

VWI - Network of and for 'Green' Women Engineers

VWI is the professional network of female alumni and students of Wageningen University and other research and educational institutions active in agriculture, food and the green environment. To bring women together and expand their network so they can contribute actively to solving the **environmental**, **agricultural and food-challenges** we are facing today and tomorrow, is the core of VWI. It is the members themselves who bring and are willing to share their wealth of experience, ideas and initiatives.



The board of VWI

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It started as "Vrouwennetwerk Wageningse Ingenieurs" and as changes came about VWI has joined the "New Network" (NN, Nieuwe Network) in 2021. The theme's within NN are food, agriculture, landscape, biodiversity, climate, water and inclusive- and circular development.

VWI organizes several meetings each year: A New Year event, Women's Day (March 8th), a general assembly in April and a meeting in November. Usually there are additional meetings or field trips on current topics. VWI engages with students and fresh graduates. The coming year we want to organize coaching- as well as Intervision sessions (professionals consulting each other to help them gain valuable new insights).



Network Cafés

After COVID19, we aim to again organize regular Network Cafes in different regions. Apart from meeting and greeting, current issues are discussed. These Café's are organized by our members and anyone who would like to start these activities can do so. In Wageningen these café's are organized on the last Wednesday of the month (with breaks during the holidays). The members in a region will be informed through mail / a WhatsApp group, and it will be posted on the VWI webpage.

Newsletter and Membership

VWI has a newsletter, de Flits, which is send 10 times a year to all members. You can follow us on Twitter (_VWI), Facebook (vwiwageningen) or take part in our group on LinkedIn (groups/1838751). The website <u>www.vwi-netwerk.nl</u> and most communication is still in Dutch, but we are working on English versions.

You can also attend the NN-meetings:

- every 1st Monday of the month: Network Meeting (16-17:15h)
- every 3rd Thursday of the month: Content Meeting Sustainability

Membership

You can join VWI as an Wageningen alumni and as a student, by contacting the VWI secretariat (vwi@vwi-netwerk.nl). Your membership also includes the membership of NN: Normal member's fee: \notin 50 per year, for students: \notin 20 per year.

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