

Amsterdam Metropolitan Area

Country	Netherlands
Population	2.5 millions
World region	Europe
Area	1,422 km ²

● Context

Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands, operates within the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area, which includes 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: 62,224 USD

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

Metropolitan government: Voluntary cooperation

Legal framework

Not established by formal law, it operates as voluntary partnership guided by the Agenda for future-proof and balanced metropolises 202-2024, 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. 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



Resilience

MRA Urbanisation
Concept 2050



Strategic

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Innovation

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