

Learning Dutch
in the Netherlands



EUROPEAN LANGUAGE CENTRE

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European Language Centre → Professional and personal approach

Everyone who wants to learn a language has a story to tell

That's why we would like to meet you!

Have you been relocated to The Netherlands? Are you getting a new job with a Dutch company? Is the amount of contact you have with Dutch colleagues increasing? Maybe you are about to become the manager of a Dutch speaking department. You might even want to approach a new client in Dutch.

As there are so many different motives for learning Dutch, we will ask you many questions during our first meeting:

Why do you want to learn Dutch? Do you have any previous knowledge of the language? How much time can you free up for the language programme and what pace would you prefer?

The next step consists of an extensive intake. We test your current knowledge and define your learning style. During the intake we also discuss your personal wishes and aims. This forms the basis of your language programme.

After this, we propose a language programme that is most effective for you.

Every language programme is unique

Learning a language is a unique process, different for every individual. For that reason, we have developed programmes in which your personal aims and your learning style are at the core. We take your budget into account, as well as the time you have available.

If you are a beginner, the ELC Language Path (page 3) will probably suit you. The Language Path begins with the Preparatory Language Programme. As soon as you have a good basic knowledge of Dutch, you can continue with the Intensive Language Programme (page 2).

Do you already have some knowledge? If so, you can start directly with the Intensive Language Programme (page 2) of one or more weeks.

To maintain and expand your existing knowledge, we have the option of the Follow-up Language Programme (page 3).

The Tailor-made Language Programme (page 4) suits every level and every need. The duration of this language programme and the contents of the lessons are determined in close consultation with you. Furthermore, you personally decide the pace of the language programme.

The In-company Language Programme (page 5) can be followed in your company.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGE CENTRE

EUROPEAN LANGUAGE CENTRE was founded in 1991. We have built a solid reputation among private companies and government institutions. We have extensive experience in teaching individuals who want to learn a new language or improve their linguistic knowledge for professional reasons.

Our language programmes are suitable for all levels. In all the language programmes, your professional background is at the core. In addition, attention is always paid to the Dutch culture and you will learn to use the language in social contacts.

Among our partners abroad is CERAN LINGUA – one of the most renowned language institutes in Europe.

The Intensive Language Programme

→ For more self-confidence

The most intensive way to learn a language:
complete immersion for a period of one or more weeks

14 hours per day language and practice

You stay in a place where you will only be exposed to Dutch. The unique feature of this programme is that your communicative skills will greatly improve. You will gain more self-confidence in using Dutch.

You will also learn to use Dutch during social activities: for example, when having dinner with clients or colleagues.

The best way to learn a language is by living it

For the whole programme, you will stay in one of our beautiful locations abroad. Everything is taken care of, so you can fully concentrate on learning the language. You will learn about the culture and habits of The Netherlands and will meet interesting business people from all over the world.

What can you expect?

- More self-confidence in using Dutch
- More fluency
- Your listening and comprehension skills will improve considerably
- Your vocabulary will expand
- You will learn to use Dutch in both business and social contexts

Languages and locations

Together with our partners, we offer language programmes for most common European languages, and, upon request, also languages from other parts of the world.

Among others, we organise:

- Dutch in Belgium
- French, English and German in Belgium
- English in England
- Spanish in Spain
- French in France
- Italian in Italy
- Portuguese in Portugal

How and when?

The programmes include 8 to 9 lessons per day, from Sunday evening to Friday afternoon. Accommodation, all meals and learning materials are included.

You can start the programme any week, dependent on your level.

The Intensive Language Programme is suitable for all levels, although some basic knowledge is desirable. Please do not hesitate to call us for personal advice.

The ELC Language Path

→ A unique combination

A complete programme which, in a matter of a few weeks or months, will enable you to communicate in the Dutch language

Extensive and complete

The ELC Language Path is an individual programme which consists of 4 modules that can be followed in different combinations. The Intake and the Preparatory Language Programme (private lessons in the Amsterdam region) is followed by the Intensive Language Programme (Belgium) and the Follow-up Language Programme (private lessons in the Amsterdam region). You can plan the individual modules according to your own preference. You can adapt the pace to your needs and aims. In this way, you will reach your own goals at your own pace and in a very flexible way.

