

# Press release

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## Diversity Award 2008 for NS

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NS Dutch Railways has won the Diversity Award 2008 for its consistent and concrete diversity policy, which has resulted in an increasing participation of women in the company, as well as an increasing number of women in top management functions and the Supervisory Board. The judges praised NS for its outstanding results, the commitment of top management and the example its diversity policy sets for other organisations.

NS President Aad Veenman received the prize. He said: "I am proud of this recognition of our performance. Proud of all men and women within NS, who make this happen. We find it very important to form a reflection of the society we operate in."

NS will shortly start recruiting new conductors and hopes that this award will encourage women and minorities to apply.

The Diversity Award is issued by The Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW) for organizations running a policy aimed at increasing the participation of women in top management. Prior winners of the award include Delta Lloyd and ING Group.

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