



POLARIS INSIGHT

PETER WENNINK, "THE ROUTE TO FUTURE PROSPERITY"

POLARIS at the Heart of the Netherlands' Future Technology Strategy

This week, the Wennink Report, *The Route to Future Prosperity* was published. The report sends a clear message: if the Netherlands wants to remain prosperous, safe, and relevant in a changing world, it must make bold and focused choices in technology and innovation.



One of the programs explicitly referenced in the report is **POLARIS**, the National Growth Fund initiative aimed at strengthening the Netherlands' position in advanced Radio **Frequency (RF) systems**.

Strategic relevance

The Wennink Report identifies **Safety and Resilience** as one of four critical technology domains in which the Netherlands must build strong, distinctive positions. Within this context, POLARIS is mentioned as a concrete example of how public investment can strengthen key technologies that are essential for defense, secure communication, and high-end medical systems such as MRI scanners.

This places POLARIS firmly within the national strategy for **technological sovereignty and strategic autonomy**, a central theme throughout the report.

From research to impact

A core message of the Wennink Report is that innovation only creates value when **top-level research is effectively translated into real-world applications**, supported by strong public-private ecosystems. The report argues for long-term investments in complex technologies that require cooperation between industry, knowledge institutes, and government.

POLARIS follows exactly this model. By bringing together companies and universities across radar, MRI, and communication technologies, the program builds an integrated RF ecosystem that can deliver both economic value and societal impact.

A program that fits the national agenda

The explicit inclusion of POLARIS in the Wennink Report confirms that the program is more than a standalone research initiative. It is part of a broader national effort to:

- strengthen Europe's and the Netherlands' strategic position in critical technologies,
- improve productivity through deep-tech innovation,
- and ensure long-term security and resilience.

Looking ahead

The Wennink Report calls for action, leadership, and continuity. POLARIS shows how this call can be answered in practice. By investing today in advanced RF systems and collaboration across domains, the program contributes directly to the technological foundation of the Netherlands' future prosperity.

POLARIS is not just building technology for tomorrow, it is helping shape the national strategy behind it.

For those who are interested, [full report](#) Wennink Report, The Route to Future Prosperity is publicly available online. Since its publication, the report has been widely discussed in Dutch media, including several podcasts such as [BNR \(De Alliantie\)](#) and [Dr. Kelder en Co](#), where its implications for innovation, technology, and long-term economic resilience are explored in more detail.

It is also worth noting that Peter Wennink was a guest at the POLARIS Townhall meeting on September 9 in Amersfoort, where he was interviewed and already highlighted the strategic importance of POLARIS in this broader national context, see the article we made on this on the [Polaris website](#).



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