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Annual report

2022 AT A GLANCE

PROGRAMS

29 programs with more than 66 speakers and over 1678 participants:

- 3 programs of the StudiumGenerale for 15 participants
- 12 programs of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth with more than 29 speakers and over 851 youth
- 8 education programs with 245 teachers and pupils
- 6 public programs with 13 speakers and 567 participants

WEBSITE

- 26,654 hits
- 18,039 users
- 53,498 pages viewed

PUBLICATIONS

- 6 issues of *Atlantisch Perspectief* (Atlantic Perspective) with a total of 46 articles

PATRONS

- 432 patrons

PRIMARY AUDIENCE

- 1200 *Atlantisch Perspectief* readers
- 1600 invitees for each public meeting
- 18,039 website visitors
- 6 Podcasts with 1327 listeners
- 2890 Facebook followers
- 1806 Twitter followers
- 946 Instagram followers
- 1833 LinkedIn followers

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FOREWORD

“President Putin’s war of aggression on Ukraine has shattered peace in Europe and shaken the entire international order. It is not just an unprovoked and unjustified attack on a sovereign, independent nation. It is an attack on the whole system of global rules on which our peace and prosperity depend.” The words of Jens Stoltenberg, Secretary General of NATO, in the fourth issue of *Atlantisch Perspectief* in 2022 speak volumes. This year was all about the war in Ukraine in every way, including for the Netherlands Atlantic Association.

The year 2022 was also a year in which the consequences of the corona crisis remained palpable. Fewer events were held, and some were still online or hybrid, for example, some of the events organized by Netherlands Atlantic Youth, such as the Book Club on January 20 and a meeting on February 8 about Japan and its defense policy. Fortunately, the Netherlands Atlantic Youth were able to hold a very well-attended program about the Russian invasion of Ukraine on March 8 in the Academiegebouw of Utrecht University. In front of a room of 175 students and young professionals, Laurien Crump and Tony van der Togt discussed the new reality that has descended on the European continent: the first war on European territory between states in a long time. The online/hybrid format also paid off for a February 18 meeting of the Netherlands Atlantic Association on US foreign policy, with 251 participants.

The *Stadium Generale* program, which is intended to provide talented young professionals a look behind the scenes within the Netherlands Atlantic Association’s extensive network of ministries, multinationals and NGOs, also faced limitations in 2022. The corona measures at the beginning of the year had a major impact on the course of this program. However, the participants were able to visit the American Embassy on February 25, there was a program about the US midterm elections with Matt Mayer in Nieuwspoor just before the summer, and a discussion program about geopolitical developments with Alex Krijger could also take place.

Interest in *Atlantisch Perspectief* remained high in 2022. This has also led to further external cooperation. For example, the share of authors, and potential authors, outside the Netherlands and the US has increased, including prominent writers from Germany, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Hong Kong and Japan. The cooperation of NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has almost become a matter of course. Also in 2022, he wrote a foreword for a NATO special issue, this time about the alliance’s new Strategic Concept.

All the articles from *Atlantisch Perspectief* and its predecessors are now accessible online. Relevant publications (dating from the 1960s to the present) can be consulted on the American database JSTOR (an American digital library with digitized books and other primary sources, as well as current issues of periodicals). This means that *Atlantisch Perspectief* can be consulted free of charge by a worldwide audience of students and

academics. It should also be mentioned that the issue about Germany, which had to be updated and adjusted at the last minute due to developments in the Russian invasion of Ukraine, received many positive reactions from the Netherlands Atlantic Association’s broad network.

Responding to changes is something the Netherlands Atlantic Association has proven to be very good at. The same goes for reaching a younger audience. It is becoming increasingly successful in serving students and young professionals, and the Netherlands Atlantic Youth deserve all the credit for this. Once again, the NATO Night, organized by Netherlands Atlantic Youth, was a great success. Prominent speakers such as Marisa Gerards, Bob Deen, Han Bouwmeester and Hester Somsen took up the challenge during the evening, which was appropriately named Challenge Accepted. They talked to almost four hundred students and young professionals during this hybrid meeting in De Balie in Amsterdam.

The Netherlands Atlantic has come through 2022 in splendid form, which also applies emphatically to the activities of the Netherlands Atlantic Education Committee, which I also want to cite. All this despite the aftermath of another year of the corona crisis. A positive aspect is that the reach on social media grew and still continues to grow. In a world that will face even more challenges after February 24, 2022, reaching an ever-growing audience remains an important task.

It is clear that 2022 was a year of change on the geopolitical level. It was also a year of change for the Netherlands Atlantic Association itself. Director Bram Boxhoorn retired and was succeeded by Anna van Zoest. On behalf of the Board of the Netherlands Atlantic Association, I would like to thank Bram for his years of dedicated service. Even in times when NATO received less attention, he kept the social debate alive in the Netherlands, and deserves every credit for this. There have also been changes within the board. As of January 1, 2023 I passed the scepter to Lokke Moerel. With Anna van Zoest and Lokke Moerel, the Netherlands Atlantic Association has acquired worthy helmsmen for a ship that can withstand storms.

D.J. van den Berg
Chair

May 2023

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Netherlands Atlantic Association expresses its gratitude to the institutions, companies and individuals who have provided financial support to the Association in 2022.

Without the subsidies from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, the Netherlands Atlantic Association would not have been able to carry out its programs. The NATO Public Diplomacy Division, the American Embassy in The Hague, the Christian University of Applied Sciences Windesheim, NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences, and, of course, the individual patrons also made important financial contributions to the realization of the various programs.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association is very grateful to the Nederlandsche Bank, Shell Nederland, Cordaid, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defense, the Netherlands Authority for Consumers and Markets, Royal Haskoning DHV, Philips Nederland, Diversion, Randstad and Thales Nederland for their contributions to the Association's Studium Generale program.

Finally, the Association would like to thank the many speakers who took part in the conferences and other programs as well as the authors who offered their contributions to *Atlantisch Perspectief* and other publications.

The programs of the Netherlands Atlantic Association are the result of active cooperation with many groups and institutions in the Netherlands and abroad. In 2022 the Association cooperated with the following organizations:

- Embassy of the United States of America
- Embassy of the United Kingdom
- Atlantic Council of the US
- Netherlands Authority of Consumers and Markets
- Christian University of Applied Sciences Windesheim
- Cordaid
- The Nederlandsche Bank
- The Atlantic Commission of Norway
- The Atlantic Commission of Germany
- Diversion
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Defense
- National Youth Council
- NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA)
- NATO's Public Diplomacy Division
- Philips
- Radboud University Nijmegen
- Randstad
- Royal Haskoning DHV
- Shell Nederland
- Thales Nederland
- Maastricht University
- Utrecht University

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Several changes in the composition of the Management Board took place in 2022:

P. (Paul) **Scheffer** stepped down from the Board on January 1, 2022.

R. (Rein) **Willems** stepped down from the Board on January 1, 2022.

R.P. (Ruben) **Brekelmans** (VVD MP, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal) began his term on the Management Board on April 1.

