

**NORTH SEA COMMISSION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP
MEMBERS' PROFILE - 2005**

1. Name :

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2. Your e-mail address:

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3. Organisation :

Province Noord-Holland

4. What is your job title?

(i.e. European adviser, councillor, executive secretary, project manager)

Councillor

5. What is your position within your organisation:

X

Officer

Politician

X

Other

6. Briefly describe your main tasks/responsibilities:

In the Provincial Executive responsible for Culture, Health and Welfare, European affairs, Regional and Provincial archives.

7. Does your organisation have an official presence in Europe / EU?

House of the Dutch Provinces in Brussels: <http://www.nl-prov.be/nl-prov>

In 2000, the 12 Dutch provinces and the Association of Provincial Authorities (Interprovinciaal Overleg - IPO), the organization representing the interests of the provinces, started using the House of the Dutch Provinces (Huis van de Nederlandse Provincies - HNP) in Brussels. The regional provincial alliances (North Netherlands Assembly, East Netherlands Provinces, Randstad Region and South Netherlands Provinces) all have offices of their own in the House. IPO also has its own office. It is mainly concerned with secretarial work for the Dutch delegation to the Committee of the Regions (Comité van de Regio's - CvdR), the official mouthpiece of local and regional authorities in the European Union.

8. What is your structure for representation on European issues?

The councillor responsible for European affairs (Rinske Kruisinga) is the coordinator in the Provincial Executive for European issues. That means that in general in all matters this councillor represents the province in international context. Incidentally this role can be fulfilled jointly with the subject councillor or by the subject councillor him/herself.

The provinces in the western Netherlands together form the basis for the urban network Randstad Holland and the administrative regional network known as Randstad Region. This alliance is represented in the House of the Dutch Provinces (see 7):

<http://www.regio-randstad.nl>

Rinske Kruisinga is alternate member of the Committee of the Regions and member of the Commission for external relations (RELEX).

9. How do you lobby Europe on economic development issues?

By direct and indirect contacts of officers and politicians with EU-officers / members of the European Parliament / Members of the Commission and via our National representatives.

10. Do you have position papers on:

X

Energy issues and Renewable energy

SME Innovation and Development

Rural Development

X

Food production, promotion and development (incl. tourism potential)

European funding

X

Academic and business knowledge exchange

Baltic Sea co-operation

Other: for instance : Economic development in general, research and innovation, CAP etc. : see for downloads: <http://www.regio-randstad.nl/publicaties/index.php>

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