# Information Guide

## The Netherlands

A guide to information sources on the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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Information sources in the ESO database

- The Netherlands: External / Internal / Regions

General information

- Netherlands: Government portal
  - Government homepage
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken)
- Wikipedia: Netherlands
- UK: FCO: Country profile: The Netherlands
- US: CIA: The World Factbook: The Netherlands
- US: State Department: Background Note: The Netherlands
- BBC News: Country Profile: The Netherlands
- Find websites on The Netherlands through Google
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: Netherlands

Agricultural information

  o Agriculture and livestock
  o Fish
  o Food
- The Netherlands: Ministry of Economic Affairs / Ministerie van Economische Zaken
- FAO: Country Profiles [choose country]
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: The Netherlands
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: Netherlands
- European Commission: DG Agriculture: Agriculture and Rural Development
  o Rural Development Plans
    - 2000-2006: The Netherlands
    - 2007-2013: The Netherlands
    - 2014-2020: The Netherlands
- Organic Holland
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe (FiBL): The Netherlands
- Wageningen UR: Agricultural Economic Report 2015 [Summary]

Competition policy information

- The Netherlands: Netherlands Authority for Consumers & Markets (Mededingingsautoriteit)
- The Netherlands: Regulator of Post and Electronic communication in the Netherlands (OPTA)
- OECD: Competition: Netherlands

Culture and language information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites
Council of Europe/ERICarts: Cultural Policies in Europe: Country information

[choose country profile]

Holland.com: Dutch Culture

SIL international: Ethnologue: Languages of the world: Netherlands

The Netherlands: Cultural Holland

Defence and security information

The Netherlands: Government: Topics: Defence

The Netherlands: Ministry of Defence (Ministerie van Defensie)

The Netherlands: Support Command (Commando Diensten Centra) [in Dutch]

Economic information

ESO: The Netherlands: Economic situation

The Netherlands: Government: Topics: Economy, Finance and Industry

The Netherlands: Ministry of Finances (Ministerie van Financiën)

The Netherlands: Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation (Ministerie van Economische Zaken, Landbouw en Innovatie)

The Netherlands: National Bank of the Netherlands (De Nederlandsche Bank)

The Netherlands: Euronext Amsterdam (previously Amsterdam Stock Exchange)

UNIDO: Country information: The Netherlands

UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: Country information: Netherlands

WTO: The Netherlands and the WTO

World Bank: Data by country: The Netherlands

European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: The Netherlands

Stability and Convergence Programmes [2011-2015]

European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union: Taxation and customs duties in The Netherlands

International Monetary Fund: The Netherlands and the IMF

OECD: Documentation on The Netherlands [see 'Economics', 'Enterprise, Industry and Services', 'Finance', 'Growth' etc.]


Deutsche Bank Research: Country information: The Netherlands


Education information

The Netherlands: Government: Topics: Education, Culture and Science

The Netherlands: Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap)

Education

The Netherlands: Nuffic (Organisation for international co-operation in higher education) [in Dutch]

The Netherlands: DUO – IB-Groep

The Netherlands: Nederlands-Vlaamse Accreditatieorganisatie

World Bank: EdStats: Summary Education Profile

OECD: Education: Netherlands

Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC: Country profiles: Netherlands [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]

Council of Europe: Cultural Cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights: Country profile
UNESCO Institute for Statistics: Education in the Netherlands
European Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in the Netherlands
Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: The Netherlands
Nation Master: Education in the Netherlands: Statistics
Wikipedia: Education in the Netherlands

Employment information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (Ministerie van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid)
- OECD: Employment: Netherlands
- European Commission: Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: Statistics and analysis [choose country]
- European Commission: European employment Strategy [choose country]
- European Industrial Relations Observatory online
- Federation of European Employers: Industrial Relations across Europe

Energy information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation
- International Energy Agency: Country information
- European Commission: DG Energy & Transport:
  - Statistical Pocketbook [2010 edition]
  - Country Report 2014
- United States: Energy Information Administration:
  - Country information [Find statistics, forecasts, analyses and reports]

Environmental information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Infrastructure and the Enviroment (Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Milieu)
- The Netherlands: National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (Rijksinstituut voor Volksgezondheid en Milieu)
- FAO: Specialised Country Profiles and Information Systems [choose a thematic database]
  - FAO: Forestry Department: Country [Follow 'select a country' on the left-hand bar]
  - FAO: Water and Food Security Country Profiles: The Netherlands
- European Environment Agency:
  - European Environment Information and Observation Network (EIONET): Country
  - State of the Environment Reporting Information System (SERIS): Country information

European policies and relations with the European Union

- Netherlands: Government: Issues: European Union
- Netherlands: National Bank of the Netherlands (De Nederlandsche Bank)
  - The euro
Geographic information and maps

- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: Country maps
- European Union: DG Press and Communication: Europe maps [click on country]
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: Netherlands maps
- MapsOfWorld.com: Netherlands maps

Health information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport)
- World Health Organisation: Country Information
- European Commission: DG Employment and Social Affairs: Social Protection in the EU [find country-related information on social security systems]
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drugs Addiction (EMCDDA)
  - Legal Database on Drugs: Country profiles [select country]
  - Country overview [select country]
  - National Drug Strategies
  - National Reports
  - European Legal Database on drugs

