

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

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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

- The Netherlands: Government: Topics: [Agriculture, Nature and Environment](#)
 - [Agriculture and livestock](#)
 - [Fish](#)
 - [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](#)
 - Rural Development Plans
 - [2000-2006: The Netherlands](#)
 - [2007-2013: The Netherlands](#)
 - [2014-2020: The Netherlands](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [Select Country]
- [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.]
 - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2014.]
- Deutsche Bank Research: Country information: [The Netherlands](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Europe 2020: Measuring performance: Country Factsheets: [The Netherlands](#)
- United States: US Commercial Service: Country Commercial Guide 2012: [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: Eurydice - 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: [National Renewable Energy Action Plan](#) [browse by country]
- 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: Government: Topics: [Agriculture, Nature and Environment](#)
- The Netherlands: [Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment \(Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Milieu\)](#)
- 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](#)

- [SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area](#)
- [European co-operation](#)
- [European System of Central Banks](#)
- [News](#)
- [Publications](#)
- [Acts and regulations](#)
- [Research](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: [The Netherlands](#)
 - [Stability and Convergence Programmes](#)
 - [The Netherlands and the euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: [The Netherlands](#)
- European Commission: [Representation in The Netherlands](#) [in Dutch]
 - European information networks: [Netherlands](#) [select from list]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [The Netherlands](#)
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed, 2011-: [The Netherlands](#)
- European Parliament: Information Office: [The Netherlands](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [The Netherlands](#) [select from list]

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: Government: Topics: [Social policy, Work, Health and Sports](#)
- 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 Drug 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

- United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: [The Netherlands](#) [Documents, ratifications and reservations]
- 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](#)
- Amnesty International: [Country Report](#) [2014/15]

- 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 Commission: DG Justice and Home Affairs: European Judicial Network in civil and commercial matters: [Country information](#)
- [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 Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES: Living & Working: [The Netherlands](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): [6th European Working Condition Survey](#) [2015]
- 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](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited: World News Guide: [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)

- European Commission: DG Enterprise: [CORDIS](#)
 - R&D Gateway: [Map-based search](#)
 - [The Netherlands](#)

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: Government: Topics: [Social policy, Work, Health and Sports](#)
- 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](#)
- United States: SSA: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [The Netherlands](#) [2010]

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](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [The Netherlands](#) [Select Country]

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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