



Net payment position update 2022

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This is an update of the report, Focus on the Netherlands' net payment position – The Netherlands' contributions to and receipts from the EU, which the Netherlands Court of Audit published on 14 October 2020. Data on the years 2020 and 2021 have been added to several figures. For an explanation of the background and terms, please see the original report.

Figures 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and tables 3, 4 and 5 of the Court of Audit's report have been supplemented with data on the year 2020 and 2021. The update is based on the European Commission's most recent data on the member states' contributions and receipts.¹ The figures and tables in this report have the same numbering and titles as in the original report.

The data on 2020 and 2021 confirm the picture painted in previous years: under the Dutch accounting definition, the Netherlands is the biggest net contributor to the EU and under the operating budgetary balance (OBB*) definition, the Netherlands is one of the biggest net contributors. The differences between the outcomes of the two definitions are slightly higher than in previous years, mainly on account of a higher remittance of customs duties in 2020.

¹ See https://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/revenue_expenditure.html, downloaded on 03-10-2022.

Figure 2 and table 3 below show the contributions and figure 3 and table 4 the receipts, followed by the net payment position.

Figure 2 The Netherlands' contributions to the EU as a percentage of GNI (2014-2021)

The Netherlands' contribution to the EU differs each year

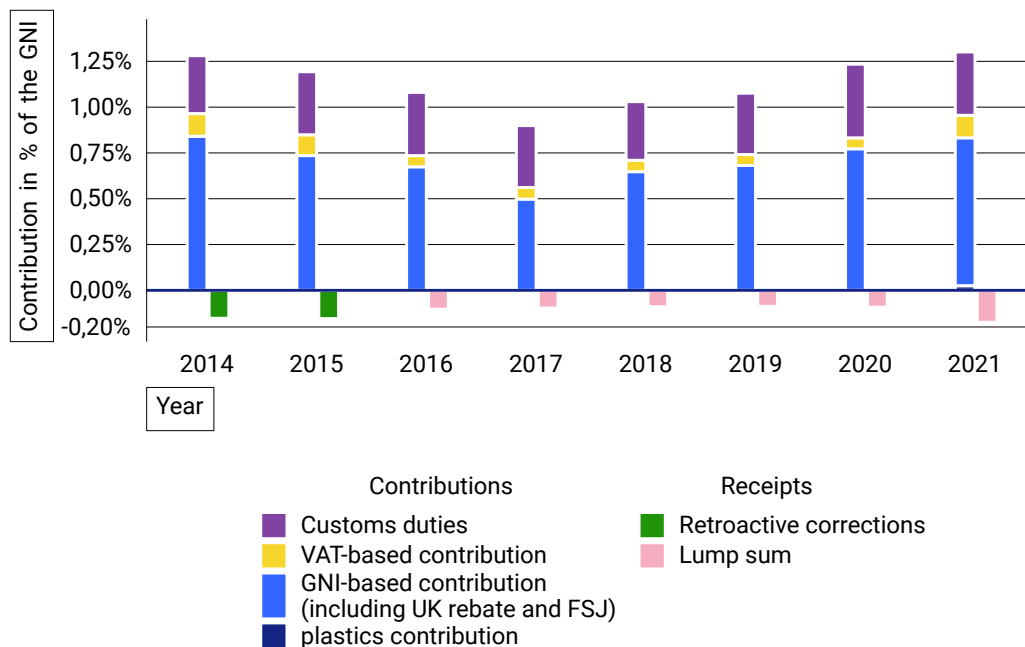


Table 3 The Netherlands' contributions to the EU in millions of euros and as a percentage of GNI

Payments	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Netherlands' contributions to the EU in millions of euros	7,475.3	7,045.7	6,717.2	5,848.7	7,347.7	8,055.1	9,021.3	9,601.5
Total Netherlands' contributions to the EU as a percentage of GNI	1.13	1.04	0.98	0.80	0.94	0.99	1.14	1.12