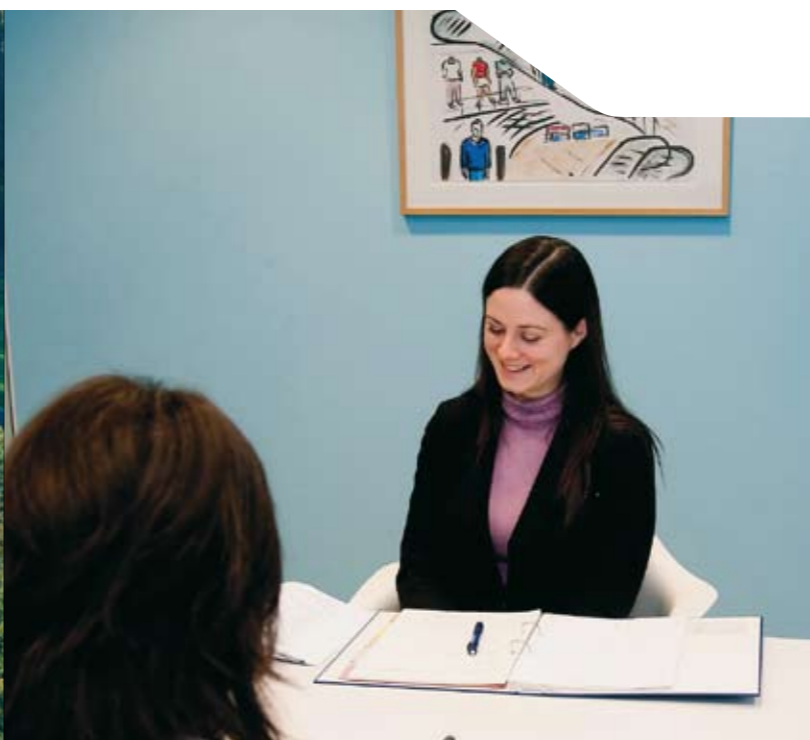
How and when?

The design of the Language Path with regard to speed, aims and content will be determined by you and us during the Intake in Amsterdam. You can start whenever you wish. This programme is especially suitable for beginners and for students who wish to acquire knowledge in a thorough way. This is done in a relatively short time span and with a long-lasting effect.

The Intensive Language Programme module is organised together with our partners, among others the renowned institute CERAN LINGUA.



Languages and locations



Modules of the ELC Language Path

Intake

Your current knowledge and aims are determined as a basis for your individual programme

Preparation

Refreshing existing knowledge or acquiring basic skills in Dutch

Intensive

A residential programme of one or more weeks that will enable you to achieve an optimal result in a short space of time

Follow-up

Maintain the knowledge acquired and develop your skills further, particularly in your professional field

Which learning style do you have?



Kinaesthetic

Lessons must be active and allow room for self-discovery



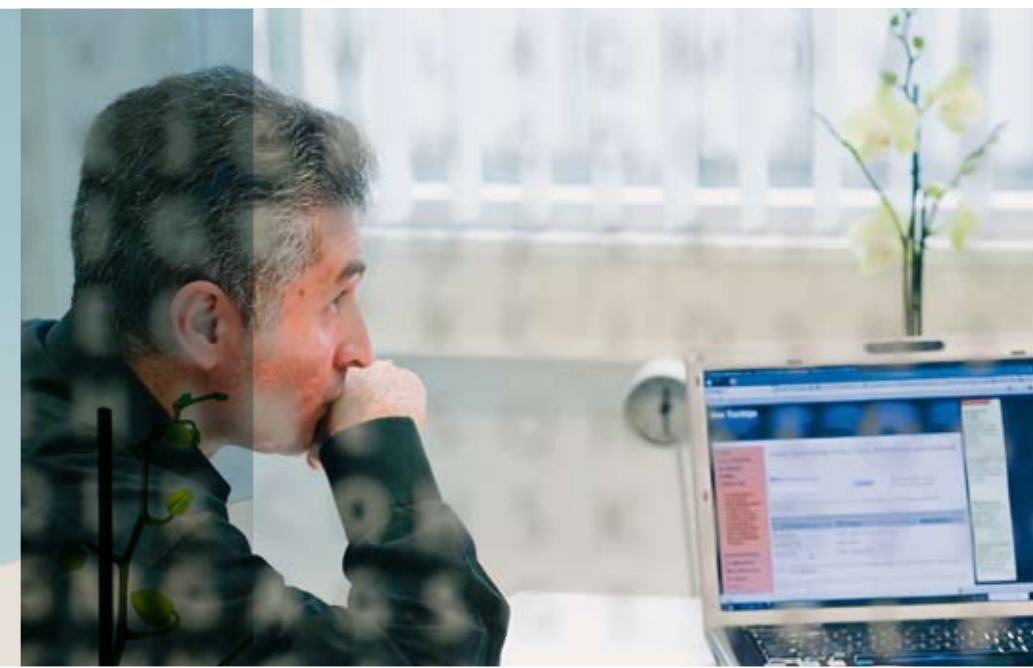
Visual

You prefer personal discussion
You learn quickly by using pictures and descriptive texts



Auditory

You are a good listener
You learn rapidly through dialogues and verbal instruction



The In-company Language Programme → The trainer comes to you

Weekly lessons in small groups for the staff of your company

The Tailor-made Language Programme → Suited to your way of learning

At your own pace, you will learn everything that is important to you
The regular lessons are spread over a period of several weeks or months

Individual and compact

The Tailor-made Language Programme consists of private lessons that enable you to learn Dutch in the most individual and personal way possible. At the beginning of this programme, there is always an extensive intake session. In this meeting, we discuss your expectations, your work situation and your preference regarding the course dates. Furthermore, your existing knowledge of Dutch is determined. Together we develop a plan for your language programme, adapted to your wishes.

