

Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat

Safe and sustainable by design Dutch activities and approach

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SSbD in the Netherlands

> Focus on SSbD for chemicals but also on other areas

 Co-operation with scientists, companies (incl. SME), business associations, network of European policy makers (SPINE), PARC, IRISS

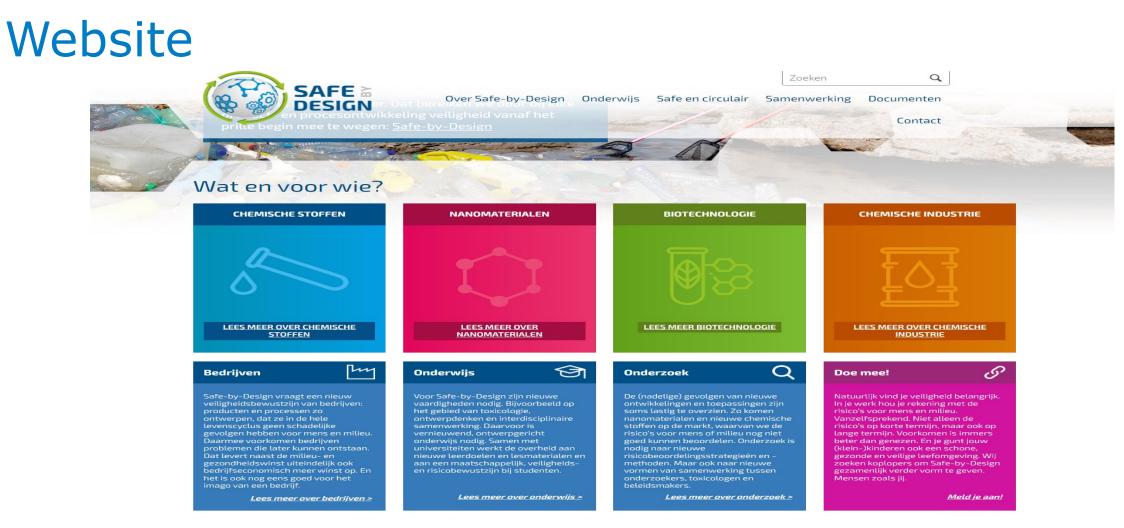
 Focus areas: design process, accountability and transparency with respect to choices made, portfolio approach, education



Some of our activities

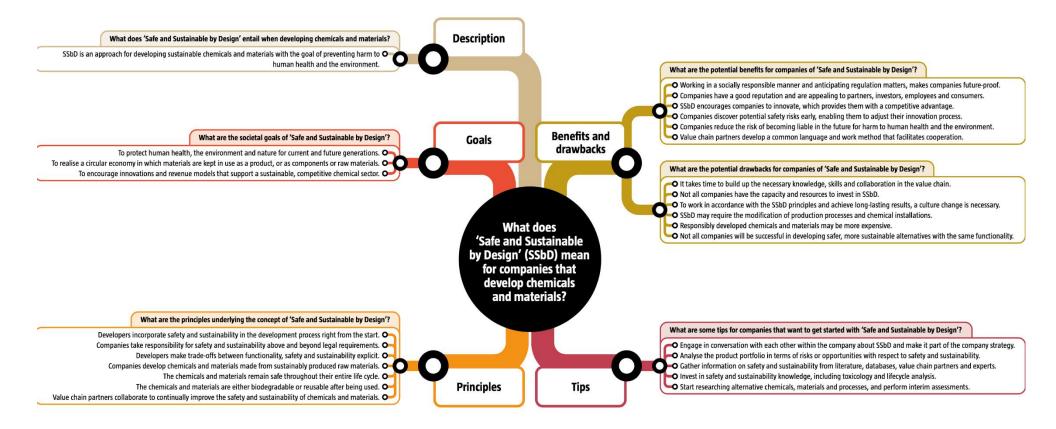
- Fundamental research projects (universities/companies) and applied research projects (companies/universities)
- SSbD and circular economy: avoidance of hazardous substances in products a.o
 via ESPR and pilot projects
- Education: concrete SSbD contribution to curriculum : production of educational material (awareness raising, responsible research, etc.):
 - https://www.safe-by-design-nl.nl/home+english/education/safe-by-design+course/default.aspx







Communication: SSbD Information Map



https://www.government.nl/documents/publications/2022/12/19/inform ation-map-safe-and-sustainable-by-design-of-chemicals-and-materials

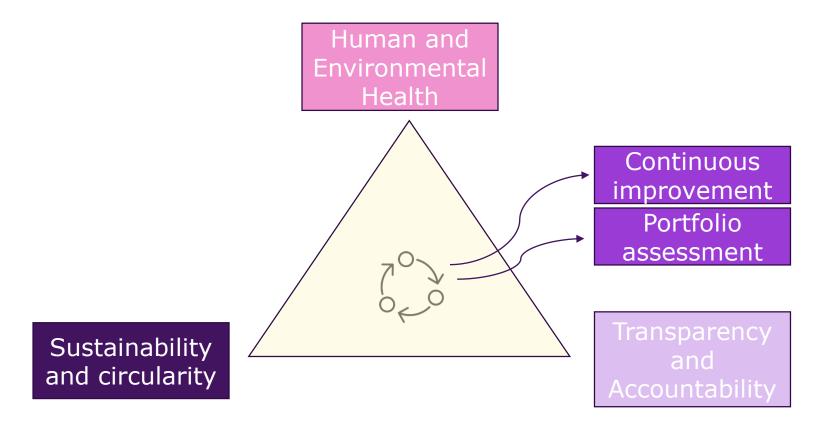


Highlights

- > Companies take responsibility **above and beyond** legal requirements.
- > Developers make trade-offs between functionality, safety and sustainability **explicit**.
- Companies develop chemicals and materials made from sustainably produced raw materials and materials are either biodegradable or reusable after being used.
- Value chain partners develop a common language and work method that facilitates co-operation and innovation.



SSbD is not a tick-box exercise





Thank you for your attention

