



COUNTRY GUIDE THE NETHERLANDS

Known for a flat landscape of canals, tulip fields and windmills, the Netherlands has a highly developed economy and is a major player in the European economy overall. Ranked as the 17th largest in the world, the Dutch economy flourishes through openness to global trade and investment, and an independent judicial system that provides strong protection of property rights and fosters the rule of law.



CAPITAL MARKETS

Due to the uncertainty that Brexit is causing in the European financial sector, many companies are choosing to relocate to other markets. The Dutch Financial Markets Authority (AFM) is seeing an increase in the number of applications for trading licenses and is preparing for the major shift in the financial trading infrastructure, particularly in equity and bond platforms. It is expected that the Netherlands will be at the center of European financial trading post-Brexit.

GLOBAL AND REGIONAL TRADE

Forbes ranked the Netherlands as No. 4 among their "Best Countries for Business" in the world. A strategic location—with access to 95% of Europe's most lucrative consumer markets within 24 hours of Amsterdam or Rotterdam—a supportive corporate tax structure, a highly educated, multilingual workforce, and a superior logistics and technology infrastructure make the Netherlands a world-class business destination. Many multinational businesses have chosen the Netherlands as their gateway to the European market.

TRUST OFFICES

The Netherlands is home to many trust offices due to its favorable treatment of dividends and royalties, wide network of tax treaties, and long-standing tradition of negotiating tax deals with companies. In 2015, the Dutch finance ministry introduced stricter regulations for trust offices to provide more transparency in to the people behind capital flows and to combat criminal behavior.

+	Geography	Location: The Netherlands is located in western Europe, bordering the North Sea, between Belgium and Germany. The country holds additional island territories in the Caribbean.
		Area: 41,543 sq. km
		Timezone: Central European Time (GMT+2)
2	Population	17. 2 million
	Language(s)	Dutch
(©)3	Economy	Key sectors include agriculture and food, energy, chemicals and the service industry
\Rightarrow	Capital City	Amsterdam is the capital, however The Hague is the seat of the government
	Currency	Euro (EUR)
	Political structure	Stable
٥١٥	Legal system	Parliamentary constitutional monarchy, civil law

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Main Types of Legal Entities

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Permitted currencies	Maximum authorized	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY (BV)	PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY (NV)	COOPERATIVE	BRANCH/REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE
Incorporation process				
Summary	 Incorporation (civil-law notary) by notarial deed (statutes) Registration in the KVK Commercial Register (Handelsregister) Registration at the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration 	 Incorporation (civil-law notary) by notarial deed (statutes) Registration in the KVK Commercial Register (Handelsregister) Registration at the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration 	 Incorporation (civil-law notary) by notarial deed (statutes) Registration in the KVK Commercial Register (Handelsregister) Registration at the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration 	 Registration in the KVK Commercial Register (Handelsregister) Registration at the Dutch Tax and Customs Administration
Time	One week	One week	One week	Up to one week
Other				
Are shelf corporations available?	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A

CT Service Offerings – The Netherlands

Global Transactional Services

- Due diligence searches
 - Certificate of Good Standing (or equivalent)
 - Health check services
 - Liens/charges
 - Litigation
 - Bankruptcy
- Document retrieval
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Memorandum of Association
 - Chamber of Commerce Extract
- ☐ Authentications & legalizations
- Board changes
- Company searches
- Incorporations
- Liquidation of entities
- Process agent appointments
- Translation services

Global Entity Management

- ☐ Corporate secretarial services
- Annual compliance
 - Statutory filings
 - Annual board resolution drafting
 - Corporate minute book management
- lacktriangle Domiciliation/registered address
- ☐ Director services and legal representation



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