

GARDEN POLICY

Country: Netherlands

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1. Institution(s) in charge of gardens

The Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands is responsible for policies and the register of 61.000 national listed monuments, including parks & gardens. The Agency does not own monuments.

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2. Other actors

- a) Association of historic garden researchers and landscape-architects active in restoration: Vakgroep Groen Erfgoed (<http://vakgroepgroenerfgoed.nl/>)
- b) Association of landscaping companies & gardeners: Erfgoedhoveniers, (<http://www.erfgoedhoveniers.nl/home/>)
- c) Association of head-gardeners of country homes and estates: Vereniging Gilde van Tuinbazen (<http://gildevantuinbazen.nl/>)
- d) Dutch Garden History Association: Cascade Tuinhistorisch Genootschap, (<http://www.cascade1987.nl/>)
- e) National foundation active in information on gardens and connecting professionals and public: Nederlandse Tuinenstichting, Amsterdam, (<http://www.tuinenstichting.nl/>)
- f) the Digital Portal for Dutch Castles, Historic Country Houses and Rural Estates Foundation: Stichting Kastelen en Buitenplaatsen (SKBL) (<http://www.skbl.nl/skbl-international-2/>)
- g) **Netherlands Association for Landscape Architecture (NVTL)**, Jollemanhof 14, 1019 GW Amsterdam, +31 (0)20.4275590, secretariaat@nvtl.nl

3. Law in force in your country:

- Monumentenwet 1988, <http://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0004471/2013-07-04>.
- See the country profile on: <http://www.herein-system.eu/netherlands-country-profile>.
- In 2016 a new overall Heritage Act (Erfgoedwet) will be implemented.

4. Protection : number of gardens, levels of protection, statute (public/private), inventories

- a) Protected gardens: yes, mainly on national level, one level of protection. Some gardens are protected by local authorities (total numbers of these are unknown).
- b) Number of protected gardens: about 1300 gardens, parks, cemeteries, etc.

- c) System of protection / legislation (+ link): the Agency advises local authorities on permits for significant changes and restoration works
(<http://cultureelerfgoed.nl/dossiers/omgevingsvergunning/de-omgevingsvergunning-en-rijksmonumenten>)
- d) Statute of gardens (protected or not) : public / private (number or rate): unknown

5. Inventorie(s) of parks and gardens :

- *Gids voor de Nederlandse tuin- en landschapsarchitectuur*, Rotterdam: De Hef, 1995-2000, 4 volumes, by Oldenburger-Ebbers, C.S. ; Backer, A.M. ; Blok, E.
Almost 2000 parks and gardens per region, only the ones open to the public.
(<http://library.wur.nl/WebQuery/clc/2079791>). Therefore not matching completely with the list of protected gardens.

6. Online information: inventories, databases, maps, pictures, etc.:

- Database on documents, park and garden descriptions and short biographies of architects, by Wageningen University (<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Expertise-Services/Facilities/Library/Special-Collections.htm>)
- RAF aerial Photographs : (<http://library.wur.nl/WebQuery/geoportal/raf>)
- Photographs by the Agency (Dutch): (<http://beeldbank.cultureelerfgoed.nl/alle-afbeeldingen/>)
- On Dutch Landscape in a broader sense: (<http://landschapnederland.nl/bronnen-en-kaarten>)

7. Training: existing structures, levels of training, specializations, etc.

- a) Name of the training: No formal specialized training at universities or any other level. More general Master studies like Heritage studies, Landscape design, Landscape history (not designed landscape), Art-history or Planning sometimes devote some attention to historical parks and gardens. There is no specialized training of gardeners either (maybe in 2017).
- b) Long-life learning: yes.
- c) Congresses and meetings:
 - the twice yearly meeting Platform Groen Erfgoed
(<http://cultureelerfgoed.nl/dossiers/groen-erfgoed/platform-groen-erfgoed>)
 - Meetings and excursions of the Dutch Garden History Association.
(<http://www.cascade1987.nl/jaarprogramma/>)
- d) Occasional local or project-related meetings: Platform Groen Erfgoed is open for all professionals. Others are open for all.

8. Awareness-raising:

- a) name of the event: Dag van het park
- b) Level: national, also Flanders
- c) Dates: 29 May 2016

- d) targeted audiences : all
- e) Website: no - not much info this year

9. Existing terminology tools

- Thesaurus: Yes, partly multilingual and work in progress. Garden-terms are mixed in with other heritage terms (no separate set of terms for gardens) (<http://www.erfgoedthesaurus.nl/>)

10. Documentation : reference books, conference proceedings, journals, etc.

- Not collected in one place. Work in progress (<http://landschapinnederland.nl/over-landschap/groen-erfgoed>)