D.G. (Derk) **Boswijk** (CDA MP, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal) began his term on the Management Board on April 1.

B. (Boukje) **van den Eijnden** became chair of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth and replaced Mr.K. (Koen) **Meijering** on July 1.

On December 31, 2022 the members of the Executive Committee of the Netherlands Atlantic Association were:

- D.J. (Dirk Jan) **van den Berg**, chair
Chair Zorgverzekeraars Nederland
- T.A. (Alex) **Krijger**, vicechair
Founder and Managing Partner of Krijger&Partners; former Senior Government Relations Advisor, Royal Dutch Shell
- M.W. (Michiel) **van Campen**, treasurer
Executive Director, Permits Foundation; proprietor Van Campen International Business Development
- M. (Marije) **Meines**, secretary
Senior advisor, RadarAdvies
- A.M.C. (Angelien) **Eijsink**
Independent advisor; former spokesperson for defense for the Labor Party (PvdA) and former chair of the Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs of the Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal
- R. (Ronald) **Vuijk**
Secretary Platform Defensie Bedrijfsleven. Chair Royal Association of Reserve Officers (KVNRO). Consultant of the Berenschot consulting firm. Former spokesperson for defense for the VVD, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal

On December 31, 2022 members of the **Management Board** of the Netherlands Atlantic Association (excluding those who were members of the Executive Committee) were:

- S. (Salima) **Belhaj**
MP and spokesperson for defense for D66, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal
- D.G. (Derk) **Boswijk**
Spokesperson for Defense, Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality,

Water and member of the US contact group of the CDA, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal

- N.V. (Norbert) **Both**,
Project manager, Shell Nederland B.V.
- R.P. (Ruben) **Brekelmans**,
Spokesperson for foreign affairs for the VVD, Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal
- A.M.A. (Annemijn) **van den Broek**
Head of the Directorate for Security Policy (DVB) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; deputy observer on behalf of the Ministry on the Management Board
- R.H. (René) **Cuperus**
Senior Associate Fellow, Clingendael Institute; visiting researcher at the Germany Institute of the University of Amsterdam, member of the Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV, Committee on European integration)
- B. (Boukje) **van den Eijnden** MA, chair, Netherlands Atlantic Youth
- J.A. (Joost) **Flamand**
Director of the Directorate for Security Policy (DVB) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; observer on behalf of the Ministry on the Management Board
- B.M. (Marc) **ter Haar**
Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in the Netherlands
- M. (Mostafa) **Hilali**
Commandant Cadet Battalion/Deputy Commandant Royal Military Academy Netherlands Defense Academy (NLDA), Ministry of Defense
- A.J.H. (Ton) **van Loon**
Former Commandant First German-Dutch Army Corps
- H. (Hans) **Luyendijk**,
chair Atlantic Education Committee former rector Dalton The Hague
- E. (Elsine) **van Os**
CEO and founder of Signpost Six; member of advisory council of The Hague Security Data
- L. (Laurien) Sillevius* (from Aug. 2021 temporarily replaced by J.J.H. (Joris) **Geeven**,
NATO cluster coördinator, Ministry of Defense, observer on behalf of the Ministry on the Management Board
- G.J.A. (Truus) **Valkering**
Former director of international affairs, Tata Steel Europe

REPORT 2022

StudiumGenerale

The StudiumGenerale program of the Netherlands Atlantic Association has been in existence since 2011 and is aimed at young professionals from both private and public sectors. The main objective is to encourage the participants to look at transatlantic relations from different perspectives. A second goal is to expand the network of participants as well as that of the Netherlands Atlantic Association.

The tenth cohort of StudiumGenerale young professionals entered the program in 2021. Their year-long program lasted until summer 2022. The corona measures restricted the program of this cohort considerably. Originally, they had been scheduled to begin the program in March 2020.

The 15 members of the tenth cohort come from Royal HaskoningDHV, Shell Nederland, Thales Nederland, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands Authority of Consumers & Market, the Ministry of Defense, Cordaid, the Nederlandsche Bank, Philips, Randstad and Diversion. The recipients of the Eisenhower Thesis Prize of 2019 and 2020 also took part in the program.

Programs

STUDIUMGENERALE Cohort X (10)

- Date: **February 25**
Subject: Working visit US Embassy
Speakers: Ryan **Roberts** (Counselor for Public Affairs), Anu **Prattipati** (Political and Economic Counselor), Col. James **Sadler** (Army Attaché)
Participants: 7 participants of the StudiumGenerale Netherlands Atlantic Association
- Date: **June 3**
Subject: The upcoming US midterm elections for control of Congress
Speaker: Matt **Mayer** (President Opportunity Ohio)
Venue: Press Center Nieuwspoord, The Hague
Participants: participants of the StudiumGenerale, Netherlands Atlantic Association
- Date: **September 14**
Subject: Geopolitical developments; lessons from JFK; Farewell dinner and discussion meeting
Speaker: Alex **Krijger** (Managing Partner, Krijger & Partners)
Venue: The Nederlandsche Bank, Amsterdam
Participants: 15 participants of the StudiumGenerale, Netherlands Atlantic Association

Netherlands Atlantic Youth

Netherlands Atlantic Youth (NAY) has been active since 2007. The aim of the organization is to enhance awareness among students and young professionals and to increase their involvement in common security issues in the United States and Europe. Netherlands Atlantic Youth is a platform for dialogue about the future of NATO for young people within the Netherlands as well as in other NATO countries and Partnership for Peace countries. To achieve this Netherlands Atlantic Youth organizes various national and international events aimed at a young audience (18-35 years), in cooperation with a large number of partner organizations.

In 2020 the Netherlands Atlantic Youth Advisory Council was established. The Council provides advice and the benefit of experience to the Netherlands Atlantic Youth.

Board

There were a number of changes to the Board of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth in 2022.

Koen **Meijering**, Bram **Romijn**, Matthijs **Olde**, Jacoline **Slaager** and Felix **Armstrong Hall** left the Board on July 1, 2022.

