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## Dutch Government conclude synthetic bi existing regulations

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The Dutch ministers for Research and Environment Ronald Plasterk and J Parliament about reports by learned commissions on societal implications that currently, this area of research where biotechnology and nanotechnology sufficiently.

Both ministers are in favour of monitoring the development of synthetic biology potential future risks or impacts on society which could occur after ten years stimulating public debate or new legislation. After 5 years a survey of the biology is advised, which will be done by the Academy of Sciences KNAW. be included in the trend analysis biotechnology. The ministers welcome a and COGEM (Commission Genetic Modification) to study what the government public debate after the current hype on synthetic biology is over. They also interdepartmental working groups on nanotechnology and on synthetic biology as an early warning system.

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