This programme is also very suitable for the further development of a special part of your knowledge of Dutch; for example, improving your writing skills or giving presentations.

How and when?

You can follow private lessons on days and at times which are most convenient for you. Lessons can take place at the institute, at your office or your home (Amsterdam region). You can start any time.

Language and culture

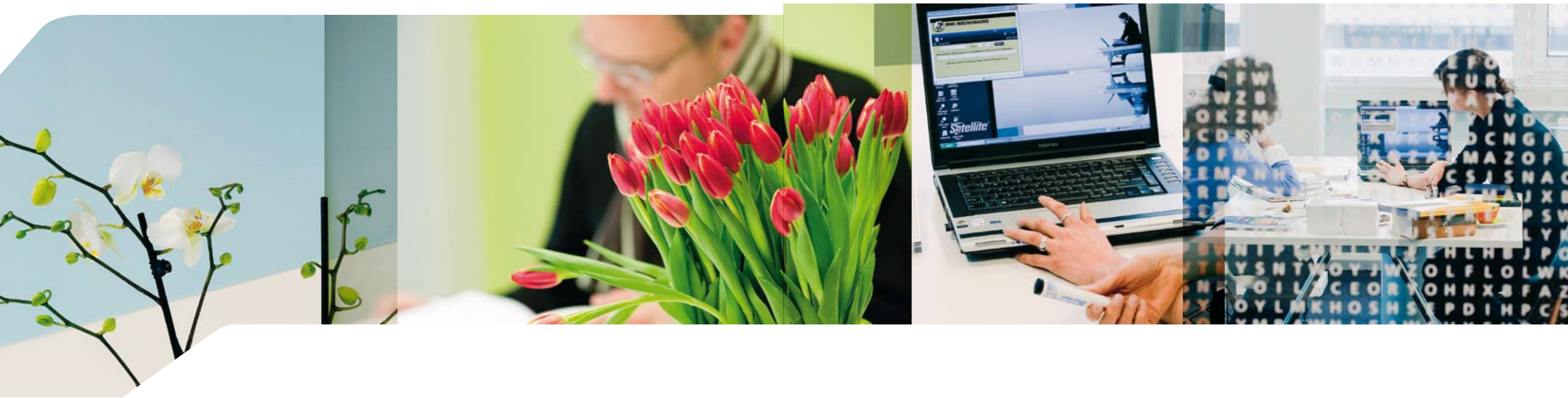
The Netherlands is a country with one of the most international workforces in the world. Our in-company language programmes enable employees from different cultural backgrounds to better integrate into their working environment. The in-company programmes will also contribute to an improved knowledge of the language used at work. We develop language programmes which are especially tailored to the needs of your company and your staff - regardless of the size of the organisation. Over the years, we have gained experience in conducting in-company programmes for a wide variety of clients, collaborating closely with the human resources departments. In this way, we make the language programmes fit the personnel development plans within your company.

Group lessons and private lessons

The In-company Language Programme can be arranged to take place at your company or in other locations if that is more suitable. We can organise programmes for several people (one group) or several groups (with different requirements) as well as for individuals. Groups are always small (not more than 5 participants) to guarantee maximum success for every participant.

How and when?

An in-company language programme is preceded by thorough preparation. All students are tested individually to determine their knowledge and aims. On the basis of this, the groups are composed. We determine the total path together with you. The programmes can start whenever you wish and are suitable for all levels.



This is what we think about learning a language

- Learning a language should be enjoyable. If you begin to like learning the language, then your self-confidence and the result of your language programme will improve automatically.
- A language only comes alive while communicating with others.
- When you are ready to engage in conversation with your foreign contact and he or she is able to understand you, then we have done our job well.
- You can only learn a language from professional trainers originating from a country whose language you are learning. They master every aspect of the language and have in-depth knowledge of the culture and customs.

Does our approach appeal to you?

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References

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Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
KPMG | McKinsey & Company
Randstad Holding |
Sara Lee International | Total

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This brochure contains the current price list.
If this list should be missing, please contact us
to request another copy.

As a personal approach and quality in all aspects
are the core of our philosophy, we invite you
to contact us to discuss your personal ideas and
plans. We look forward to meeting you!

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