will be employed in all the AIV's communications. The AIV is also working on a new design for its advisory reports. From 2020 onwards, publications will be more compact and include images and infographics.

Logo (Dutch and English)



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Finances in 2019

The AIV has an annual budget of EUR 525,000. The personnel costs associated with maintaining the AIV's staff are not included in this budget but are borne by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defence.

The annual budget pays for the fees and travel expenses of the members of the Advisory Council and the attendance allowances and travel expenses of the members of the permanent committees. It also covers the costs of meetings, the lay-out, printing and shipping of advisory reports, and the hosting of press conferences and public events.

The AIV has employed external service providers to advise on strategic communication, update its house style, redesign its advisory reports and migrate its website to central government's online platform.

The total expenditure of the AIV in 2019 was approximately EUR 477,000.