

OSH AUTHORITIES

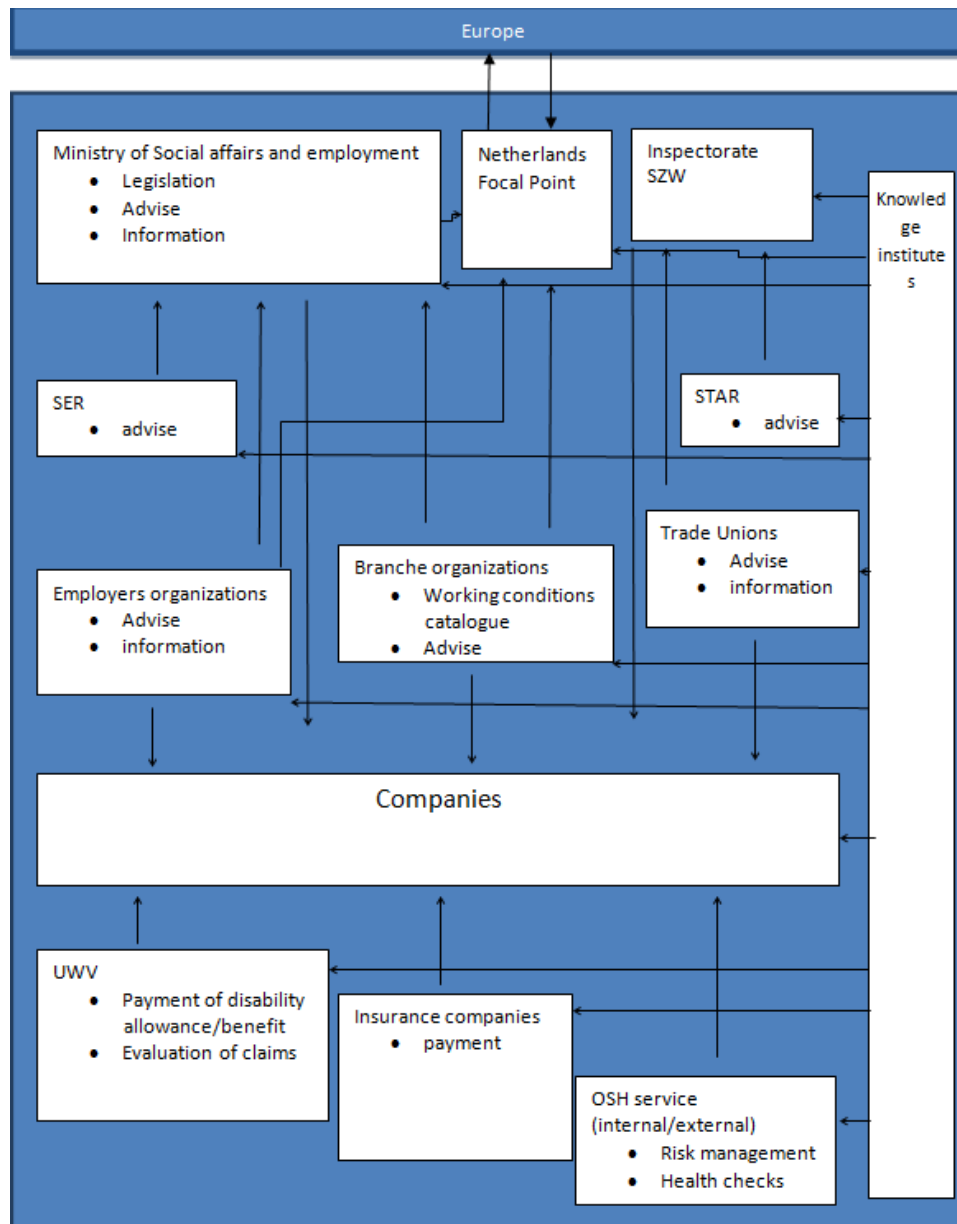
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▪ **OSH Authorities**

Name of Authority	Ministry of Social affairs and Employment (Ministerie van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid)
Link	http://www.rijksoverheid.nl/ministeries/szw
Short abstract	On a national level Occupational Safety and Health is the responsibility of the Ministry of Social affairs and Employment (Ministerie van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid). The ministry sets target regulations that state the degree to which the health and safety of employees at work should be protected.
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Name of Authority	Inspectorate SZW (Inspectie SZW)
Link	http://www.inspectieszw.nl/
Short abstract	<p>Compliance to the rules and regulations is monitored by the Inspectorate SZW (Inspectie SZW). Since January 2012 the Inspectorate SZW combines the organizations and the activities of the former Labour Inspectorate (AI), the Work and Income Inspectorate (IWI) and the Social and Intelligence Investigation Service (SIOD) of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.</p> <p>The Inspectorate SZW aims at achieving healthy and safe working conditions for all. The Inspectorate of Social Affairs is working according to a vision of an integrated and risk-oriented supervision. The inspection does not only focus on enforcement, but also has preventive tasks.</p>
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▪ **Compensation and insurance bodies**

