Rijkswaterstaat, 214 years of age

- It was founded in 1798 when a major plan was adopted to take control of public works and water management in the Batavian Republic (1795-1801).
- From that moment all matters concerning public works and water management were dealt with in a central way.

Rijkswaterstaat’s mission

Rijkswaterstaat is the executive organisation that manages and develops the main national infrastructure facilities on behalf of the Minister and State Secretary for Infrastructure and the Environment.

Rijkswaterstaat operates to ensure the Dutch have:
- dry feet
- sufficient clean water
- a smooth and safe flow of transport on national highways and main waterways
- reliable and useful information

Rijkswaterstaat is playing three parts:
It is in control of the networks, of the projects and in times of crisis.

Rijkswaterstaat in a nutshell

- Around 9,000 employees
- 10 regional departments and 5 specialised departments, 35 water and road districts, 1 project department
- Special departmental agency since 2006
- Annual budget: € 5.1 billion in 2012

Rijkswaterstaat’s area of management

Rijkswaterstaat is in charge of three national infrastructure networks
Management Area of Main Highways Network

- 3,102 kilometres of main highways including traffic signalling systems
- 1,259 kilometres of slip roads and exits and connecting roads
- 25 rush hour lanes
- 2,533 viaducts
- 15 tunnels
- 715 moveable and fixed bridges
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