Ilse **Spoelman**, Anders **Lörtzer**, Laura **Oostdam**, Lisette **Brussee** and Lotte **van den Boom** joined the Board on July 1, 2022.

Iris Meines resigned from the administrative office of the Netherlands Atlantic Association and as coordinator of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth on August 31, 2022. She was succeeded by Lara Hendriks on September 1, 2022.

On December 31, 2022 the members of the Board of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth were:

- Boukje **van den Eijnden** (chair)
- Gijs **Weijenberg** (vicechair)
- Carlijn **Kroesen** (secretary)
- Lara **Hendriks** (coordinator)
- Niels **Mulder**
- Lucas **Moers**
- Tjadina **Herbert**
- Ilse **Spoelman**
- Anders **Lörtzer**
- Laura **Oostdam**
- Iris **Meines**
- Lisette **Brussee**
- Lotte **van den Boom**

On December 31, 2022 the members of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth Advisory Council were:

- **W. (Wilbert) Bekendam**
Consultant, McKinsey & Co., Amsterdam
- **S. (Sophie) Bijloos**
Partner Bosman & Vos consulting firm, Rijswijk
- **K. (Karlijn) Jans**
Advisor on defense policy, Embassy of the United Kingdom, The Hague

Programs

With the declining impact of COVID-19 on the organization of meetings, in 2022 the Netherlands Atlantic Youth were able to gradually transition from online/hybrid meetings to in-person events. Again this year the Netherlands Atlantic Youth were able to organize a large number of activities, on a broad range of topics.

The outbreak of war in Ukraine featured centrally. On March 7 the Netherlands Atlantic Youth organized a program on this conflict, the Russian threat, and the future of European security. Six months later, on September 27, the Netherlands Atlantic Youth examined the wider impact of the war and the state of international affairs. The annual NATO Night event was held in April: this year in a hybrid format and with Marisa Gerards, the Netherlands Permanent Representative to NATO, as keynote speaker.

In 2022 the Netherlands Atlantic Youth also looked at developments beyond the transatlantic world, including China, the world world of cyber security, the current security situation in Afghanistan and Indonesia's war for independence seen from an international perspective. The US midterm elections also featured: on November 23 Laila Frank discussed the impact the results might have on the 2024 US presidential elections. In addition to the public programs, the Netherlands Atlantic Youth continued the book club established in 2020 and produced more podcast episodes of "The Atlantic View".

BOOK CLUB

Date: **January 20**
Subject: Tim Marshall, "The power of geography"
Moderators: Lucas **Moers** and Tjadina **Herbert**
(Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board members)
Participants: 14 students and young professionals

MEETING – ONLINE

Date: **February 8**
Subject: The development and future of Japan's military and defense policy
Speakers: Toshiyuki **Aso** (Japanese defense attaché), Timothy **de Zeeuw** (lecturer International Studies Leiden University, specialist in Japan studies)
Moderator: Bram **Romijn** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board member)
Venue: De Balie, Amsterdam
Participants: 30 students and young professionals

MEETING

Date: **March 7**
Subject: "The new reality?": the Russian threat and the future of European security
Speakers: Laurien **Crump** (Associate professor of History of International Relations, Utrecht University)
Tony **van der Togt** (Ass. Research Fellow, Russia & Eastern Europe Center, Clingendael Institute)
Co-sponsor: History Department, Utrecht University
Moderator: Tjadina **Herbert** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board member)
Venue: Academiegebouw, Utrecht University
Participants: 175 students and young professionals

MEETING – ONLINE

Date: **March 22**
Subject: "Is China Watching?"
Speakers: Rogier **Creemers** (asst. professor Modern China Studies, Leiden University), Elsine **van Os** (founder and CEO SignPost Six)
Moderator: Lucas **Moers** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board member)
Participants: 28 students and young professionals

MEETING

Date: **March 28**
Subject: Netherlands Atlantic Youth: view of the Dutch parliament
Speakers: Kati **Piri** (MP, PvdA) and Ruben **Brekelmans** (MP, VVD)
Moderator: Lucas **Moers** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board member)
Venue: Schlemmer, The Hague
Participants: 24 students and young professionals

MEETING – HYBRID*

Date: **April 7**
Subject: NATO NIGHT 2022: Challenge Accepted
Speakers: Ambassador Marisa Gerards (Netherlands' Permanent Representative at NATO)
Bob **Deen** (Specialist on Eastern Europe, Clingendael Institute), Christophe **Cornu** (NATO), Kimberley **Kruijver** (Strategic Analyst, TNO), Michel **Kerres** (Geopolitics editor, NRC), Ambassador Julie D. **Fisher** (US Special Envoy in Belarus), Hester **Somsen** (Deputy National Coordinator For Counterterrorism and Security and Director Cybersecurity and State Threats), Colonel dr. Han **Bouwmeester** (Associate professor at the Netherlands Defense Academy) and Kenneth **Lasoen** (Researcher, Clingendael Institute)
Moderator: Tim **Wagemakers**
Venue: De Balie, Amsterdam
Participants: 384 students and young professionals

**Hybrid program: in-person participants as well as those participating via social media channels*

Jonge Atlantici | Netherlands Atlantic Youth



In April, Netherlands Atlantic Youth organised the annual NATO Night at De Balie in Amsterdam, for over 380 participants. The panel included Hester Somsen, ambassador Julie D. Fisher, Kenneth Lasoen and colonel Han Bouwmeester, who spoke about current threats, including those in the digital domain.



Shortly after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, Netherlands Atlantic Youth spoke, together with Tony van der Togt and Laurien Crump, in Utrecht about the Russian threat and the future of Ukraine.



On 19 April, students and young professionals had the opportunity to pose questions regarding the threats and opportunities related to cybersecurity to experts Ronald Prins and Danny Pronk.

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Following the results of the midterm elections in the United States, Atlantic Youth, together with Laila Frank took stock, and looked forward to the 2024 presidential election.



The board of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth in spring 2022. Pictured (from top to bottom): Tjadina Herbert, Matthijs Olde, Boukje van den Eijnden, Carlijn Kroesen, Koen Meijering, Gijs Weijenberg, Bram Romijn, Lucas Moers and Niels Mulder.



Six months after the outbreak of war in Ukraine, Atlantic Youth reflected on the first months of the conflict, and discussed with Paul Ducheine, Steven Derix, Niels Drost and Irina Patrahau the future of international security.

