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of science and technology, it supports the following institutes in the life sciences:

- CBS – Fungal Biodiversity Centre;
- Hubrecht Institute Developmental Biology and Stem-cell Research;
- ICIN – Interuniversity Cardiology Institute;
- NIOO – Netherlands Institute of Ecology;
- NIN – Netherlands Institute of Neuroscience.

The institutes do not get performance-related contributions from the KNAW but – instead – they receive in general the same basic budget as in the previous year. There is, however, an annual Strategy Fund of over € 2 M for innovations.

2.3 TNO

The Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research operates under the responsibility of several ministries of the government. It is active in five core areas:

- quality of life;
- defence and security;
- industry and technology;
- built environment and geosciences;
- information and communication technology.

In each of these areas TNO is supporting business by helping in research, and advising on and developing new equipment. The market turnover of TNO is more than € 80 M. Also, its scientific output is quite high with more than 500 publications per year.

2.4 GTI's

These are four large technological institutes (GTI's) in the Netherlands. They are centres of technological expertise and carry out applied research for government and companies. These institutes are:

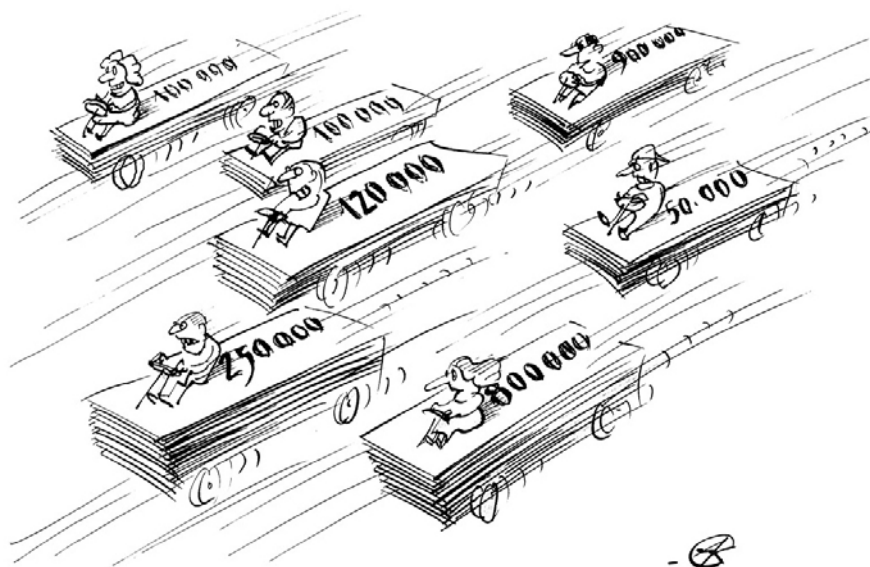
- ECN – The Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands. (ECN has published a large number of scientific papers, which have a high citation index);
- MARIN – Maritime Research Institute. One of the largest institutes in the world conducting research into shipbuilding, offshore technology and oceanography;
- Deltares – working in hydrolics, coastal and marine research, and fresh water and waste water treatment;
- NLR – National Aerospace Laboratory. A non-profit organization, involved in military and civilian aircraft, airports and air traffic control.

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