

# Amsterdam Metropolitan Area

**Country** → Netherlands  
**World Region** → Europe

**Population** → 2.5 million  
**Area** → 1,422 km<sup>2</sup>



## Context

Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, operates within the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area, which includes 30 municipalities, two provinces (North Holland and Flevoland) and the Transport Authority. Amsterdam Metropolitan Area facilitates metropolitan coordination on issues like transport, housing, urban planning, with strong local and national government collaboration focused on addressing urban development challenges.



## Economic profile

GDP AS % OF NATIONAL GDP **20%**

GDP PER CAPITA **62,224USD**

WORLD BANK INCOME GROUP **High income**

**Major economic activities:** Transportation and logistics, technology and innovation, trade and commerce, tourism and hospitality, circular Economy initiatives, financial services, creative industries.

**Own source revenues:** Contribution from municipalities, determined proportionally to their population size.



## Governance structure

YEAR OF CONSTITUTION **2007**

TYPE OF METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT **Voluntary cooperation**

**Legal framework:** Not established by formal law, it operates as a voluntary partnership guided by the Agenda for future-proof and balanced metropolises 2020-2024, aligning with the Municipalities and Provinces Acts.

**Administrative structure:** No directly elected body. Instead, decisions are made on an ad hoc, task-specific basis by representatives from member municipalities and provinces. Committees are formed to coordinate various sectors, including housing, transport, and economic development projects.

**Annual revenue, expenditure and sources:** The core budget is primarily funded by municipal contributions based on population, supplemented by national and EU grants and voluntary contributions. It is allocated to project coordination, implementation, co-financing, and supporting the Amsterdam Economic Board.

**Number and type of administrative units:** 30 municipalities and 2 provinces.



## Key strategic plans



STRATEGIC

MRA Urbanisation Concept 2050



RESILIENCE

Resilience by Design  
Metropoolregio Amsterdam



INNOVATION

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