



ERA PROGRESS IN THE NETHERLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of The Netherlands progress in implementing the European Research Area (ERA) over the past decade.



POLICY CONTEXT

Key national players in the Dutch R&I system are: (1) Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (*Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap*); (2) Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (*Ministerie van Economische Zaken en Klimaat*); (3) Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); (4) Netherlands Enterprise Agency (*Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland*); (5) ZonMw. Other important stakeholders are the organisations that form the Knowledge Coalition, including universities, the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences, the Dutch secondary vocational education (MBO) providers, the Dutch Federation of University Medical Centres (NFU), the Applied Research Partnership TO2 Federation, the Royal Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MBK Netherlands) and Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (NVO/NCW). Although these are the leading institutions in charge of developing larger policies, the R&I landscape is more diverse. It includes other relevant stakeholders such as other sectoral organisations, think tanks and advisory bodies.

As mentioned above, several roadmaps, agendas and action plans are closely linked to the ERA Policy Agenda and address the priorities and actions laid out in it. In addition to those listed above, there are other policies and strategic documents that guide the Dutch R&I sector, including the 'National Technology Strategy', the 'Innovation and Valorisation Action Plan', the 'Recognition & Rewards Programme', the 'National Contact Point for Knowledge Security', the 'National

Centre for Science Communication (NEWS), the 'National Programme Open Science – 2030 Ambition Document and Rolling Agenda', the 'National Action Plan for more Diversity and Inclusiveness' in higher education (HE) and research, the 'National Roadmap for Large-Scale Research Facilities', and the 'Global Climate Strategy: From ambition to transition'.



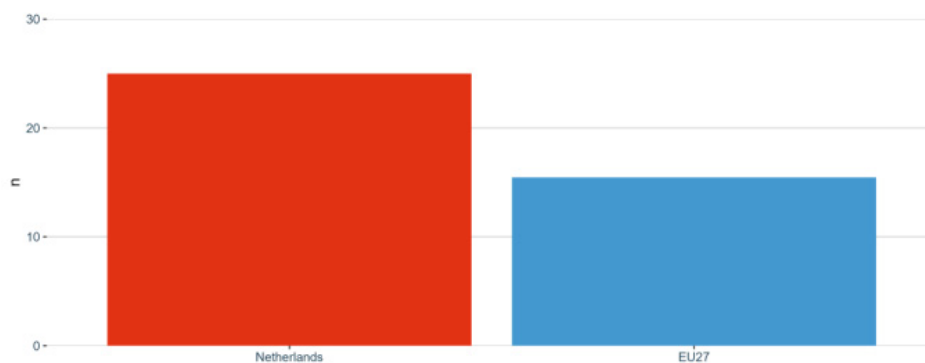
KEY TAKE-AWAYS THE NETHERLANDS



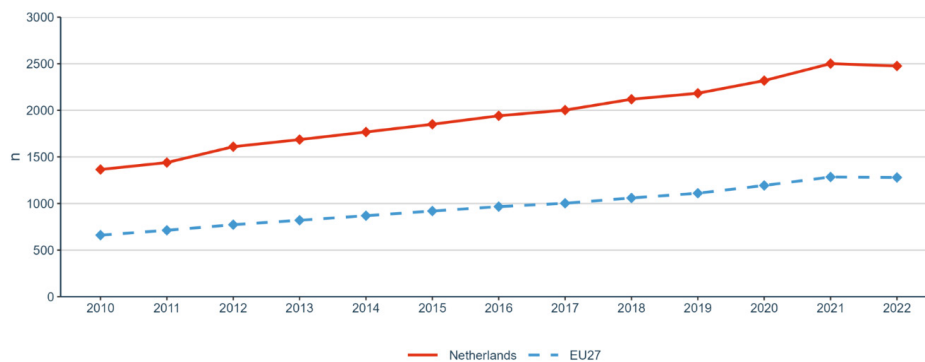
-  The Netherlands is an Innovation Leader according to the European Innovation Scoreboard (EIS).
-  The ERA priorities related to open science, research infrastructures, research assessment, diversity and inclusion, international cooperation, science communication, knowledge security, knowledge valorisation and digital and green transitions are prioritised in the Netherlands through policy initiatives and funding schemes.
-  The Netherlands have a strong research, science, technology and innovation base. However, some challenges remain concerning skill shortages and increasing the societal impact of research.

CHARTING THE WAY FORWARD...

Sub-priority 1.2: Research infrastructures – Number of European research infrastructures in which a Member State or an Associated Country participated (financially contributes to operations) in 2021



Sub-priority 1.7: Global engagement – International co-publications with non-EU partners per 1,000 researchers in the public sector



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