

THE NETHERLANDS FACT SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION

Company type	Private limited company (besloten vennootschap or B.V.)
Timeframe for company formation	2 weeks*
Governing corporate legislation	Companies are regulated under the Dutch Civil Code
Legislation	Dutch Corporate Law
Legal system	Civil Law
Corporate taxation	Current rate of corporation tax in the Netherlands is 19% up to € 200.000 and 25% applies to the excess of the taxable income.
Accessibility of records	Upon incorporation the company will be registered in the Trade register of the Dutch Chamber of Commerce. The Trade Register contains information about all companies incorporated and/or registered in the Netherlands, like statutory name, date of incorporation, registered address, name and authority of directors. Furthermore, one can find the name and address of 100% shareholders in the Trade Register. The information in the Trade Register is freely accessible by the public.
Time zone	GMT +1
Currency	Euro (EUR)

SHARE CAPITAL

Standard currency EUR	Euro (EUR)
Standard authorised capital	No minimum capital requirement.
Minimum paid up	Yes

SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS AND COMPANY OFFICERS

Minimum number of Shareholders	1
Minimum number of Directors	1
Locally-based requirement	No
Requirement to appoint Company Secretary	No

ACCOUNTING REQUIREMENTS

Requirement to prepare accounts	Yes
Requirement to appoint auditor	Yes
Accessibility of accounts	Yes
Requirement toggle accounts	Yes

DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS

A certified copy of your passport, certified proof of domicile dated less than three months, and CV/Resume

INCORPORATION FEES

Initial set-up and first year	USD 7,200
Per year from second year	USD 5,670



GOOD TO KNOW

The Netherlands Limited Liability Company Besloten Vennootschap (BV) is advantageously used by holding and financial companies for substantial tax regime benefits and for structuring international financial transactions, it is also widely considered as an efficient EU market penetration vehicle.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

The Netherlands, informally Holland, is a country in Northwestern Europe with some overseas territories in the Caribbean. In Europe, it consists of 12 provinces that border Germany to the east, Belgium to the south, and the North Sea to the northwest, with maritime borders in the North Sea with those countries and the United Kingdom. Together with three island territories in the Caribbean Sea—Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba—it forms a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The official language is Dutch and a secondary official language in the province of Friesland is West Frisian. In the north and east of the country, Low Saxon is also spoken, in the southeast Limburgish. The five largest cities in the Netherlands are Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague, Utrecht, and Eindhoven. Amsterdam is the capital, while The Hague holds the seat of the States General, Cabinet and Supreme Court. The Port of Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe, and the largest in any country outside Asia. The country is a founding member of the EU, Eurozone, G10, NATO, OECD and WTO, as well as a part of the Schengen Area and the trilateral Benelux Union. The legislation retains the flexibility and stability associated with its Dutch corporate law, which attracts business to this specific jurisdiction, one of the forms of doing business in the Netherlands is via a private company with limited liability (besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid, hereafter referred to as 'B.V.') is an entity with legal personality and has a capital divided into shares. The shares are registered and transferable by a Dutch notarial deed. Shareholders are in principle not personally liable for the B.V.'s obligations. Their liability is limited to the issued share capital. The benefits of a B.V. include having legal personality, the exclusion of personal liability for shareholders, easy transferability of ownership and a defined legal organisation. Tax motives are often decisive for the incorporation of a B.V. Incorporation of the B.V. must be included in a notarial deed, which contains the articles of association.

POLITICAL STRUCTURE

The King and the ministers together make up the Government of the Netherlands. The ministers and state secretaries are responsible for the day-to-day business of government. On 26 October 2017 the third government led by Mark Rutte took office. The Netherlands is a constitutional monarchy. This means that the head of state is a King or Queen whose powers are laid down in the Constitution. In the Netherlands the powers of the monarch are extremely limited. Under the Constitution, the ministers, and not the monarch, are responsible for what the Government does.

ECONOMY

In 2019 the Dutch economy will grow by 2.6% and the budget surplus will increase to 1% of gross domestic product (GDP). Next year the government debt will fall by €6 billion, to 49.6% of GDP. Unemployment will drop to 3.5% in 2019 – the lowest level since 2001. These forecasts are set out in the 2019 Budget Memorandum, which Minister of Finance Wopke Hoekstra presented to the House of Representatives today. According to the most recent forecast, the planned tax measures would give businesses a higher tax cut than envisaged in the coalition agreement, partly because the abolition of dividend tax will cost more than expected. The government has therefore taken additional measures to bring the tax cuts into line with the coalition agreement.

POPULATION

17.18 million (2018)

LANGUAGE

Language: Dutch



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COMPANY FORMATION INFORMATION

Incorporation Procedure

SFM works with a trusted registered agent in Netherlands, upon collection of required documents and information, the registered agent shall get in touch with you.

Incorporation Timeframe

2 weeks*

Name Restrictions

The name of a Netherlands BV Company must end with the words 'Besloten Venootschap' or suffix 'BV'. Company names containing restricted words such as 'Bank', 'Insurance', 'Trust', etc. will not be permitted unless an appropriate national operating license has been obtained by the company.

Corporate Documents Language

Dutch & English

NOTES

* Subject to the constraints of the due diligence procedure.

** Documents must be provided for every person related to the company.

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