



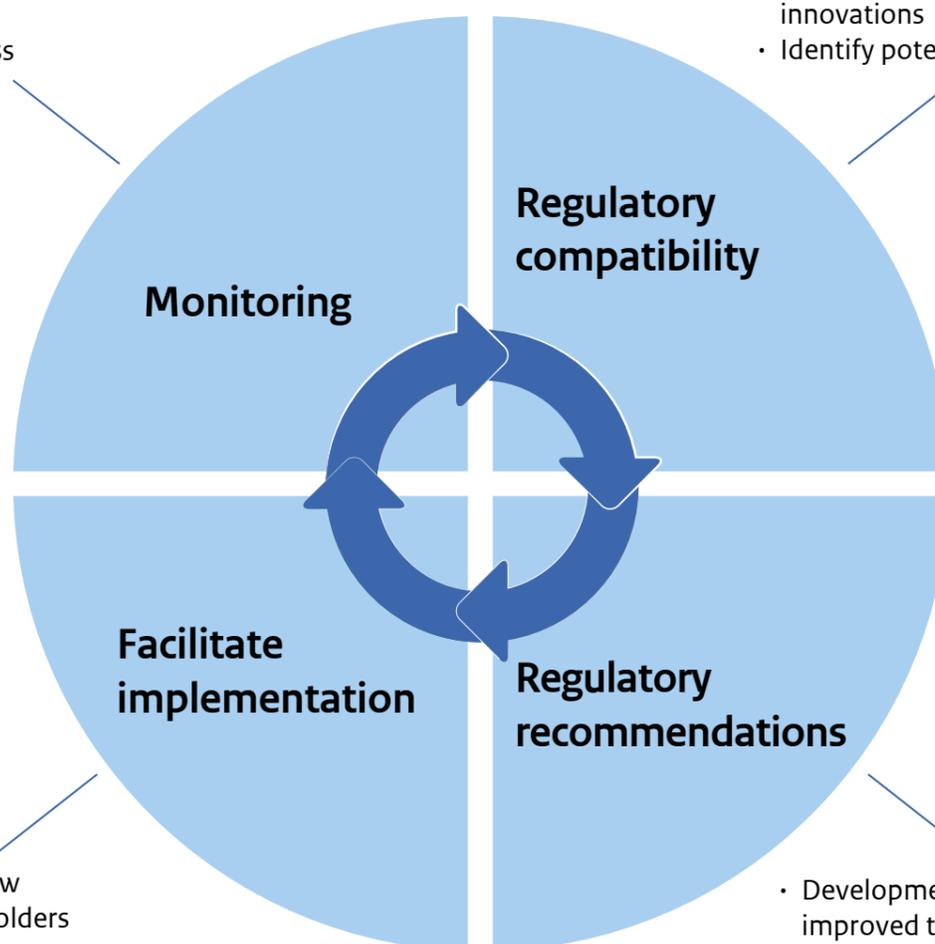
RIVM and regulatory agility

aligning innovations and regulations

The National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) conducts independent (scientific) research in the field of Public Health, Health Services, Environmental Safety and Security. RIVM delivers high quality scientific knowledge and expertise to meet specific requests of national and international organizations dealing with complex issues in public health and the environment, such as Dutch ministries, various government inspectorates, the European Union and the United Nations.

- Monitor emerging innovative technologies and products
- Participate in innovation process

- Check compatibility of regulations with innovations
- Identify potential regulatory hurdles



- Facilitate implementation of new regulations involving all stakeholders

- Development of new regulations (e.g. improved testing strategies, data sharing)
- Advise policy makers on regulatory adaptations
- Advise innovators on regulatory anticipation

Multidisciplinary problem solving

RIVM consists of three domains with specific knowledge and expertise: Infectious Diseases and Vaccinology, Environment and Safety, and Public Health and Health Services. RIVM's Centre for Health Protection focuses on human health impacts of chemical and biological agents, with special attention to medicines, medical products, nanomaterials, tobacco, consumer products, diet and food components, and interaction with life style factors. Recent work also focuses on safe-by-design and regulatory agility.

We keep abreast of new developments and trends in science and society, and use the expertise in our institute in an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to problem solving. Policy makers use RIVM research findings to develop, implement and enforce policy.

Regulatory agility

One of RIVM's strengths is to help align policies and innovations (Regulatory Agility). As an independent institute, RIVM often takes a role as a broker or mediator between different stakeholders, such as policy makers, academics, citizens and companies. We participate in the innovation process, identify hurdles in the regulatory roadmap for innovative products, develop solutions and advice policy makers on adapting and implementing regulations.

Examples of RIVM's role in facilitating Regulatory Agility can be found in nanotechnology, Advanced Therapeutic Medicine Products and Alternatives for Animal Testing.

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