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## Thinking in terms of life span

**When designing a project, we always take life span into account, from the start of the construction project to its ultimate demolition. Strukton thinks in terms of life span – projects, people and the environment – and in this context comes up with competing and innovative solutions to our clients' problems, both solicited and on our own initiative. Thinking in terms of life span means that when we are designing a project, we take the life span of that project into account. This includes the realisation phase, the operational phase and the demolition phase.**

### Sustainable action

Many of our projects make a direct contribution to sustainability and consequently generate social benefits. There is thus less environmental impact as a result of:

- low-energy buildings such as Education Executive Agency and Regional Tax Office Groningen
- sustainable provision of energy as in the development of tidal energy at Grevelingedam

In our kind of work we utilise raw materials, generate waste and CO2 emissions and demand a lot from our staff. We do this consciously: we are constantly working to improve safety, for a cleaner environment and to blend into the surroundings. Using intelligent design we make use of fewer raw materials and less energy, both in the construction of a project and once the project is in use or is being demolished. Ultimately this ensures less waste and fewer CO2 emissions.

In addition we prefer to use recyclable raw materials, provided that the quality is not inferior to non-recycled raw materials.

## People make the difference

Our staff is the key to our success. We invest a great deal in the safety of our employees, in education and training. For young people with promise there is the internal training course Strukton Jong Management (Strukton Young Management). In addition we are increasingly giving interpretation to 'social return': involving people with a poor labour market history in our projects.

## Further information

Download the brochure [Thinking in terms of lifespan](#).

Read more on our [CSR vision, policy and objectives](#).