

The Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands (SER)

Established in law by the 1950 Industrial Organisation Act (Wet op de bedrijfsorganisatie), the SER is the main advisory body to the Dutch government and the parliament on national and international social and economic policy. The SER is financed by industry and is wholly independent from the government. It represents the interests of trade unions and industry, advising the government (upon request or at its own initiative) on all major social and economic issues. The SER also has an administrative role. This consists of monitoring commodity and industrial boards, which perform an important role in the Dutch economy. Industrial boards are responsible for representing the interests of particular branches of industry, and are made up of employers' representatives and union representatives.

Geographical level

National

Location

EU

Country

Netherlands

Type of organisation

Civil Society Organisation

Area of interest

Governance, Political Affairs

Economy and Sustainable Development

Corporate Social Responsibility

Social Affairs

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