

Netherlands (The Call for Innovative and Open Government: An Overview of Country Initiatives)

The new Cabinet has expressed its intention to restore the health of public finances and to achieve a balanced budget by 2015. To achieve this goal, the Dutch government will improve the financial position by EUR 18 billion in 2015. In 2015 EUR 6.14 billion will be saved by reducing the size of the government, social expenditure will decrease by EUR 4.34 billion and the rest will be saved on health care, international aid, etc. Because some of the savings will take longer than 4 years to implement structurally, the reduction will amount to EUR 24.8 billion. In the meantime there will be extra expenditures for care for the elderly, public security and infrastructure.

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