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OPEN DATA POLICY

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NEW DATA SOURCES

The Rijksmuseum is constantly generating new data. Ongoing research into the collection and continuing digitisation always yield new knowledge and insights, which we want to share with the public as widely and as openly as possible. It is possible that the Rijksmuseum's Open Data Policy will be developed in the future to facilitate the reuse of newly available datasets. So keep an eye on this page.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Rijksmuseum's Open Data Policy is developed and implemented by the Research Services department. For any questions, contact us via the contact form.

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