

The Netherlands is richly endowed with academic and applied research centres in the field of regional studies, with a strong tradition in modelling and quantitative methods. Most centres contain detailed information in English, and even some of the key state documents have English translation. English also serves well to contact and visit the academic research centres and most other organisations.

Selected prominent centres are:

- Eindhoven University, Department of Urban Planning, Urban Design, and Urban Management (<http://www.bwk.tue.nl/urb/>). Specialising in urban land use and planning.
- University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, Amsterdam Institute for Metropolitan and International Development Studies (AMIDSt) (<http://www.fmg.uva.nl/amidst/>), specialising in urban and regional development and planning under conditions of globalisation and political and economic integration, focusing on urban geographies of place and social interactions; urban space, institutions and networks; space and economy; territories, identities and representations, and livelihoods, environment and governance
- University of Groningen, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, Urban and Regional Studies Institute (URSI), (<http://www.rug.nl/ursi/index>). Specialising in explaining spatial-economic change (with emphasis on the business level), environmental quality planning and population dynamics.
- University of Utrecht, Faculty of Geographical Sciences, Urban and Regional Research centre Utrecht (<http://www.geo.uu.nl/homegeosciences/research/researchinstitut/uru/25112main.html>). Specialising in the nature and direction of change in cities and regions as complex social and spatial systems, with emphasis on micro-macro interaction. Core orientations are: urban social problems and perspectives, planning the future of urban regions, transport geography, economic evolution in space, representations of place and space, regional development in a global context, geo-information for spatial planning
- Radboud University of Nijmegen, Department of Human Geography (www.ru.nl/socgeo) – specialising in Border research, discursive approaches of regionalisation, and regional (economic) governance.
- Delft University of Technology, OTB Research Institute for Housing, Urban and Mobility Studies (www.otb.tudelft.nl). Specialising in housing, urban renewal, transport and infrastructure, sustainable building and building policy, land policy, geo-information resources and GIS technology, at urban and regional levels.
- The Netherlands Institute for Spatial Research (RPB) (www.rpb.nl), a state knowledge centre on spatial development and planning, specialising in comprehensive studies on spatial and regional developments in The Netherlands.
- Habiforum (www.habiforum.nl), a Centre of Expertise specialising on spatial development and planning at the urban and regional level, with emphasis on multiple land use.

Overview of other relevant knowledge centres (academic, policy and professional)

| Abbreviation | English organisational description | URL | address | other contact details |
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| BIA | Berlage Institute Amsterdam | http://www.berlage-institute.nl | PO Box 59178 1040 KD Amsterdam | Tel.: 020 428 50 80 Fax: 020 623 76 14 E-mail: bia@xs4all.nl |
| CML (RUL) | Institute of Environmental Sciences (CML) | http://www.leidenuniv.nl/interfac/cml | PO Box 9518 2300 RA Leiden | Tel.: 071 527 74 61/ 527 35 00 Fax: 071 527 74 96/ 527 74 34/527 56 11 |
| CROW | The national knowledge platform for infrastructure, traffic, transport and public space | http://www.crow.nl | PO Box 37 6710 BA Ede | Tel.: : 0318 62 04 10 Fax: : 0318 62 11 12 E-mail: crow@crow.nl |
| ESM (EUR) | Erasmus Centre for Sustainable development & Management | http://www.eur.nl/fsw/english/research/esm | PO Box 1738 3000 DR Rotterdam | Tel.: 010 408 21 00 |
| IHE | International Institute for Infrastructural, Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering | http://www.ihe.nl | PO Box 3015 2601 DA Delft | Tel.: 015 215 17 15 Fax: 015 212 29 21 E-mail: webmaster@ihe.nl |
| IHS | Institute for Housing Studies and Urban Development Studies | http://www.ihs.nl/ | Weena 718 3014 DA Rotterdam | Tel.: 010 402 15 24 Fax: 010 404 56 71 |
| INRO (TNO) | TNO-INRO | http://www.inro.tno.nl/ | PO Box 6041 2600 JA Delft | Tel.: 015 269 69 00 Fax: 015 262 43 41 |
| IVM (VU) | Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) | www.ivm.falw.vu.nl/ | De Boelelaan 1115 1081 HV Amsterdam | Tel.: 020 444 95 55 Fax: 020 444 95 53 |
| RPV | Wageningen Laboratory for Spatial Analysis, Planning and Design | http://www.wau.nl/rpv | Gen. Foulkesweg 13 6703 BJ Wageningen | Tel.: 0317 48 20 50 Fax: 0317 48 21 66 |
| MEP (TNO) | TNO-MEP Institute of Environmental Sciences, Energy Research and Process Innovation | http://www.mep.tno.nl | Laan van Westenenk 501 7334 DT Apeldoorn | Tel.: 055 549 34 93 Fax: 055 541 98 37 |
| MI (LUW) | Mansholt Institute | www.sls.wau.nl/MI/ | Hollandseweg 1 6706 KN Wageningen | Tel.: 0317 48 41 26 Fax: 0317 48 47 63 |
| NEI | Nederland Economic Institute | http://www.nei.nl/ | PO Box 4175 3006 AD Rotterdam | Tel.: 010 453 88 00 Fax: 010 453 07 68 |
| NETHUR | Netherlands Graduate School of Housing and Urban Research | www.nethur.nl/ | PO Box 80115 3508 TC Utrecht | Tel.: 030 253 40 54 Fax: 030 254 06 04 E-mail: Nethur@geog.uu.nl |
| NEXPRI | Netherlands Expertise Centre for Spatial | http://www.nexpri.nl/ | Ondiep Zuidzijde 6 | Tel.: 030 253 35 38 / 253 35 |

