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Bert Kroese joined Statistics Netherlands in 1996. He was appointed Deputy Director General in April 2013.

He graduated in mathematical statistics from the University of Groningen, going on to receive his PhD in the same discipline. Before joining Statistics Netherlands he worked at DLO, an agricultural research institute in Wageningen.

Throughout his career at Statistics Netherlands, Bert Kroese has managed methodological, IT-related and organizational change. In 2008 he was appointed Director of Macro-economic Statistics and Dissemination, in 2010 Director of Economic Statistics, and in 2012 Director of Process development, IT and methodology.

Presentation Title

Modernization and innovation at Statistics Netherlands

Abstract

Statistical institutes operate in a fast changing world. Society is changing, for example by globalization, social media and the platform economy. As a consequence, old concepts become less relevant and new data needs arise. New technologies and the Internet of things bring many new (data) opportunities and statistical institutes can benefit to provide new, more detailed and more timely information. Modernization and innovation have played a key role in the way Statistics Netherlands has adapted to these changes in society.

In this presentation an overview will be given of the transformation of Statistics Netherlands in terms of processes, output and organization. Special attention will be given to the use of administrative registers and the creation of our Center for Big Data Statistics. Also our new communication function will be presented and the role our institute plays in the broader context of digital government as a (micro) data hub and by means of our Open Data API. Last but not least the consequences for the way we work and the skills we need will be touched upon. Lean and agile working methods are central in our institute.