



## The MAX research cards

### THE NETHERLANDS

#### The contribution of migrants to the country's economy

The majority of migrants are economically active and participate in many sectors (hospitality, care, cleaning, agriculture) of the Dutch economy.

There is also an abundance of self-employed who started their own business in sectors such as the construction and in the food industry.

#### THE CHARACTERISTICS

- ✓ Netherlands received a large number of refugees during the **2015 refugee crisis**.
- ✓ The Netherlands is historically a **tolerant country**. However, nowadays, the **perception** and view of the population on receiving refugees and migrants is **changing**. The country is much divided in their opinions.
- ✓ Many initiatives are rising to **improve the cultural image of migrants** and their integration in society. The broader Dutch public remains committed to upholding the country as a **rights-respecting, tolerant one**.

To learn more about The Netherlands and the integration of newcomers, as well as these initiatives, be sure to look at the [research reports of the MAX project!](#)





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### Improving the cultural image of immigrants and their integration in society

The way ahead for improving the social and cultural integration of migrants is to focus on these main areas:

- ✓ Improving **education** for refugee and migrant children
- ✓ Creating **employment** opportunities for refugees and migrants
- ✓ Use the **media** for spreading positive and real information.

While tensions have risen in some communities with people expressing their fears, municipal leaders have promoted **mutual understanding** and **tolerance**.

Some best practices:

- ✓ The website «**New to the Netherlands**» from Dutch Public Broadcaster NPOR provides selection of on-demand media with Dutch, English and Arabic subtitles to improve cultural understanding and integration: NPOR wants to offer refugees and migrants a guide to Dutch society.
- ✓ The «**Night of the refugee**» is a night organized to share the stories of refugees now living in the country and to raise fundings.

**#KeyMessage: Migrants welcome!**

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