Name of the Body	Employee Insurance Agency (Uitvoeringsinstituut Werknemersverzekeringen, UWV)
Link	https://www.uwv.nl/particulieren/index.aspx
Short abstract	UWV provides expert and efficient implementation of employee insurance, such as the Unemployment Insurance Act, WIA, WAO, WAZ, Wazo and Sickness Benefits Act. In addition, UWV offers labor market and data services. UWV performs these services as an independent administrative body (ZBO) on behalf of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.
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▪ Research Institutes

Name of Institute	Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek, TNO)
Link	https://www.tno.nl/en/focus-areas/defence-safety-security/
Short abstract	<p>TNO connects people and knowledge to create innovations that boost the competitive strength of industry and the well-being of society in a sustainable way. TNO is an independent research organization which focuses on transitions or changes in nine social themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings, Infrastructure & Maritime : 'Robust constructions, sustainable use' • The Circular Economy and the Environment: 'Directing and accelerating sustainability' • Defence, Safety and Security: 'We're putting our knowledge and technology to work for safety and security' • Energy: 'Faster towards a sustainable energy supply' • Healthy living: 'Focussing on participation, not on the disease' • Industry: 'Innovating for employment, welfare and well-being' • Information & Communication Technology: 'Interpreting and accelerating digital transformation' • Strategic Analysis & Policy: 'Turning complex issues into concrete innovations' • Traffic and Transport: 'Helping to create liveable, sustainable cities'
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Name of Institute	AStri Policy research and consultancy group
Link	http://www.astri.nl/english
Short abstract	<p>AStri is a research and consultancy group which was established in 1992 and is situated in Leiden in the Netherlands. Their core mission is to contribute to a sustainable labour participation by carrying out research and consultancy projects for different clients, both in the Netherlands and abroad. In doing so they provide their clients with thorough knowledge and expertise in order to help them to effectuate and evaluate their policies on employment and social security.</p>
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Name of Institute	The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)
Link	https://rivm.nl/en
Short abstract	<p>The Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) conducts research and provides advice to assist them in this task. RIVM works to prevent and control outbreaks of infectious diseases.</p>

	They promote public health and consumer safety, and help to protect the quality of the environment. RIVM collects and collates knowledge and information from various sources, both national and international. RIVM applies this knowledge themselves, and places it at the disposal of policy-makers, researchers, regulatory authorities and the general public. Each year, RIVM produces numerous reports on all aspects of public health, nutrition and diet, health care, disaster management, nature and the environment.
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Name of Institute	The Netherlands Center for Occupational Diseases (NCvB)
Link	https://www.occupationaldiseases.nl/
Short abstract	The Netherlands Center for Occupational Diseases (NCvB) registers and reports occupational diseases via the national notification and registration system and a number of specific surveillance projects.
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Name of Institute	Research Centre for Insurance Medicine ((Kenniscentrum Verzekeringsgeneeskunde, KCVG)
Link	https://kcvg.nl/en/
Short abstract	<p>The Dutch Research Center for Insurance Medicine (Kenniscentrum Verzekeringsgeneeskunde (KCVG) is a joint initiative of the Coronel Institute of Occupational Health, the Division of Clinical Methods and Public Health, the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam (Coronel Instituut voor Arbeid en Gezondheid, Divisie Klinische Methoden en Public Health, Academisch Medisch Centrum (AMC), the Department of Social Medicine, University Medical Center Groningen (afdeling Sociale Geneeskunde, Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen (UMCG), the Department of Social Medicine, EMGO Institute, VU University Medical Center (afdeling Sociale Geneeskunde, EMGO Instituut, VU medisch centrum (VUmc), and the Social Medical Affairs Division of the Dutch Employee Insurance Schemes Implementing Body (Divisie Sociaal Medische Zaken (SMZ), Institute for employee benefits schemes (UWV).</p> <p>The purpose of the KCVG is to promote the quality and scientific support of insurance medicine by developing and evaluating methods, guidelines, tools and interventions.</p>
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▪ Prevention Services

Name of Service	N.A.
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Link	http://sbca.nl/over-sbca/
Short abstract	There are many different Arbodiensten in the Netherlands, ranging from large national companies, to small regional or branch specific services. Arbodiensten usually are multidisciplinary and provide a wide range of services from preventive work checks, to checkups during sickness absenteeism, and health checks. A list of all certified arbodiensten can be found at the website of SBICA, which is the owner of the certification scheme of the arbodiensten. Arbodiensten can employ workers of various backgrounds, but are required to have expertise in at least four core disciplines: an occupational physician; an Industrial Hygienist, a Safety expert and a Work Organization expert.
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▪ Other OSH Services

