

National alumni strategy NL

Holland Alumni network

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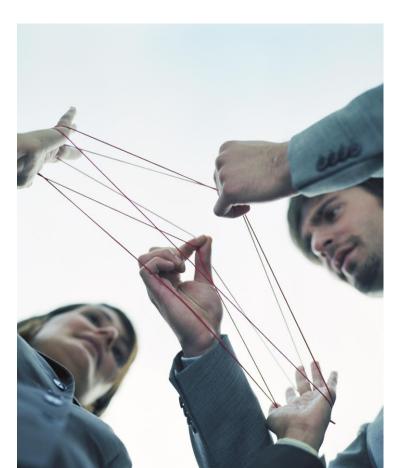
Holland Alumni network: facts & figures

- Start of the network in 2009.
- Funding by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
- Worldwide network for students and alumni with a Dutch study or research experience
- Currently > 70,000 members (> 15,000 active members) worldwide
- Involvement of Dutch higher education institutions, organisations and embassies
- Interactive platform supported by a worldwide network of > 40 Holland Alumni Associations



- work?
- Alumni networking and career opportunities and stay in touch with the Dutch
- International students get in touch with likeminded people prior and during studies
- Dutch higher education institutions trace and stay in touch with alumni for student recruitment, expand cooperation with foreign institutions and sometimes fundraising
- Dutch government increasing awareness of value of alumni to the Dutch economy and Dutch representations abroad, but also for local development and capacity building







Towards a <u>national alumni strategy</u>

First phase (< 2017):
 Stakeholders consultations →→→→→→

- Second phase (> 2017):
 - Round table discussions, taskforces and committees
 - Position paper national alumni strategy

"Alumni can enhance public & economic diplomacy and promotion of Dutch education and research abroad when there is:

- a strategic focus on countries and themes
- a user-friendly and broad alumni platform
- connection to the Dutch labour market
- integration with Dutch trade (missions) and knowledge diplomacy
- ownership from al stakeholders"





Main stakeholders

- Ministries of Education, Culture & Science, Foreign Affairs and Economic Affairs & Climate Policy
- Dutch higher education institutions
- Business community and employer or sector organisations
- Alumni & students

Main pillars

- Knowledge exchange & innovation
- Education promotion & talent retention
- Public diplomacy & local capacity building
- Trade investment

Focus areas

- Sustainability & energy
- Agriculture & food security
- Water
- Quatum, nano & hightech

Since 2019 extended focus areas:

- Logistics
- Energy
- Life sciences & health
- Creative industry
- Chemical industry
- Horticulture & starting materials
- Themes of the <u>Orange Knowledge Programme</u>









Focus countries and regios

- China
- Indonesia & Southeast Asia
- Southern Africa
- Canada
- Germany

Plus participating countries in the Orange Knowledge Programme



Orange Knowledge Programme

4 components:

- Individual scholarships for mid-career professionals
- Group trainings
- Institutional partnerships between knowledge institutions
- Alumni activities

4 themes:

- Food & nutrition security
- Water
- Sexual & reproductive health and rights
- Security & rule of law

And:

- 53 countries in total
- 5 year programme
- Financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Orange Knowledge Programme







Stakeholder involvement: Holland Alumni network – online communities





Online platform – www.hollandalumni.nl



Old website < 2018

New, more interactive website launched in January 2018



Features

- Alumni database & search options
- News & events overview
- Online interactive communities
- Newsletters & alerts
- Career Center
- Jobs worldwide
- Alumni stories



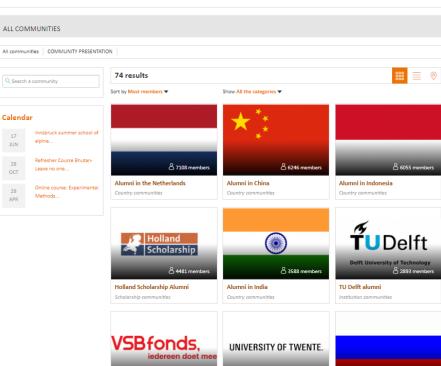


Communities based on:

- Country
- Theme
- Scholarship programme
- Other Practioner communities for Nuffic. HAA's/NAA's, embassy staff & DHEI alumni officers



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VSBfonds Bursalen Netwerk

Scholarship communities

8 2587 members



University of Twente

Institution communities

8 1739 members



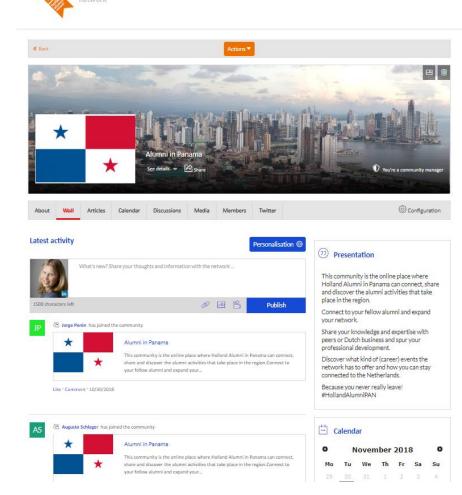
Alumni in Russia

Country communities

8 1476 members



- Access to GDPR proof database
- Content creation (new, events & media)
- Discussion platform
- Emailing facilities
- Recruitment



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Talent retention in NL







Special regulations for international graduates in NL

Aim:

retain and attract international graduates

- Orientation year
- Startup
- Highly-skilled migrant (lower salary criteria after orientation year)



Make it in the Netherlands (2013 – 2016) – the basics

- Advisory report by the Social and Economic Council (SER) titled 'Make it in the Netherlands' in 2013
- Action programme lead by Nuffic '<u>Make it in the Netherlands</u>' from 2013 - 2016
- Multidisciplinary and multi-party approach



Make it in the Netherlands → Holland Alumni Programme 2016 - 2017

- Broader perspective on alumni opportunities
- Mutual benefits for alumni and Dutch economy worldwide

- Exchange knowledge and innovation
- Talent retention and development
- Public diplomacy and strengthening local knowledge
- Trade and economic opportunities



Current Nuffic activities on talent retention

- Online information via <u>careerinholland.nl</u>, <u>hollandalumni.nl</u> a.o.
- Content creation i.c.w. top sectors, government, institutions and business community
- Orientation year and Startup scheme promotion
- Pathfinder application online for internship and career regulations
- Mobstacles team
- Holland Career Ambassadors and
 Holland Alumni network Netherlands
- Career and networking events
- Support DHEI's in career efforts and fairs
- Stayrate research





Nuffic – team alumni & career





Team A&C within Nuffic

Nuffic



Team Neso Facilitation & Coordination

Team Student Mobility

Team Alumni & Career



Team Alumni & Career

- Exists since January 2018
- Currently 10 staff members and 1 intern





Questions?

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