Human rights information

- Council of Europe: ECRI: Country report
- Council of Europe: European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits
- Council of Europe: Venice Commission: The Netherlands
- United States: State Department:
  - Human Rights Report [2013]
  - Previous versions
  - Religious Freedom Report
  - Previous versions
- Human rights Watch: The Netherlands
- The International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights: The Netherlands Helsinki Committee

**Intellectual property information**

- The Netherlands: The Netherlands Patent Office (NL Octrooicentrum)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: The Netherlands
  - Collection of Laws for Electronic Access (CLEA): The Netherlands [Find full texts of national legislation]

**Investment information**

- The Netherlands: Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency
- The Netherlands: Foreign Trade Agency
- United Kingdom: Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Country profile [see also ‘detailed country information’]

**Justice and home affairs information**

- The Netherlands: Government: Topics: Law and Justice
- The Netherlands: Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (Ministerie van Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties)
- The Netherlands: Ministry of Security and Justice (Ministerie van Veiligheid en Justitie)
- The Netherlands: de Rechtspraak: The judiciary system in the Netherlands
- The Netherlands: National Coordinator for Counter terrorism (Nationaal Coördinator Terrorismebestrijding)
- The Netherlands: National Prosecutors Office (Openbaar ministerie)
- The Netherlands: Research and Documentation Office, Ministry of Security and Justice
- European Court of Justice
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: The Netherlands

**Living and working information**

- The Netherlands: overheid.nl [links to governmental and other authorities]
- The Netherlands: Taxation (Ministry of Finance)
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: Homepage
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: Your Europe [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: The Netherlands
- United States: State Department: Post Reports: The Netherlands
Media information

- The Netherlands: Dutch Media Authority (Commissariaat voor de Media)
  - National reports
  - Report Regulation of the Dutch commercial television market
  - Media monitor [in Dutch]
- Netherlands Public Broadcasting system (Publieke Omroep) [in Dutch]
- EBU: Broadcasting organisations
- EJC: Media Landscape: The Netherlands
- ENPA: Country members: The Netherlands
- Agora Political resources on the Net: Media in the Netherlands
- Dutch press institutions in English:
  - Expatica.com
  - NRC Handelsblad [archive]
  - NIS News Bulletin
  - DutchNews.nl
  - Radio Netherlands World Wide

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: The Netherlands: Political situation
- The Netherlands: Government portal
  - Government system
  - Links to Dutch government websites
- UN:HCR: Constitution of the Netherlands
- The Netherlands: The Senate (Eerste Kamer der Staten-Generaal)
- The Netherlands: The Dutch House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer der Staten-Generaal)
- The Netherlands: The Dutch Royal House (Het Koninklijk Huis)
- The Netherlands: National Elections Commission (Kiesraad)
- IFES: Election Guide: The Netherlands [search country]
- ESO: Netherlands: Political situation: Elections
- Wikipedia: Elections in The Netherlands
- Parties and Elections in Europe: The Netherlands
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: The Netherlands
- Political resources on the web: The Netherlands

Public management information

- The Netherlands: overheid.nl [links to governmental and other authorities]
- OECD: Public Governance: Netherlands
- Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Tokyo, Japan: Investing in the Netherlands

R&D information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschappen)
  - Science
- The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek)
- The Netherlands: Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek)
Regional and local information

- The Netherlands: citypopulation.de: The provinces (Provincies) and Municipalities (Gemeenten)
- The Netherlands: Foreign Investment Agency: Provinces and major cities in the Netherlands
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National delegations: The Netherlands
- Eurostat:
  - Portrait of the Regions: The Netherlands [search region]
  - Country Profile [search for country]
- Regions of the Netherlands:
  - Drenthe [in Dutch]
    - Drenthe tourism
  - Flevoland
    - Flevoland, a European Province
  - Fryslân (Friesland)
  - Gelderland [in Dutch]
  - Groningen [in Dutch]
  - Limburg [in Dutch]
    - Europa [in Dutch]
  - Noord Brabant
    - Noord-Brabant and the EU
  - Noord Holland [in Dutch]
    - Europa [in Dutch]
  - Overijssel [in Dutch]
    - Europaloket [in Dutch]
  - Utrecht
    - Europa [in Dutch]
  - Zeeland [in Dutch]
  - Zuid Holland [in Dutch]
- Committee of the Regions:
  - Europe in my Region [choose region]

Social information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment (Ministerie van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid)
- World Bank: Gender Statistics [search by country or by topic]
- OECD: Documentation on the Netherlands
  - Social Issues
- European Commission, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion:
  - Pension system [browse by country]
  - Healthcare system [browse by country]
  - Social Protection Systems in EU Member States and the European Economic Area: MISSOC-Info Bulletin
Statistical information

- The Netherlands: National Bank of the Netherlands (De Nederlandsche Bank)
  - Statistics
- The Netherlands: National Statistical Institute (Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek)
  - Themes
  - Figures
  - Publications
- Eurostat: Country profiles: Netherlands [select from list]
- World Bank: Key data and statistics: The Netherlands
- OECD: Statistics on The Netherlands

Tourism information

- The Netherlands: Netherlands Board of Tourism/Foreign Trade Agency: holland.com
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: The Netherlands
- Tripadvisor.co.uk: The Netherlands
- Iamsterdam.com: The city of Amsterdam

Transport information

- The Netherlands: Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment (Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Milieu)
- European Commission: DG Mobility and Transport: Road Safety Management Profile: The Netherlands
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: The Netherlands

Weather information

- The Netherlands: Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute
- World Meteorological Organization: The Netherlands
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and five day weather forecast: The Netherlands

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