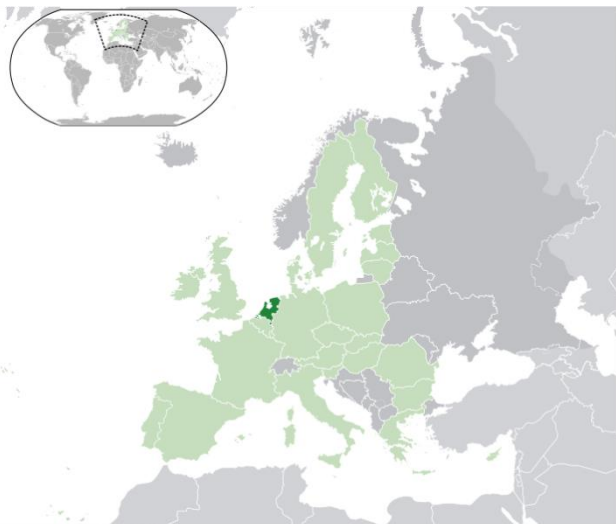


Netherlands



Capital	Amsterdam
Language(s)	Dutch
Currency	€uro
Surface	41526 km ²
Population	16400000 inhabitants
Population density	402,9 inhabitants / km ²
GDP(2011)	858300 Million \$
Car fleet in 2015	18 800 000 vehicles
Length of the road network	131400 kms
Nber of vehicle for 1000 inhabitants	462
Time zone	GMT + 1
Number of persons killed on the road in 2015	621

The Netherlands, as the name indicates, is low-lying territory, with one-quarter of the country at or below sea level. Many areas are protected from flooding by dykes and sea walls. Much land has been reclaimed from the sea, the Flevoland polder being the most recent example.

The Dutch Parliament (or *Staten Generaal*) consists of two chambers. The first, with 75 members, is indirectly elected and has limited powers. The second chamber, or lower house, is directly elected. Members of both houses serve a four-year term. Given the country's multi-party system, all governments are coalitions. Industrial activity in the Netherlands predominantly consists of food processing, chemicals, petroleum refining as well as electrical and electronic machinery. It has a dynamic agricultural sector and is well known for its plants and cut flowers. The port of Rotterdam is the busiest in Europe, serving a vast hinterland which stretches into Germany and central Europe.

The Netherlands has a history of great painters. The 17th century was the age of the Dutch Masters, such as Rembrandt van Rijn, Johannes Vermeer and Jan Steen. The 19th and 20th centuries were no less remarkable for their high-calibre artists like Vincent van Gogh and Piet Mondriaan.

Well-known Dutch specialities include raw herring, smoked eel and pea soup, as well as a wide variety of cheeses such as Edam and Gouda.

Automotive expertise in Netherlands

In the Netherlands we have the education rules each year. Experts members of the NIVRE must have enough points to stay in the register of NIVRE. Nivre supplies for specific training and seminars. Also the several Bureaus will suport training programs on there one level.

To become a expert you must have 5 years of experience and then passed one exam. Currently, you must follow training and education on 5 levels. Insurance, communication, technical etc. all supplied by NIVRE.

The number of experts in the automotive sector has decreased in the past years. from 600 to 400 experts in the NIVRE register. Due to less accidents and the control of the insurance companies and there are deals with the repairshops. New bussiness would be more in the control area and Auditing of workshops. Of course the special assesments will stay on the normal level and maybe increase a little.

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