MEETING

Date: **April 19**
Subject: Theme evening: Cybersecurity
Speakers: Ronald **Prins** (co-founder Hunt & Hackett, specialist Internet security) and Danny **Pronk** (senior researcher, Clingendael Institute)
Moderator: Lucas **Moers** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board member)
Venue: 't Gouden Hoofd, The Hague
Participants: 24 students and young professionals

MEETING – ONLINE

Date: **May 30**
Subject: The Indonesian war for independence from an international perspective
Speakers: Dr. Thijs Brocades **Zaalberg** (Associate Professor Netherlands Defense Academy) and Prof.dr. Henk **Schulte Nordholt** (emeritus professor, Indonesian history, Leiden University, Visiting researcher KITLV—Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies)
Moderator: Gijs **Weijenberg** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board member)
Venue: Leiden University- Wijnhaven, The Hague
Participants: 26 students and young professionals

MEETING

Date: **September 27**
Subject: Six months in: Assessing the wider implications of the Ukraine invasion
Speakers: Gen. Paul **Ducheine** (Professor Cyber Warfare, Netherlands Defense Academy and Professor Military Law, University of Amsterdam), Irina **Patrahau** (Strategic Analyst, The Hague Center for Strategic Studies [HCSS]), Steven **Derix** (journalist NRC Handelsblad), Niels **Drost** (Junior Researcher, Clingendael Russia & Eastern Europe Centre [REKA])
Moderator: Tjadina **Herbert** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board member)
Venue: City auditorium: Grand Café Van 't Huis, Leiden
Participants: 46 students and young professionals

BOOK CLUB

Date: **October 3**
Subject and Speaker: Niki **Sterkenburg**, "But you can't say that"
Moderator: Gijs **Weijenberg** (vicechair Netherlands Atlantic Youth)
Venue: Netherlands Atlantic Association Office, The Hague
Participants: Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board members and invited guests

MEETING

Date: **November 23**
Subject: Democracy on the rise? The midterm elections and the road to 2024
Speaker: Laila **Frank** (Being Frank)
Moderators: Iris **Meines** and Anders **Lörtzer** (Netherlands Atlantic Youth Board members)
Venue: Humanity Hub, The Hague
Participants: 25 students and young professionals

PUBLIC MEETING / NETHERLANDS ATLANTIC YOUTH

Date: **December 20**
Subject: Afghanistan in word and image: screening of the film "Kabul, City in the Wind", co-sponsored by Netherlands Atlantic Youth
Speakers: Paula **Sastrowijoto** (Deputy Chief of Mission of the Netherlands in Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Anne **Kwakkenbos** (Gender expert, Cordaid)
Moderator: Gijs **Weijenberg** (vicechair Netherlands Atlantic Youth)
Venue: Filmhuis Den Haag, The Hague
Participants: 75 participants drawn from the cultural sector, patrons, academics, politicians, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, students and other interested members of the public

Podcast episodes

ATLANTICS & CHILL – FORWARD WITH MET CDJA (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT YOUTH) AND DWARS (GREENLEFT YOUTH)

Date: **February 7**
Subject: Dutch defense and foreign policy and the coalition agreement
Speakers: Jens **Bosman**, Tom **Scheepstra**
Interviewers: Niels **Mulder**, Felix **Armstrong Hall**
Listeners: 71

BACK TO BASICS: TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS

Date: **April 6**
Subject: history of the transatlantic relationship
Speaker: Jaap **Verheul**
Interviewer: Niels **Mulder**
Listeners: 135

PART 1: MILITARY STRATEGY

Date: **May 18**
Subject: Military strategy
Speaker: Han **Bouwmeester**
Interviewer: Niels **Mulder**
Listeners: 106

PART 2: WAR IN UKRAINE

Date: **May 23**
Subject: Military strategy in Ukraine
Speaker: Han **Bouwmeester**
Interviewer: Niels **Mulder**
Listeners: 88

WHAT THE RESULTS OF THE MIDTERMS MEAN FOR BIDEN, AMERICA AND THE REST OF THE WORLD

Date: **November 15**
Subject: The results of the US midterm elections
Speaker: Alex **Krijger**
Interviewer: Anders **Lörtzer**
Listeners: 134

ATLANTIC VIEW X AFRICAST – AMERICAN INTERESTS IN AFRICA

Date: **December 1**
Subject: The role of the US in Africa
Speaker: Jaap **Verheul**
Interviewers: Niels **Mulder**, Wout **Spijker**, Ruben **Elands**, Joero **Nortier**
Listeners: 160

Atlantische onderwijscommissie / *Atlantic education committee*



During the workshop 'Dialogue under Pressure' provided by the School & Safety Foundation, the focus was on sensitive issues in the classroom, such as racism and radicalisation.



From left to right: Veerle de Kock (Education & Youth Project Manager), Lara Hendriks (Community Manager/ Coordinator of Netherlands Atlantic Youth), Laurens Keizer (Education Officer), Hans Luyendijk (chairman Atlantic Education Committee (AOC)).



Moderator Hans Luyendijk (chairman of the AOC) speaks to over 140 attending teachers and trainee teachers during the annual Northern Education Conference, which took place on 24 November in Zwolle.

Atlantische onderwijscommissie / *Atlantic education committee*



Salima Belhaj (D66 spokesperson on defence and integration), welcomed participants of the Profile paper project project during an award ceremony in the House of Representatives.



Group photo with the statue of John Harvard, on the campus of Harvard University, during the study tour to Boston and New York in October 2022.



Hans Luyendijk (chairman AOC) opens an education seminar on the war in Ukraine on 16 June at Paushuizen in Utrecht.

Education

The Atlantic Education Committee (AEC) focuses on providing information on transatlantic security issues for teachers and pupils in secondary schools and institutes for teacher training (HBO) by organizing conferences, regional seminars and study trips for teachers from secondary schools and teacher training institutes. Cooperation with teachers' organizations makes it possible to award postgraduate certificates for participation in these educational activities.

The Atlantic Education Committee includes representatives of three teachers' organizations: the Netherlands Association for Teachers of History (VGN), the Netherlands Association for Teachers of Social Studies (NVLM), and the Royal Netherlands Geographical Association (KNAG).

In addition, every year the Atlantic Education Committee organizes a profile paper project for secondary school pupils. Secondary school pupils from throughout the Netherlands can take part in this project and get an opportunity to write a profile paper (PWS) in the field of international peace and security.

Finally, the Committee produces (digital) educational publications. On the website there are lesson modules with extensive information on current developments in transatlantic relations and international security. Pupils can make use of individual and group assignments from the modules.