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| | Information management | | 3551 BW Utrecht 030-2456316 | 37 Fax: 030 252 36 99 nexpri@nexpri.nl |
| RAVI | Network for Geo-Information and Real Estate data management | www.ravi.nl | PO Box 508 3800 AM Amersfoort | Tel.:033 460 41 00 Fax: 033 465 64 57 E-mail: ravi@euronet.nl |
| RIKZ | Netherlands Institute for Coastal and Marine Management | www.rikz.nl/ | PO Box 20907 2500 EX Den Haag | Tel.: 070 311 43 11 Fax: 070 311 43 21 |
| RIVM | National Institute of Public Health and the Environment | http://www.rivm.nl | PO Box 1 3720 BA Bilthoven | Tel.: 030 274 91 11 Fax: 030 274 29 71 E-mail: info@rivm.nl |
| RIZA | Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management | www.riza.nl | PO Box 17 8200 AA Lelystad | Tel.: 0320 29 84 11 Fax: 0320 24 92 18 |
| SCP | The Social and Cultural Planning Office of the Netherlands | http://www.scp.nl/ | PO Box 16164 2500 BD Den Haag | Tel.: 070 340 70 00 Fax: 070 340 70 44 |
| SENER-NOVEM | Agency of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs on sustainability and innovation | http://www.senternovem.nl/ | PO Box 8242 3503 RE Utrecht | Tel.: 030 239 34 93 Fax: 030 231 64 91 |
| SEO (UvA) | SEO Economic Research | http://www.seo.nl/ | Roetersstraat 11 1018 WB Amsterdam | Tel.: 020 525 40 21/ 624 24 12 Fax: 020 625 89 93 |
| TRAIL | Netherlands Research School for Transport, Infrastructure and Logistics | http://cttrail.ct.tudelft.nl | PO Box 5048 2600 GA Delft | Tel.: 015 278 60 46 Fax: 015 2 78 43 33 E-mail: mailbox@trail.tudelft.nl |
| UCM (KUN) | Centre for Sustainable Management of Resources | http://www.ru.nl/ucm/ | PO Box 9010 6500 GL Nijmegen | Tel.: 024 365 20 89 Fax: 024 365 22 62 |
| UM | International Centre for Integrated assessment & Sustainable development (ICIS) | http://www.icis.unimaas.nl | PO Box 616 6200 MD Maastricht | Tel.: 043 388 38 34 |
| VU | Vrije Universiteit, Spatial Economics | http://www.econ.vu.nl/re | De Boelelaan 1105 1081 HV Amsterdam | Tel.: 020 444 60 91 |