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Towards Foresight-informed policy making in public health

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What is Strategic Foresight

- > Strategic foresight is a **proactive and systematic approach** to envisioning **different futures, challenges, and opportunities**
- > Foresight-informed policy making in the face of **uncertainty**, ensuring **resilience and preparedness** for societal, technological, environmental, and economic changes
- > Includes various methods like horizon scanning, scenario building, stakeholder participation, modelling
- > We don't predict the future but merely explore possible futures
- > Public health foresight is still lagging...



Strategic Foresight at RIVM

- > Dutch Public Health Foresight Study
 - Since 1993, legal basis
 - Strategic foresight: time horizon 25 years
 - Input for policy process (MoH, local policy makers)
 - Intensive stakeholder participation process
- > To gain insights into the most important challenges for policy and society
- > From scenarios to challenges to options for action

