

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
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

	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://cttrailf.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