

Modern Language Education in the Netherlands

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Secondary Education and Foreign languages in the Netherlands

- Around 1.800 schools for secondary education
- Curriculum Foreign Language Education:

English

German

French

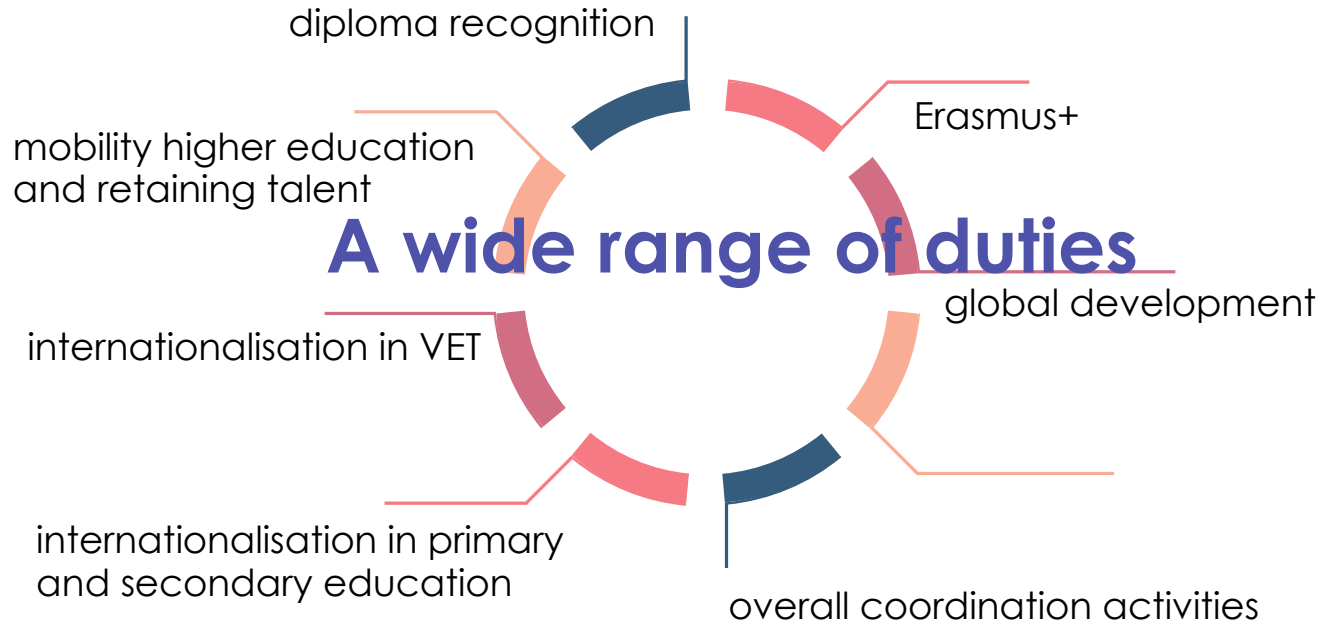
(additional: Spanish/Chinese/Arab/Italian)

Who are we?

The Dutch organisation for internationalisation in education, from Primary and Secondary to Higher Education

- 200 employees
- based in The Hague





Networks of secondary schools

- Tto network (bilingual schools)
- Global Citizen Schools network
- Chinese language and culture
- French and German (LinQ) (target language = language of instruction)
- eTwinning (tool for cooperation)

Challenges for (foreign language) education in the Netherlands:

- Not enough teachers (and language students)
- Language learning is not populair (particulary German and French)
- Growing gap in performance between “white priviliged pupils” and migrant pupils (do parents have to pay extra for bilingual education?)
- Polarisation in society makes internationalization impopulair

New insights and interventions

- All kinds of short education programs to become a teacher + subsidies
- Renewing the curriculum: what is the minimum, what is extra?
- Importance of teaching Global citizenship: a network of schools is being build
- Growing awareness of the richness multilingual pupils bring in the classroom