Education Committee

There were two changes in the Atlantic Education Committee in 2022:

R. (Romy) **Verwijk** and S. (Sybo) **Mocking** resigned.

The members of the Committee on December 31, 2022 were:

- H. (Hans) **Luyendijk**, chair
former rector, Dalton The Hague
- Anna **van Zoest** secretary
Director, Netherlands Atlantic Association
- M. (Martin) **Bakker**
Geography teacher, Segbroek College, The Hague
- A-M. (Anne-Marit) **Dannijs**
Social studies teacher, Teacher Training Institute, Hogeschool Rotterdam
- T. (Tanja) **Groenendijk-de Vos**
Americanist
- T. (Thomas) **Klijnstra**
Representative of the NVLM, social studies subject instructor, University of Amsterdam, social studies teacher, Adriaan Roland Holst College
- R. (Robert) **de Oude**
History and social studies teacher, Walburgcollege, Zwijndrecht; member of the committee for upper-level HAVO-VWO, VGN
- J. (Jos) **Rozenbeek**
Project manager border control, TUI Nederland

- N. (Nelleke) **van der Vlist – van Zanten**
History teacher, CSG Willem de Zwijger, Schoonhoven
- D. (Daan) **Verhoeven**
Social studies teacher, Dalton The Hague
- B. (Bart) **Vermeulen**
Representative of the KNAG; geography teacher, Vlietland College, Leiden
- J.E. (Jan Evert) **Volders**
Lecturer in the history of teacher training, Christian University of Applied Sciences Windesheim, Zwolle

Programs

After the disruptions caused by Covid in 2021 the annual program of the Atlantic Education Committee could again take place in 2022. Only a few activities in the spring had to be adjusted. The awarding of prizes for the Profile Paper Project was held in the Tweede Kamer, hosted by Salima Belhaj, board member of the Netherlands Atlantic Association and spokesperson for defense of D66. Chair of the jury Nelleke van der Vlist-van Zanten announced the winner, who presented an outstanding research paper on the role and influence of the media in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The tenth edition of the Profile Paper project began on October 12.

The annual Atlantic Education Conference took place in a special format on Thursday afternoon June 16. The seminar consisted of four lectures, all of them dealing with the geopolitical implications of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022.

This year the study trip for history, geography and social studies teachers visited the US cities of Boston and New York from October 19 to 26. Participants were struck by the midterm election campaigns taking place during the trip and by the differences between the educational systems of the Netherlands and the US.

The Atlantic Education Committee in cooperation with the Christian University of Applied Sciences Windesheim and NHL Stenden University of Applied Sciences organized on Thursday November 24 the Northern Education Conference in Zwolle. This year's theme was: "The crisis of confidence as a cross-border threat." Over 140 teachers and teachers-in-training participated.

PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE PROFILE PAPER PROJECT

- Date: **April 4**
- Speakers: Salima **Belhaj** (spokesperson for defense for D66), Hans **Luyendijk** (chair Atlantic Education Committee), Nelleke **van der Vlist- van Zanten** (Jury chair for the Profile Paper Project)
- Venue: Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal
- Participants: 20 final-year pupils in havo/vwo and everyone involved in the Profile Paper Project from the Netherlands Atlantic Association.

TEACHING MATERIALS

Published: **May**
Subject: Ukraine and Russia. The roots and consequences of a complex conflict.
Contents: lesson module, teachers' manual and answer module
Target group: upper-level vmbo / lower-level havo and vwo
Orders: 4775 copies
Advisor: Tony **van der Togt** (Clingendael Institute), Atlantic Education Committee

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

Date: **June 16**
Subject: On the eve of a new order? A look at the impact of the war in Ukraine on the geopolitical status quo
Speakers: Tony **van der Togt** (Ass. Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute, former diplomat in Russia), Ardi **Bouwers** (Sinologist, author, journalist and director China Circle), Gwenda **Nielen** (director TITLT), Ruud **van Dijk** (Asst. Professor History, International Relations, University of Amsterdam)
Moderator: Hans **Luyendijk** (chair Atlantic Education Committee)
Venue: Paushuize, Utrecht
Participants: 50 teachers and teachers-in-training

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

Date: **September 28**
Subject: Introductory meeting for Boston & New York study trip 2022
Speaker: Addie **Schroeder** (Counselor for Public Diplomacy, American Embassy, The Hague)
Moderator: Hans **Luyendijk** (chair Atlantic Education Committee)
Venue: Vergadercentrum Vredenburg 19, Utrecht
Participants: 14 participating geography, history, and social sciences teachers.

PROFILE PAPER PROJECT

Date: **October 12**
Subject: Introductory meeting for the Profile Paper Project followed by a workshop on sources and citations
Speakers: Laurens **Keizer** (Education staff member) and Veerle **de Kock** (Project manager)
Moderator: Hans **Luyendijk** (chair Atlantic Education Committee)
Venue: Leiden University– Campus The Hague
Participants: 19 final-year pupils havo and vwo

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY

Date: **October 19-26**
Subject: Study trip to the US—Boston and New York 2022
Participants: 14 participating geography, history, and social sciences teachers.

TEACHING MATERIALS

Published: **November**
Subject: 75th anniversary of the Marshall Plan. Origin, scope and impact of the American aid program
Contents: lesson module, teachers' manual and answer module
Target group: upper-level havo and vwo
Orders: 1025 copies
Advisors: Albertine Bloemendal, Jorrit van der Berk & Lisette Brussee (Radboud University), Atlantic Education Committee

PROFILE PAPER PROJECT

Date: **November 9**
Subject: Workshop on how to write a good profile paper followed by consultations with advisors
Leaders: Veerle **de Kock** (Project manager Education) and Laurens **Keizer** (Education staff member)
Venue: Netherlands Atlantic Association office, The Hague
Participants: 19 final-year pupils havo and vwo

PROFILE PAPER PROJECT – ONLINE

Date: **November 17**
Subject: Workshop on interviewing and use of data
Speakers: Hans **Luyendijk** (chair Atlantic Education Committee) and Thomas **Klijnstra** (Atlantic Education Committee/NVLM)
Participants: 19 final-year pupils havo and vwo

NORTHERN EDUCATION CONFERENCE (NOC)

Date: **November 24**
Subject: The crisis of confidence as a cross-border threat
Speakers: Dirk Jan **Wolffram** (University of Groningen), Tom **van der Meer** (University of Amsterdam)
Moderator: Hans **Luyendijk** (chair Atlantic Education Committee)
Venue: Nieuwe Buitensociëteit, Zwolle
Participants: 142 teachers and teachers-in-training in the fields of geography, history and social studies

Public meetings

The public meetings are designed to inform various important target groups (patrons, students, politicians, journalists, scholars, policy officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, members of the diplomatic corps) about current themes in national and international political relations. To this end one or more speakers are invited to make presentations on the subject. This is followed by a discussion involving the speakers, the moderator and members of the audience.

