

Country Fact Sheet Netherlands



General country information	
Form of government	Democratic constitutional monarchy
Administrative organisation	Parliamentary democracy
Area (in km ²)	41'500
Population	16'600'000
Official language	Netherlands
Capital	Amsterdam
Number of inhabitants in capital city	783'000

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Legal Forms

Legal Form in English	Legal Form in local language	Description	Trade registered	Participants
Sole Proprietorship with one owner	Eenmanszaak (EZ)	Name and address available	Yes	Owner
General partnership. All of the partners have an unlimited responsibility	Vennootschap onder Firma (VOF)	Names and addresses are available.	Yes	Partner
Limited partnership. One or more unlimited Partners	Commanditaire Vennootschap (CV)	Names and addresses are available. Managing Director is always the unlimited partner.	Yes	Unlimited partner Limited Partner
Private limited liability company. The shareholders responsibility is limited to the subscribed share capital.	Besloten Vennootschap (BV)	Names of shareholders, Managing directors are available. Min. Capital is €18.000,-	Yes	Shareholder Managing director
Public limited liability company. The shareholders responsibility is limited to the stocks. The NV can be quoted with the stock exchange.	Naamloze Vennootschap (NV)	Names of members of board members and supervisory board are available. Min capital is € 100.000,-	Yes	Shareholder Supervisory board Board of directors
Co-operative association excluded liability	Coöperatieve vereniging (COOP)	Names and addresses are available	Yes	Supervisory Board Members
Association	Vereniging (VER)	Names and addresses are available	Yes	Ass. Board Members
Foundation	Stichting (ST)	Names and addresses are available.	Yes	Foundation board
Mutual guarantee association excluded liability	Onderlinge Waarborg Maatschappij (OWM)	Names and addresses	Yes	Supervisory Board Members
Limited liability partnership	Maatschap	Names and addresses are available.	Yes	Partner

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Public Partnership	Openbare Vennootschap (OV)	Names and addresses are available From 01-01-2009	Yes	Partner(s)
Public Partnership with corporate existence	Openbare Vennootschap met rechtspersoonlijkheid (OVR)	Names and addresses are available. From 01-01-2009	Yes	Partner(s)
Others	Overig	Due to the limited numbers they will not be mentioned		

Number of companies

Main Legal Form	Total number of companies	Thereof active companies	Remarks
EZ		835'000	
VOF		160'000	
BV		755'000	
Association		190'000	
Foundation		185'000	
Other		65'000	
All legal forms	3'800'000	2'190'000	

Trade Register

Company Register	Companies Register Bulletin	Unique Identifiers	Access
Trade's register www.kvk.nl		KvK number	Limited public access is possible It's not possible to receive bulk information about private persons

Land Register

Land Register	Information Available	Unique Identifiers	Access
Kadaster; www.kadaster.nl	Ownership, mortgage and object information	Each property has an unique kadastraal number	Unlimited access Data is available on paper by visit on site

Registration Office (B2C)

Registration Office for Individuals	Information Available	Unique Identifiers	Access
Municipal Authority	No, strict data protection	No	No

Annual Accounts

Criteria for the disclosure	Deadline	Measure of non-disclosure	Company Size
Besloten Vennootschappen	Annual, 7 months after closing year. Possibility to expand till 13 months	Fine which depends on the size of the company	<p>Classification in small, medium and large companies if 2 of 3 criteria are fulfilled;</p> <p><u>For medium ones:</u> Total assets EUR over 4.400.000 but under 17.500.000; annual turnover between EUR 8.800.000 35.000.000; number of employees between 50 and 250.</p> <p><u>For large ones:</u> Total assets EUR > 17.500.000, annual turnover EUR > 35.000.000; from 250 employees</p> <p><u>For small companies:</u> all the companies that do not fulfil the criteria</p>
Naamloze Vennootschappen			
Coöperaties			
Onderlinge Waarborgmaatschappij			
Vennootschappen onder Firma			
Commanditaire vennootschappen			
Buitenlandse kapitaalvennoten			
Buitenlandse rechtspersonen			

Solvency Data

Public Available Solvency Data	Explanation and Relevance	Access	Remarks
Bankruptcy, suspension of payment, rescheduling of debts proceedings at regional court	Insolvency proceedings Information is reliable and daily updated	Data available online and on paper by visiting the site	