## **Netherlands Air Quality Policies**

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Netherlands Ai	Netherlands Air Quality Policy Matrix				
Goals	Status	Current Policies & Programmes			
Goals  GENERAL OVERVIEW  Overall situation with respect to air quality in the country, including key air quality challenges:  • Stringent limit values and measures to prevent emissions from industry, transport and private households have helped to significantly decreasing pollution in the Netherlands compared to previous decades.	Overall situation with respect to air quality in the country, including key air quality challenges:  • Stringent limit values and measures to prevent emissions from industry, transport and private households have helped to significantly decrease air pollution in the Netherlands compared to previous decades.  • However, concentrations of particulate matter	<ul> <li>Current Policies &amp; Programmes</li> <li>Current laws and regulations are in complete harmonization with European Union air quality legislation</li> <li>The current air quality standards are contained in the Clean Air for Europe (CAFE) Directive (EP &amp; CEU, 2008) and the Fourth Daughter Directive (EP &amp; CEU, 2004).</li> <li>These Directives also include rules on how Member States should monitor, assess and manage ambient air quality.</li> <li>National Air Quality Policy</li> <li>The EU air quality policy has a long term goal of achieving levels of air quality that do not result in unacceptable impacts on, and risks to, human health and the environment."</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>European Union air quality policy aims to;</li> <li>Develop and implement appropriate instruments to improve air quality.</li> <li>Control of emissions from mobile sources, through fuel quality improvement,</li> <li>Promoting and integrating environmental protection requirements into the transport and energy sector are part of these aims.</li> <li>Air Quality legislation / programmes:</li> </ul> Other: ????				
	Air quality monitoring system:				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> WHO, 'WHO | Country Profiles of Environmental Burden of Disease', *WHO*, 2008 <a href="http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>">http://www.who.int/quantifying\_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile/en/#Tountryprofile

	• Air quality is measured by a sophisticated	
	national air quality monitoring network.	
REDUCE	Industries that have the potential to impact air	Emission regulations for industries:
EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIES	<ul> <li>quality:</li> <li>Air pollution from industrial installations emanates from the following: agroindustries, metal and engineering products, electrical machinery and equipment, chemicals, petroleum, construction, microelectronics, among others</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Industrial emissions within the European Union are regulated under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED), which was issued on 21 December 2007</li> <li>The directive's aim was to achieve significant benefits to the environment and human health by reducing harmful industrial emissions across the EU, in particular through better application of Best Available Techniques.</li> <li>The IED entered into force on 6 January 2011 and has to be transposed into national legislation by Member States by 7 January 2013.</li> </ul>
	<b>GDP of country</b> : USD 722.3 B in 2013 <sup>2</sup>	• European legislation establishes air quality objectives (limit and target values) for the different pollutants. Limit values are concentrations that must not be exceeded in a given period of time.
	Industries' share of GDP: 25.4% <sup>3</sup>	Small installation's emissions regulated: (Yes/No) yes
	Electricity sources:	Renewable energy investment promoted:
	• 85.1% of the installed electricity generating capacity (29.92 million KW in 2010) is	• In the Netherlands, the main support instrument for renewable energy is the SDE+ premium feed-in scheme.
	generated from fossil fuel, 1.6% from nuclear, 0.1% from hydroelectric plants and the rest	• Heat from renewable sources is promoted through a premium tariff as well as tax benefits.
	13.2% is generated from other renewable	<b>Energy efficiency incentives:</b> (ex: Subsidies, labelling, rebates etc)
	sources <sup>4</sup>	• The Netherlands has adopted a National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2008-2016 (NEEAP), which sets an energy savings target of 51.2 TWh by 2016
	Others •	• The Clean and Efficient Program, launched in 2007, aims to improve energy efficiency by 2%/year over the period 2011-2020 and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% by 2020 compared with 1990.
		Incentives for clean production and installation of pollution prevention technologies: ???
		Actions to ensure compliance with regulations: (monitoring, enforcement, fines etc) ???