Programs

Because of the continuing pandemic the first half of 2022 was an exceptional period. The possibilities for organizing public meetings remained limited, but the interest in online/hybrid meetings was great.

PUBLIC MEETING - ONLINE

Date: **March 30**
Subject: Strategic Outlook 2022: a multinational assessment
Speakers: Ine Eriksen **Søreide** (Member of Parliament, chairs the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense. Former Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defense), Stefan **Meister** (Head of Program, International Order and Democracy at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Monika **Sie** (Director at the Clingendael Institute of International Relations)
Co-sponsor: German Atlantic Association and the Norwegian Atlantic Committee
Moderator: Sophie **Derkzen** (journalist)
Participants: 304 patrons, academics, politicians, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, students, and other interested members of the public

PUBLIC MEETING – HYBRID*

Date: **April 13**
Subject: Putin's war and the German turnaround
Speakers: Prof.dr. Ton **Nijhuis** (director Germany Institute), drs. René **Cuperus** (Senior Associate Fellow, Clingendael Institute; visiting researcher Germany Institute of the University of Amsterdam, member of the Advisory Council on International Issues [AIV, Committee on European integration])
Moderator: Eelco **Bosch van Rosenthal** (Americanist, reporter Dutch Broadcasting Foundation NOS)
Venue: Amstelkerk, Amsterdam
Participants: 35 patrons, academics, politicians, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, students, and other interested members of the public

**Hybrid program: in-person participants as well as those participating via social media channels*

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: **June 2**
Subject: The upcoming Midterm Elections for Control of Congress; The State of Play, Likely Outcomes, and the Impact on US Policies
Speakers: Matt **Mayer** (President Opportunity Ohio), Bianca **Pander** (Americanist, Campaign Office BKB)
Moderator: Paul **Brill** (journalist— columnist)
Venue: Press Center Nieuwspoor, The Hague
Participants: 127 patrons, academics, politicians, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, students, and other interested members of the public

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: **September 7**
Subject: Ukraine: What are the military and political challenges for the West?
Speakers: Robert **Adolph** (former US Army Special Forces Lt.Col and UN Chief Security Advisor), Tony **van der Togt** (Senior Associate Fellow at the Russia and Eastern Europe Center, Clingendael Institute)
Moderator: Paul **Brill** (journalist— columnist)
Venue: Studio Pulchri, The Hague
Participants: 60 patrons, academics, politicians, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, students, and other interested members of the public

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: **December 6**
Subject: Deep Dive Series: How to make sanctions most effective
Speakers: John E. **Smith** (Former Director of the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control [OFAC], currently co-head of Morrison & Foerster's National Security practice), Rem **Korteweg** (Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute)
Venue: Press Center Nieuwspoor, The Hague
Participants: 20 participants from the business world, government and think tanks.

Publieksbijeenkomsten / *Public Meetings*



In cooperation with the German Atlantic Association and the Norwegian Atlantic Committee, the Netherlands Atlantic Association hosted an event on both NATO's Strategic Concept, as well as the Strategic Compass of the European Union. Under the guidance of Sophie Derksen, Monika Sie, Stefan Meister and Ine Eriksen Sørensen the 2022 strategic trends were discussed.

On 13 April, the Netherlands Atlantic Association discussed the undeniable upheaval of German foreign policy in response to the Russian invasion in Ukraine. Germany experts Ton Nijhuis and René Cuperus gave their views on the topic and debated under the moderation of Paul Brill.



The results of the US midterm elections in November 2022 are of relevance to the 2024 presidential election. What are the internal and external factors that could affect and may influence the outcome of these elections? Eelco Bosch van Rosenthal discussed these scenarios with Matt Mayer and Bianca Pander.

Publieksbijeenkomsten / *Public Meetings*



Almost six months after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Atlantic Association invited Robert Adolph and Tony van der Togt to discuss the ability of the West to support Ukraine both militarily and politically, moderated by Paul Brill.



The farewell reception of director Bram Boxhoorn, addressed by his successor Anna van Zoest and chairman of the board Dirk Jan van den Berg, at the Glazen Zaal, The Hague.



Following the withdrawal of international troops from Afghanistan and the recapture of power by the Taliban, the situation in Afghanistan is still a pressing issue. Together with Netherlands Atlantic Youth, the Netherlands Atlantic Association organised a film evening at Filmhuis The Hague about the current security situation in Afghanistan. On the basis of the documentary *Kabul, City in the Wind* by Afghan director Aboozar Amini, Gijs Weijenberg spoke afterwards with Paula Sastrowijoto (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and Anne Kwakkenbos (Cordaid).

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: **December 20**

Subject: Afghanistan in word and image: screening of the film 'Kabul, City in the Wind'

Co-sponsor: Netherlands Atlantic Youth

Speakers: Paula **Sastrowijoto** (deputy chief of mission of the Netherlands in Afghanistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Anne **Kwakkenbos** (Gender expert, Cordaid)

Moderator: Gijs **Weijenbergh** (vicechair Netherlands Atlantic Youth)

Venue: Filmhuis Den Haag, The Hague

Participants: 75 participants from the cultural sector, patrons, academics, politicians, journalists, members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Defense, students, and other interested members of the public

Study visits to NATO

Every year the Netherlands Atlantic Association organizes study visits to NATO headquarters for specific target groups. During a working dinner and a full-day program they are informed about the latest NATO developments by members of the international staff and staffs of the offices of various permanent representatives. In 2022 one visit for Dutch journalists was organized in cooperation with NATO's Public Diplomacy Division.

STUDY VISIT TO NATO HEADQUARTERS

Date: **April 22**

Subject: Study visit to NATO headquarters for journalists

Co-sponsor: NATO's Public Diplomacy Division

Speakers: Eric **Povel** (Program Officer The Netherlands, Engagements Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division), Bartjan **Wegter** (Deputy Permanent Representative), Cpt. Jan-Willem **Boone** (Deputy Military Representative, Netherlands Delegation to NATO), Adm. Rob **Bauer**, Chair of the Military Committee, Robert **Dresen** (Policy Advisor, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General), James **Appathurai** (Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges Division)

Venue: NATO headquarters, Brussels

Participants: 11 journalists

Other programs

Study visit for journalists

In US presidential election years the Netherlands Atlantic Association organizes week-long study trips to the US for Dutch journalists. Since 2022 was not a presidential election year, no study trip took place.

