

Taalunie
Dutch Language Union

Uniting Dutch voices throughout the world

The Taalunie: for everyone who uses the Dutch language

The Taalunie develops and promotes policy on Dutch in the Netherlands, Flanders and Suriname, and champions the Dutch language around the world. As we form a large and diverse international network, our experts can connect parties in a whole range of different areas. We work together to make Dutch a stronger and more dynamic language, and to ensure that as many people as possible are able to use Dutch to full effect.

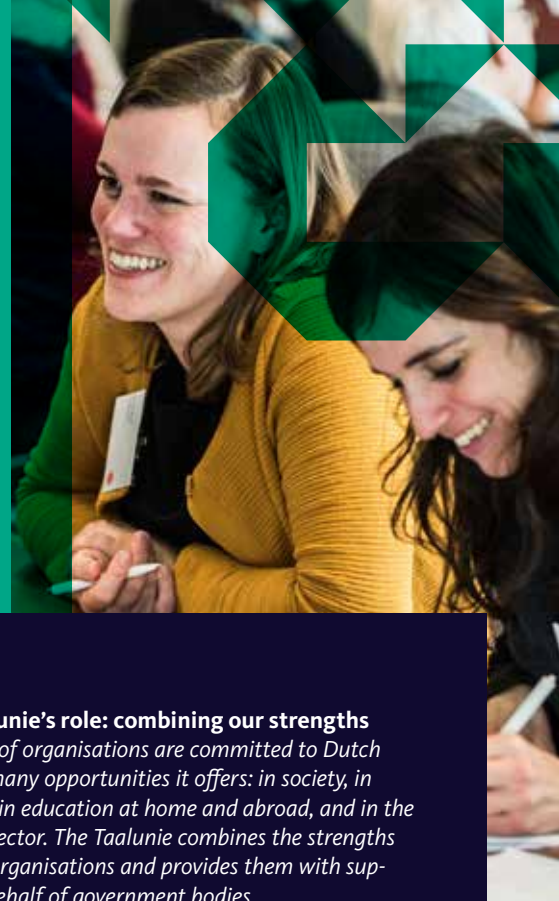
Suriname is an associate member of the Taalunie. We also cooperate closely with Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. This means that all countries where Dutch is an official language are actively involved in work of the Taalunie.

The Taalunie's role: combining our strengths

A wealth of organisations are committed to Dutch and the many opportunities it offers: in society, in business, in education at home and abroad, and in the cultural sector. The Taalunie combines the strengths of these organisations and provides them with support on behalf of government bodies.

taal:
unie

www.taalunie.org



The Taalunie's five focus areas

1. Standard language

The Taalunie ensures that Standard Dutch can be described and used as effectively and efficiently as possible (grammar, spelling, terminology). We also provide language advice, collaborate with research institutes and social partners to develop technological aids, and encourage the use of clear Dutch that is easy to understand. By doing so, we make Dutch more accessible to everyone.

2. Dutch, language varieties and other languages

Dutch comes in many forms and varieties, and is one of many languages spoken in our language area. The Taalunie develops policies that reflect this reality and respond to developments and needs throughout society.

3. Education within the language area

The Taalunie supports all forms of education in which Dutch is taught as a first or a second language within our language area. We contribute to the quality of education, helping policy-makers and the education sector by offering advice and expert opinion, and identifying issues as they arise.

4. Education outside the language area

The Taalunie stimulates, supports and promotes quality teaching of the Dutch language, in the Dutch language. We do this across the educational spectrum and at all levels, in an advisory role and by providing substantive and financial support. We foster initiatives for collaboration and the exchange of essential resources, most notably knowledge and materials.

5. Language and culture

The Taalunie promotes cultural cooperation in Dutch between the Netherlands, Flanders, Suriname and the rest of the world. We facilitate the digitisation of Dutch-language literature, and stimulate an international translation policy and the exchange of international translation expertise. This strengthens Dutch and Dutch-speaking culture in Europe and the rest of the world.