Name of Society	The Netherlands Society of Occupational Medicine (NVAB)
Link	https://www.nvab-online.nl/english/english
Short abstract	The Netherlands Society of Occupational Medicine (NVAB) started in 1946 as a separate section of the Association of Public Health and was officially founded in 1953. Nowadays about 90% of the occupational physicians in The Netherlands, i.e. more than 2000, are a NVAB-member. One of NVAB's goals is enhancement of the scientific basis of occupational health practice and improvement of the professional quality of occupational physicians. One of the tools in a quality-improving strategy is the development, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines. Therefore in 1998, the NVAB started a program for the development and implementation of evidence-based practice guidelines. To professionalize these activities, NVAB set up a Centre of Excellence in 2003.
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Name of Society	OVAL Industry for sustainable employability
Link	http://oval.nl/
Short abstract	OVAL is the sector organization of occupational health services, intervention businesses, outplacement and career counseling, reintegration companies, organizations and job coaches. OVAL combines the strengths of service providers active in the field of work, career and vitality. They contribute to sustainable employability. The organizations are large or small, with a general or specialist-orientation, working for both people and organizations. They work for employers, insurers, employees, UWV, municipalities and individual job seekers.
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Name of Society	The Dutch Society for Occupational Hygiene (NVvA)
Link	http://www.arbeidsdeskundigen.nl/
Short abstract	<p>The Dutch Society for Occupational Hygiene (NVvA) was founded in 1983 and currently has 500 members. Goals of the NVvA are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To stimulate the execution of the profession and to promote its quality • To promote the scientific development of occupational Hygiene • To promote the awareness of the field of occupational hygiene field.
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Name of Society	The Professional association for occupation and organisation experts (Beroepsvereniging Arbeids- en Organisatiedeskundigen (BA&O))
Link	http://www.baeno.nl/
Short abstract	<p>The Professional association for occupation and organisation experts (Beroepsvereniging Arbeids- en Organisatiedeskundigen (BA&O)) was established in 1993 and has its origins in the legislation in the field of working conditions from the same year, and the Occupational Health services started using a new core expert. While at first most BA&O members worked for an occupational health service, nowadays many work as an internal consultant, as an independent contractor or a consultant. The focus of the BA&O is on the individual, the group and the organization. They support the changes necessary to get a better match between organization and employees.</p>
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Name of Society	The Netherlands Society of Safety experts (NVVK)
Link	http://www.veiligheidskunde.nl/cms/showpage.aspx
Short abstract	<p>The NVVK (Netherlands Society of Safety experts) was founded in 1947. It is the knowledge platform for safety engineers in the Netherlands and currently has 2,200 members. The NVVK is actively involved in changes in laws and regulations. The NVVK wants to make a contribution to the development of safety expertise and to the level of knowledge of its members. In addition, the NVVK wants to contribute to public debate on OSH. It also pursues to look after common professional interests of members as much as possible.</p>
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▪ **Standardization bodies**

Name of the Body	The Standards Organization of the Netherlands The Standards Organization of the Netherlands (Nederlands Normalisatie Instituut, NEN)
Link	https://www.nen.nl
Short abstract	The Standards Organization of the Netherlands (Nederlands Normalisatie Instituut, NEN) supports the making of agreements on products, processes and services, and publishes standards. Employers and employees are mutually responsible for setting their own standards, so the NEN supplies them with the knowledge and experience they need for their consultations. The NEN works in close collaboration with European (CEN, CENELEC and ETSI) and worldwide (ISO, IEC and ITU) partners.
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Name of the Body	Foundation for monitoring certification in health & safety services (Stichting Beheer Certificatie Arbodiensten, SBCA)
Link	http://www.sbca.nl/
Short abstract	In the SBCA (Foundation for monitoring certification in health & safety services), Government, trade unions and employers' organisations work together to set the standards that health & safety services must satisfy in order to be admitted to the profession.
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Name of the Body	Raad voor Accreditatie (Accreditation Council)
Link	http://www.rva.nl/home/
Short abstract	In many countries, accreditation is a government task. But in the Netherlands, the accreditation institute is an organisation governed by private law, whereby the government acts as client, regulator and discussion partner. If the government considers it necessary to implement accreditation in particular sectors, the government is the client. But the government is not only the client: it is also a discussion partner for the accreditation institute. The RvA (Accreditation Council) holds regular discussions with the Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. The agreement between the State and the RvA allows room for formulating tailor-made agreements for specific areas of special attention with various ministries.
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