Chair/Professorship

In 2019 Radboud University Nijmegen appointed prof. dr. Jaap Verheul extraordinary professor of transatlantic relations. This chair was established by the Netherlands Atlantic Association. He will focus in particular on the cultural dimension of modern transatlantic relations between the United States and Europe, with special attention to national imagery and to the shared values that underpin international cooperation.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Thesis Award

The Netherlands Atlantic Association has established a biennial thesis prize in the field of transatlantic relations: the Dwight D. Eisenhower thesis prize. The prize aims to increase scholarly interest and attention for this theme among students. The prize is intended for master's students of history, political science, or a related field, who have written an excellent thesis (in Dutch or English) on a topic in the field of modern transatlantic relations, in particular, the political, economic and/or cultural ties between the United States and Europe or the Netherlands. The prize will be awarded again in 2023.

Atlantic Treaty Association

The Netherlands Atlantic Association is a member of the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA), the worldwide network organization for all the Atlantic Associations. The ATA organizes two meetings for its members each year. The Netherlands Atlantic Youth also belongs to an international network organization: the Youth Atlantic Treaty Organization (YATA).

The General Assembly of the ATA was held on July 29, 2022. Other ATA activities were limited because ATA and YATA are currently undertaking a "restart."

Media

Atlantisch Perspectief

Atlantisch Perspectief (AP) is the magazine of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. The magazine is published six times a year and contains opinion articles, analyses and columns on current developments in international relations and security policy. This year, for the first time, because of a policy change, the English-language theme issue devoted to NATO was not subsidized by NATO.

From 2011 to 2022, all articles and abstracts of the articles are now available on the website of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. All available articles from *Atlantisch Perspectief* and its predecessors can now also be found in the JSTOR database. That includes Atlantic Tidings and Atlantic News that together go back to 1964.

The editorial board of *Atlantisch Perspectief* consists of the editor, the Editorial Advisory Council and the International Advisory Council.

There was one change to the editorial board in 2022: Bram Boxhoorn was succeeded by Anna van Zoest. At the December 13 meeting Wim Klinkert announced his resignation.

On December 31, 2022 the editorial board of *Atlantisch Perspectief* consisted of:

Editor

- G.H.E.J. (Gerben) **Stormbroek**.

On December 31, 2022 members of the Editorial Advisory Council were

- A. (Anna) **van Zoest** chair
Director, Netherlands Atlantic Association
- L. (Laurien) **Crump**
Rector Christian College Schaersvoorde
- P.A. (Paul) **van Hooff**
Senior Strategic Analyst at HCSS and Co-Chair of The Initiative on the Future of Transatlantic Relations
- M. (Margriet) **Drent**
Policy advisor Counter Hybrid at the Ministry of Defense
- R.V.A. (Ruud) **Janssens**
Professor of American Studies, University of Amsterdam
- S.N. (Sabine) **Mengelberg**
Assistant professor of International Security Studies, Netherlands Defense Academy, Breda
- A.J. (Anselm) **van der Peet**
Researcher, Netherlands Institute of Military History, The Hague
- N. (Niels) **van Willigen**
Associate Professor of International Relations, Leiden University.

On December 31, 2022 the members of the International Advisory Council were:

- Hans **Binnendijk**
Senior Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington D.C.
- Ann-Sofie **Dahl**
Associate Professor and Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council (US)
- Marten **van Heuven**
former senior Consultant, RAND Corporation, Washington D.C.
- Jan Willem **Honig**
Senior Lecturer, Department of War Studies, King's College, London
- Margarita **Mathiopoulos**
Chief Executive Officer, EAG European Advisory Group, Berlin
- Alexander **Moens**
Professor of International Relations, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby (BC), Canada

- Henning **Riecke**
Head, Transatlantic Relations Program, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Berlin
- Stanley **Sloan**
Visiting scholar, Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Middlebury College (VT), US

Articles

Atlantisch Perspectief 2022 was once again characterized by a variety of topics. The first issue of 2022 was a theme issue about Germany. The publication of this issue coincided with the start of the war in Ukraine. The editors demonstrated flexibility by delaying printing the issue and having several articles rewritten to include this historical development. The third issue was entirely devoted to the war. Other topics that were also prominently discussed: the tensions in the Indo-Pacific, the Strategic Concept of NATO (unfortunately without subsidy), the midterms, the Marshall Plan, climate and energy, transnational right-wing extremism, etc.

This year again the magazine featured many prominent authors: the special issue on the Strategic Concept once again included a foreword by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. Additional copies of this issue were requested by the NATO base Joint Support and Enablement Command (JSEC) in Ulm, Germany. Another positive development is the greater (geographical) diversity of authors and thus the diversity of perspectives, which this year included authors from Portugal, Spain and Turkey.

All articles that appeared in *Atlantisch Perspectief* in 2022 became available at the beginning of 2023 on the website: www.atlantischecommissie.nl and on the JSTOR database: <https://www.jstor.org/journal/atlapers>

Published: 6x a year
Print run: 1200 copies

Other publications

ANNUAL REPORT 2021
Published: **May 2022**
Print run: 500

Opinion Poll

In February 2022, the annual opinion poll on the level of support for NATO in the Netherlands was published. The research was conducted by Kantar Public. The survey again showed strong support for NATO among the Dutch public: three-quarters of the Dutch considered Dutch membership in NATO important for the country's security. The poll also showed that, on the eve of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, half of the Dutch saw Russia as the greatest threat to European security. That was an increase from 2021, when nearly three in ten viewed Russia as the biggest threat.

Website

The Netherlands Atlantic Association website (www.atlantischecommissie.nl) contains information about the organization and its objectives as well as about the many activities of the Netherlands Atlantic Association, the Atlantic Education Committee and Netherlands Atlantic Youth. The homepage features transatlantic news and backgrounds (“must-reads”) that are updated twice a week. The visitor is made aware of articles from renowned (international) magazines, think tanks, websites and blogs. Since September 2021, a podcast episode created by the Netherlands Atlantic Youth has also been published monthly.

Many educational publications can be viewed online, and teachers and pupils can use the various lesson modules and web sheets. New teaching modules were developed in 2022. In addition, in 2021 we started digitally archiving all *Atlantisch Perspectief* articles between 1991 and the present.

In 2022, the site was visited 26,654 times by 18,039 users. A decrease of 10.5% and 13.4% respectively compared to 2021. A total of 53,498 pages were viewed, a decrease of 7.4% compared to the previous year. This drop in figures is partly due to the gradual return to in-person events, which meant that fewer activities were organized online and therefore less online traffic was necessary.

