

ADULT EDUCATION AND OER

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Netherlands is a medium-size Member State, with a population of around 16 million.

Adult Education

Netherlands has a well-known Open University, active in many EU projects including for OER and MOOCs.¹

Copyright

The copyright law in Netherlands in respect of education is traditional.

Creative Commons has an affiliate in Netherlands, hosted by a consortium of interested parties.

OER in Adult Education

The best-known OER initiative in Netherlands was **Wikiwijs**.² However, government funding for this has ceased for the schools part of the activity. The government now is more active in MOOCs for higher education.

The *Open University of the Netherlands* (OUNL) is active in OER initiatives, and the Open Education Consortium has three university members of which the leading one is the Technical University of Delft.

As regards MOOCs, the University of Groningen is a partner in FutureLearn, and three other universities are partners in Coursera. OUNL is active in MOOCs, for example via **OpenupEd**.³

Quality for OER

Interestingly, Netherlands and Flanders share a joint quality agency for higher education, NVAO.⁴ It is a full member of ENQA and is active in a number of projects in quality and benchmarking related to e-learning, but not specifically in OER.

¹ <https://www.ou.nl/web/english/home>

² <http://www.wikiwijsleermiddelenplein.nl>

³ <http://www.openuped.eu>

⁴ <http://nvaio.com>