

# THE NETHERLANDS NON-LETHAL WEAPONS PROGRAMME

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## Introduction

Since the start of the new co-called programme approach in The Netherlands at the end of 1999 the TNO Defence research is conducted in research programmes.

One of the main arguments for this programme steering was that the then large number of small projects should be limited to a smaller number of larger programmes.

Besides the expected larger synergy at least a reasonable reduction of the administrative load could be reached. The required synergy can best be expressed by the statement that the final result of a programme should be more than the sum of the results of the individual projects.

The Netherlands NLW research programme is the first officially signed programme under the new approach. The formal signing of the programme contract took place at 8 November 1999. The programme would run until the end of 2003 and got a budget of slightly more than 5.0 Million Dutch Guilders (about 2.4 Million Euros).

At the start of the programme a number of already running projects on e.g. High Power Micro Waves and Psychological Operations were brought under the umbrella of the programme. Besides that a large number of projects were conducted in order to answer the questions described in the programme contract.