

Veterinarians to the Netherlands

Are you looking for a challenge as a Veterinarian in **the Netherlands**?

Interested to work for the **Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority**?

Ready to use your expertise to promote integrity in the **food chain** and protect **public health**?

We are looking for you!

Your role

Your most important responsibilities as a Supervising Veterinarian will be to:

- monitoring the entire slaughter process in your region, from the arrival of live animals to the final inspection
- protect animal welfare, health and food safety
- ensure that all steps meet legal and professional standards
- act when rules are not followed and
- help maintain public trust in safe, responsible food production and the quality of exported goods.

Your profile

- EU/EFTA country citizenship
- European acknowledged Veterinary degree (qualifying for Dutch Veterinary registration)
- Experience in the Veterinary or Food sector is a plus, BUT you can apply if you have just graduated
- Strong written and oral English skills (level B2)
- Willing to move to the Netherlands and learn Dutch up to level B2 during a crash course
- Good judgement skills, collaborate easily across disciplines, are capable of distinguishing major from minor issues and can make fast and well-founded decisions when needed, even under pressure
- Valid B driving license
- To work carefully and independently in a regulated environment

What we offer

You will work under Dutch public sector employment conditions:

- Fully paid 16-month **Training Programme** (from 21 September 2026 to 1 February 2028), before becoming a Supervising Veterinarian:
 - starting with an intensive 6-month Dutch language course up to B2, in the city of Wageningen (during which you will have free housing + a 30-hour work / week salary + a bicycle)
 - if you pass the B2 level Dutch exam, you will be admitted to a technical vet training (a theoretical 1st part + 200-hour on-the-job internship) to become a Supervising Veterinarian
- Salary: scale 10 (from 3404 to 5389 euros per month) during the Training Programme, scale 11 (from 4024 to 6110 euros) after certification - *variable according to proven experience; and based on a 36-hour contract*
- 24 – 36-hour workweek | 144 vacation hours per year
- Mobility card, bicycle allowance and/or company lease car for work
- Flexible working arrangements
- Support with relocation, housing and other administrative arrangements for European candidates
- Temporary contract for the training duration, then 1-year work contract (when the training is successfully completed). This will be converted into a permanent position if you meet job expectations
- Professional development and career progression opportunities
- Other fringe benefits
- Positions available in different regions in The Netherlands (mainly in the North and the East).

Selection Process

- Pre-selection based on CV and motivation letter
- Mandatory participation in at least one of 2 webinars: January 29th or February 26th
- From February to June: interviews (3), written case study, English language test, competency assessment and work conditions discussion.

APPLY NOW! Send us your **CV + motivation letter** ASAP (no later than **February 15th**) to euresPToutgoing@iefp.pt and rosa.bouwman@uwv.nl (please mention in the Subject: **Veterinarians NL**).

Want to know more?

Don't hesitate to **contact us** (euresPToutgoing@iefp.pt or rosa.bouwman@uwv.nl) for any further questions.