



# The Dutch water sector

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Water makes delta regions prosperous but also poses large risks. Population growth and climate change force the world to take measures in delta regions. Delta regions are very important for the economy and ecology, and are home to the largest part of the global population. At the same time, these are the most vulnerable regions. Through centuries the Netherlands, as a low-lying delta, has gained a lot of knowledge about water security and resilience. The Netherlands want to share this expertise with other countries and contribute to water security in urban deltas -worldwide.



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The Dutch water sector consists of governmental institutions, sector organisations and other organisations/programmes. This scheme provides an overview of the different components of the Dutch water sector and how to get in touch.

## Government

### Government

The Dutch Government is an active player in water management, both in terms of policy and in execution and maintenance, at home and abroad. The Dutch Government aims to build long term partnerships with several countries to work together for sustainable water solutions. The Dutch government also supports the deployment of Dutch water expertise for developing countries.

[www.government.nl](http://www.government.nl), or contact the local Netherlands Embassy.

### The Delta Programme

The objective of the Delta Programme – a Delta Plan involving a huge investment – is to protect the Netherlands against flooding and to ensure supplies of freshwater, now and in the future. Making this plan involves many issues and factors both around spatial, urban planning, the economy, and on the level of agriculture, nature and recreation. The Delta Commissioner oversees the progress and cohesion of the plan.

[english.deltacommissaris.nl](http://english.deltacommissaris.nl)

### Rijkswaterstaat

Rijkswaterstaat is part of the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment and responsible for the design, construction, management and maintenance of the main infrastructure facilities in the Netherlands, such as the main water system and coastal defences.

[www.rijkswaterstaat.nl/english](http://www.rijkswaterstaat.nl/english)

### Dutch Regional Water Authorities

For ages (since AD 1255), the Dutch Regional Water Authorities have been responsible for the water management and quality of water in their region. By joining forces, the 23 Dutch regional water authorities strive to be of better service to the people and organisations that need it the most, bolster international business, and create mutual benefit from international cooperation.

[www.dutchwaterauthorities.com](http://www.dutchwaterauthorities.com)

## Sector organizations

### The Netherlands Water Partnership

The Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP) is a public-private partnership of companies, NGO's, knowledge institutes and Government. NWP is a good first port of call. From water purification to spatial planning, from governance to land reclamation, from small scale solutions to mega structures, the partnership has the expertise. The members of the partnership work together to offer sustainable, multifunctional water solutions for people, planet and profit worldwide.

[www.nwp.nl](http://www.nwp.nl)

### Maritime by Holland

The maritime sector has been a significant part of the Dutch business community for centuries and delivers innovative solutions to the international markets. Maritime by Holland facilitates the Dutch maritime network, by connecting the various maritime sectors and link them with government and academia. This allows the creation of joint initiatives which strengthen individual sectors.

[www.maritimebyholland.com](http://www.maritimebyholland.com)

### Dutchwatersector.com

This website is your digital gateway to Dutch Water Expertise: daily updates of best practices, worldwide issues and solutions, projects and more.

[www.dutchwatersector.com](http://www.dutchwatersector.com)

## Others

### Dutch Risk Reduction Team / Dutch Surge Support

The DRR team provides access to the best available Dutch water expertise dedicated to reconstruction and prevention of water related disasters. Dutch Surge Support (DSS water) supplies water experts to humanitarian organisations that are active during and immediately after a disaster.

For more information, see page 20 of this brochure.

[www.dutchwatersector.com/drr](http://www.dutchwatersector.com/drr),

[www.dutchwatersector.com/dss-water](http://www.dutchwatersector.com/dss-water)

### Delta Alliance

Delta Alliance is an international knowledge network organization that helps to improve the resilience of the world's deltas to changing conditions and pressures like population growth, industrialization and a changing climate. Delta Alliance brings people together who live and work in deltas so they can learn and benefit from each other's experience and expertise.

[www.delta-alliance.org](http://www.delta-alliance.org)