Social media

The Netherlands Atlantic Association and Netherlands Atlantic Youth are active on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. In 2021, the LinkedIn pages of the Netherlands Atlantic Association and Netherlands Atlantic Youth were revamped. LinkedIn in particular is showing strong growth, while Facebook is showing less and less interaction. The social media channels are used to increase the brand awareness of both the Netherlands Atlantic Association and Netherlands Atlantic Youth. In addition, through these platforms, our followers are kept informed about the activities that are being organized, useful must-reads, and the articles from *Atlantisch Perspectief* and other publications.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association's Facebook page had 1442 likes on December 31, 2022, that of the Netherlands Atlantic Youth group had 893 and the Netherlands Atlantic Youth page had 1450. In 2022, a message was posted 101 times on the Netherlands Atlantic Association's page, 63 on the Netherlands Atlantic Youth page and 29 on the Netherlands Atlantic Youth group.

The number of followers on Twitter of the Netherlands Atlantic Association was 516 on December 31, 2022 and of Netherlands Atlantic Youth 1297. In 2022, 198 tweets were sent on the page of the Netherlands Atlantic Association and 128 tweets were sent on the page of Netherlands Atlantic Youth.

As of December 31, 2022, the Netherlands Atlantic Youth Instagram page had 852 followers. In 2022, 55 messages were posted on this page. An Instagram page for the Atlantic Education Committee was also set up in 2022. This one had 51 followers on December 31, 2022. In 2022, 10 messages were posted on this page.

The LinkedIn page of Netherlands Atlantic Youth has 1085 followers. In 2022, 67 messages were posted on this page. The Netherlands Atlantic Association's LinkedIn page has 564 followers. In 2022, 64 messages were posted on this page.

In 2022, infographics were used for the first time, which were posted online ahead of the midterm elections in the United States in November.

Netherlands Atlantic Association in the media

The following daily, weekly and monthly periodicals, radio programs and websites covered the Netherlands Atlantic Association and its activities in 2022:

- *De Telegraaf*
- *De Volkskrant*
- *EWmagazine.nl*
- *Gezond Verstand*
- *Kleio*
- *Nederlands Dagblad*
- *Nieuwsbode Westerwolde*
- *NRC Handelsblad*
- *Trouw*

STRATEGIC STUDIES FOUNDATION

The Strategic Studies Foundation is an independent organization that takes care of the scholarly activities of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. The Foundation focuses on initiating and promoting scholarly research on security issues.

The position of extraordinary professor in strategic studies has been vacant since 2017.

On December 31, 2022 the members of the board of the Strategic Studies Foundation were:

- D.J. (Dirk Jan) **van den Berg**, chair
- T.A. (Alex) **Krijger**, vicechair
- M.W. (Michiel) **van Campen** treasurer
- M. (Marije) **Meines**, secretary
- A. (Anna) **van Zoest** director

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

Amounts x 1000, rounded to thousands

INCOME

Income from government	€ 593
Other income	€ 90
	—
Total income	€ 683

EXPENSES

Platform- and network activities	€ 169
Education	€ 169
Public programs	€ 153
Media	€ 243
	—
Total expenses	€ 734

BALANCE 2022	€ -51
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Media



Atlantisch Perspectief addressed a variety of topics. The first issue focused on Germany, while the second issue of 2022 focussed on the war in Ukraine. Other salient themes included tensions in the Indo-Pacific, NATO's Strategic Concept and the midterm elections in the US. Different perspectives from authors across Europe were covered. Collaboration with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg on the NATO thematic issue has become a returning feature.

Bureau



Staff, interns and the chair of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. From left to right: Yoran Nijenbanning, Linda Schneider, Gerben Stormbroek, Veerle de Kock, Lokke Moerel, Anna van Zoest, Lara Hendriks, Jeroen Cuijpers and Laurens Keizer.

ADMINISTRATION

On December 31, 2022 the administration of the Netherlands Atlantic Association consisted of:

- A. (Anna) **van Zoest**.

OFFICE

The office is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the various programs of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. It also maintains the website and social media accounts and supports the Management Board and the subcommittees of the Netherlands Atlantic Association. Finally, the office provides information to others (telephone helpdesk). There were two changes in office personnel in 2022.

L.F.M. (Lara) **Hendriks** became Community Manager and coordinator of Netherlands Atlantic Youth on September 1, 2022. She succeeded I.J. (Iris) **Meines**, who left on that date.

L.J. (Laurens) **Keizer** joined the education staff on January 1, 2022.

On December 31, 2022 the office staff personnel were:

- L.J. (Laurens) Keizer
Education staff member
- V.M. (Veerle) de Kock
Project manager Education
- L.F.M. (Lara) Hendriks
Community Manager and coordinator Netherlands Atlantic Youth
- B.C. (Linda) Schneider
Office staff member
- Gerben Stormbroek
Editor *Atlantisch Perspectief*

In addition to the staff interns from various universities contributed significantly to the Association's work. In 2022 the following interns worked for the Netherlands Atlantic Association*:

- Daan **Braakman** (Utrecht University)
- Lisette **Brussee** (Radboud University Nijmegen)
- Frank **Stengs** (Leiden University, Vrije University Amsterdam)

**In early 2022 the interns were not able to work at the office premises due to Covid regulations.*

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Since its foundation in 1952, the Netherlands Atlantic Association has been a forum for public debate over transatlantic security issues. It provides information and promotes research on relations between the United States and Europe, developments concerning NATO, and European security issues. Through its activities the Association aims to further public discussion on these issues.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association organizes diverse programs for specific target groups, such as politicians, journalists, academics, business leaders and young professionals. The Netherlands Atlantic Youth organizes programs for students and recent graduates. The Atlantic Education Committee develops programs for teachers and upper-level secondary school pupils.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association also publishes a magazine *Atlantisch Perspectief* as well as digital educational materials.

The independence of the Netherlands Atlantic Association is safeguarded by the board of the foundation, whose members include representatives of all the major political parties as well as academic experts in the fields of transatlantic relations and security policy.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association is part of the Atlantic Treaty Association – a network organization of more than 40 Atlantic Associations in most NATO member states and in most countries in the Partnership for Peace.

The Netherlands Atlantic Association cooperates actively with government institutions, political organizations, educational institutions, and non-governmental organizations in the Netherlands and abroad, and on an ad-hoc basis with the business community.

Finally, the Netherlands Atlantic Association initiates and supports the development of activities in the field of international and national security issues by others and advises them on the design and implementation of such projects.

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