

# NETHERLANDS

RANK IN EU-27

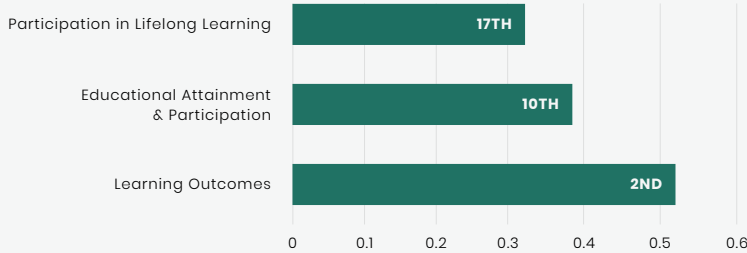
**2ND**

OVERALL SCORE

**0.681**

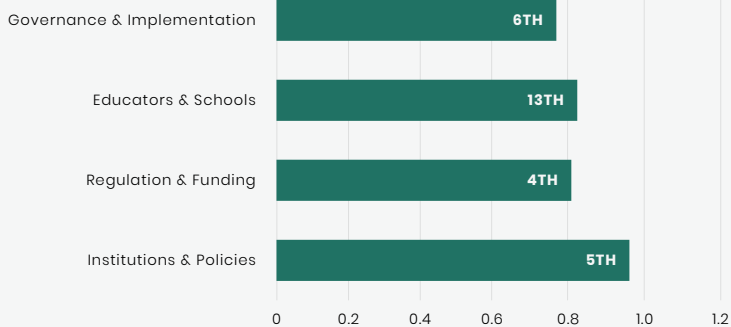
## LEARNING PARTICIPATION AND OUTCOMES

RANK  
**9TH**



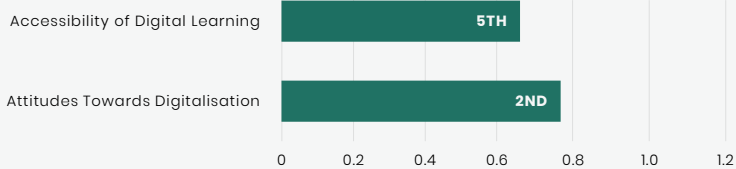
## INSTITUTIONS AND POLICIES FOR DIGITAL LEARNING

RANK  
**4TH**



## AVAILABILITY OF DIGITAL LEARNING

RANK  
**4TH**



## MAIN OBSERVATIONS

- The Netherlands is at the forefront of digital learning in Europe. It scores 2nd on the overall index given its excellent institutions and policies on digital learning, high availability of digital learning and positive learning outcomes.
- Digital learning is fully embedded in the national "Digitalisation Strategy" laid out recently by the government.
- Investment in digital infrastructure in more remote areas and in the digital skills of primary and secondary education teachers is still needed.

## TAKEAWAYS:

### WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS COUNTRY?

- The Netherlands has successfully updated the curriculum to increase digital literacy in primary and secondary education. A key priority has been the provision of digital learning materials and IT infrastructure via funding opportunities or joint purchasing of ICT equipment.
- Blended learning and innovative practices are explicitly encouraged in higher education.
- Enhancing the digital skills of the general population has also been a policy goal via courses at public libraries or self-assessment tools.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Room for improvement remains regarding lifelong learning and the basic digital infrastructure in more remote areas in terms of hardware and fibre-optic connections.
- Policy efforts targeted at the professionalisation of ICT instructors and teachers more generally should be sustained. In the meantime, ICT coordinators or e-coaches should be more widely at the disposal of educational institutions.
- The Netherlands should sustain its implementation efforts on its digitalisation strategies regarding adult learning and higher education. National strategies are very recent, so a comprehensive assessment is not yet possible.

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