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Sjerp de Vries is an environmental psychologist and works as senior social scientist at Alterra, an applied research institute of Wageningen University and Research centre. At the beginning of this century Sjerp started doing research on nature and health, mainly in an urban context. In 2003 he published one of the first studies on green space and health in which GIS-data were used to characterize the physical environment. Together with others he initiated the successful Vitamin G (for Green) project, funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). From 2004 to 2008 he was a member of the Steering Committee of COST Action E39, "Forests, Trees and Human Health and Well-being". In his work on nature and health he focuses on environmental characteristics and interventions and seeks out collaboration with health research institutes such as the Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research (NIVEL), the Trimbos Institute (a Dutch centre of expertise on mental health and addiction), and more recently, the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). Most of his work is commissioned by either the Dutch ministry of Economic Affairs or the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency.

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