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FOR SUSTAINABILITY:

AN INTERNATIONAL ANALYSIS

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PREFACE

This report, prepared for and funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment, presents the results of an international analysis of government programs and initiatives aimed at stimulating innovation and sustainable development. The main objective was to find out whether the Dutch government can learn from such foreign initiatives and incorporate certain elements in its own ongoing programs and initiatives.

The research was conducted by a consortium under the leadership of RAND Europe and consisted of Lisberg Consultants (Denmark), Prognos (Germany), Solving, Bohlin & Stromberg (Sweden), and Solving International (France, Italy), and the RAND offices in Leiden, the Netherlands and Washington, DC, United States.

The research project lasted from 1 January 2000 until 1 October 2000. Actual data collection took place between 1 February 2000 and 1 June 2000. The report is organized in two volumes. The first volume is an overall analysis based on the examination of individual countries complemented by knowledge and expertise of related studies. This overall analysis does not contain overview of activities per country. The second volume is a collection of nine individual country reports, i.e. Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. These country reports all follow a similar format: a description of institutional context, a classification of the different policy instruments in use, and a detailed description of the most interesting initiatives.

This report has been peer reviewed and it has been reviewed by a steering group consisting of Mr. ir. Just van Lidth de Jeude (project coordinator, Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment), Ms. Edith Engelen (Novem), Ms. drs. Annelieke Kwak (Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment) Mr. ir. Jan Pieter Mook (Ministry of Economic Affairs), and Mr. dr. Frans Vollenbroek (Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning, and the Environment). We would like to acknowledge their guidance and comments. We would also like to thank our former colleague Sandy Bosman for all her work on this project. Conclusions in this report are RAND Europe’s alone and should not be ascribed to any other organizations involved.

The report should be of interest to government officials dealing with managing investment programs related to innovation and sustainable development, policymakers in the domain of technology policy, researchers studying the field of science and technology, and research and development centers in private companies.

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