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books', 2015 <a href="http://www.theodora.com/wfb/#R">http://www.theodora.com/wfb/#R>.

<sup>3</sup> 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books'.

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		Other actions at national, sub-national and / or local level to reduce industrial emissions: (can include incentives to move industries to less populated areas here)
		<ul> <li>The Industrial Emissions Directive which regulates emissions from large industrial sources is implemented in the Activities Decree. This Directive sets rules for large combustion plants, waste incineration plants, VOC solvents and IPPC installations.</li> <li>Emissions that are not regulated by the general binding rules of the Activities Decree are subject to permits. The emission limits for most substances emitted to air by industrial sources are given by the Netherlands Emission Guideline for Air.</li> </ul>
REDUCE	Key transport-related air quality challenges:	Vehicle emission limit: (Euro rating)
EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORT	<ul> <li>(ex: vehicle growth, old fleet, dirty fuel, poor public transport etc)</li> <li>Transport is among the most important source of air pollution in Netherlands</li> <li>Public transport in Netherlands is well developed and several options spanning from railways, tramps, metros and bus are available for commuters.</li> <li>Use of private cars is discouraged as demonstrated by the high fuel cost which stood at USD 1.80 per litre in 2015<sup>5</sup>.</li> <li>Private car ownership is high with 528 cars per 1000 individuals in 2012<sup>6</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Emissions standards for vehicles correspond to Euro 6 for LDV vi HDV standards.</li> <li>European Union emission regulations for new light duty vehicles (passenger cars and light commercial vehicles) are specified in Regulation 715/2007 (Euro 5/6) [2899].</li> </ul>
		• Emission standards for light-duty vehicles are applicable to all vehicles not exceeding 2610 kg (Euro 5/6).
		• EU regulations introduce different emission limits for <i>compression ignition</i> (diesel) and <i>positive ignition</i> (gasoline, NG, LPG, ethanol,) vehicles. Diesels have more stringent CO standards but are allowed higher NOx.
		• Positive ignition vehicles were exempted from PM standards through the Euro 4 stage. Euro 5/6 regulations introduce PM mass emission standards, equal to those for diesels, for positive ignition vehicles with direct injection engines.
		<ul> <li>Fuel Sulphur content: (in ppm)</li> <li>The 2000/2005 emission standards were accompanied by an introduction of more stringent fuel regulations that require "Sulphur-free" diesel and gasoline fuels (≤ 10 ppm S) must be mandatory from 2009.</li> </ul>
		• Maximum allowable sulphur level in petrol and diesel fuels is 10ppm  Fuel Lead content: All vehicles use lead free gasoline  Restriction on used car importation: ???
		Actions to expand, improve and promote public transport and mass transit: ???
		Actions to promote non-motorized transport: (ex: include sidewalks and bike lanes in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 'Gasoline Prices around the World, 28-Sep-2015 | GlobalPetrolPrices.com' <a href="http://www.globalpetrolprices.com/gasoline\_prices">http://www.globalpetrolprices.com/gasoline\_prices</a> [accessed 5 October 2015]. <sup>6</sup> World Bank, Worldwide Total Motor Vehicles (per 1,000 People), 2011 <a href="http://chartsbin.com/view/1114">http://chartsbin.com/view/1114</a> [accessed 30 June 2015].

		new road projects, car-free areas etc) ???
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REDUCE	Outdoor, open burning: (ex: is it commonly	Legal framework: (ex: is burning banned?) ???
EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: OUTDOOR	done? burning what kinds of wastes? etc)	Actions to prevent open burning of municipal waste and / or agricultural waste: ???
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: INDOOR	Dominant fuels used for cooking and space heating: ??? Impact: ???	Indoor air pollution regulated: (Yes / No) ???  Promotion of non-grid / grid electrification: ???  Promotion of cleaner cooking fuels and clean cook stoves: ???  Other actions to reduce indoor biomass burning, or to reduce its emissions: ???

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