Figure 3 Netherlands' receipts from the EU (2014-2020)²

Netherlands receipts from the EU budget have increased since 2016

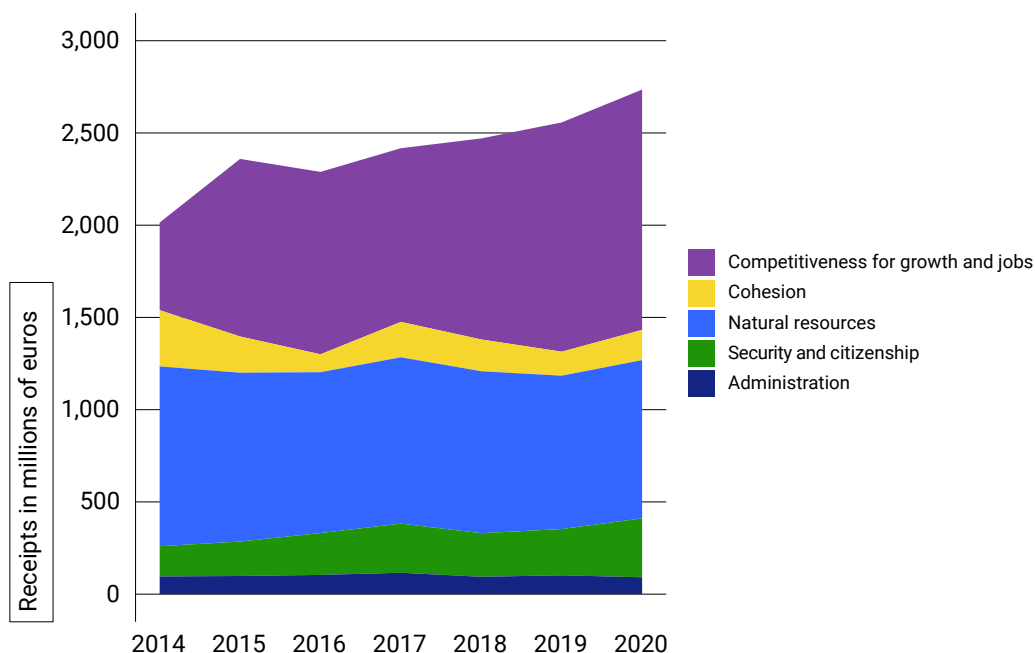


Table 4 The Netherlands' receipts from the EU in millions of euros and as a percentage of GNI

Receipts	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Netherlands' receipts from the EU in millions of euros	2,014.4	2,359.2	2,289.0	2,417.2	2,464.3 ³	2,557.1	2,735.2	2,624.4
Total Netherlands' receipts from the EU as a percentage of GNI	0.30	0.35	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.35	0.31

² This figure concerns the period 2014-2020. Information on the receipts in the year 2021 are not included in this figure, because the categories in the period 2021-2027 are different from those in the periode 2014-2020. A comparison is therefore not possible.

³ The European Commission has adjusted the figures for 2018 retroactively. This is why this amount differs from the amount that has been mentioned in our report.

Figure 4 The Netherlands' net payment position under the two definitions as a percentage of GNI (2014-2021)

The Netherlands' net payment position is more negative under the accounting definition than under the operating budgetary balance* (OBB*) definition

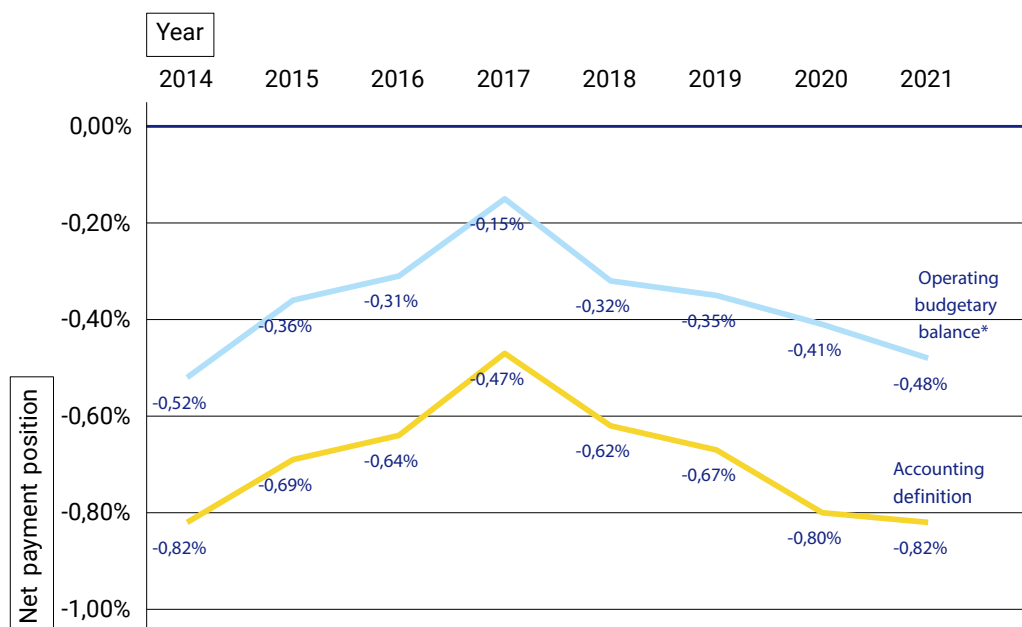


Table 5 The Netherlands' net payment position under the two definitions in millions of euros

Definition	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 ⁴	2019	2020	2021
Net payment position operating budgetary balance*	-3,461.6	-2,451.2	-2,158.5	-1,082.9	-2,474.3	-2,870.9	-3,202.0	-4,113.9
Net payment position accounting definition	-5,460.9	-4,686.5	-4,428.1	-3,431.4	-4,883.3	-5,498.0	-6,286.1	-6,977.1

4 The European Commission has adjusted the figures for 2018 retroactively. This is why this amount differs from the amount that has been mentioned in our report.

Figure 5 The net payment position of the 10 net contributors as a percentage of GNI under the OBB* definition (2014-2021)

Under the operating budgetary balance* definition, the Netherlands, UK, Germany and Denmark have been the biggest net contributors in recent years

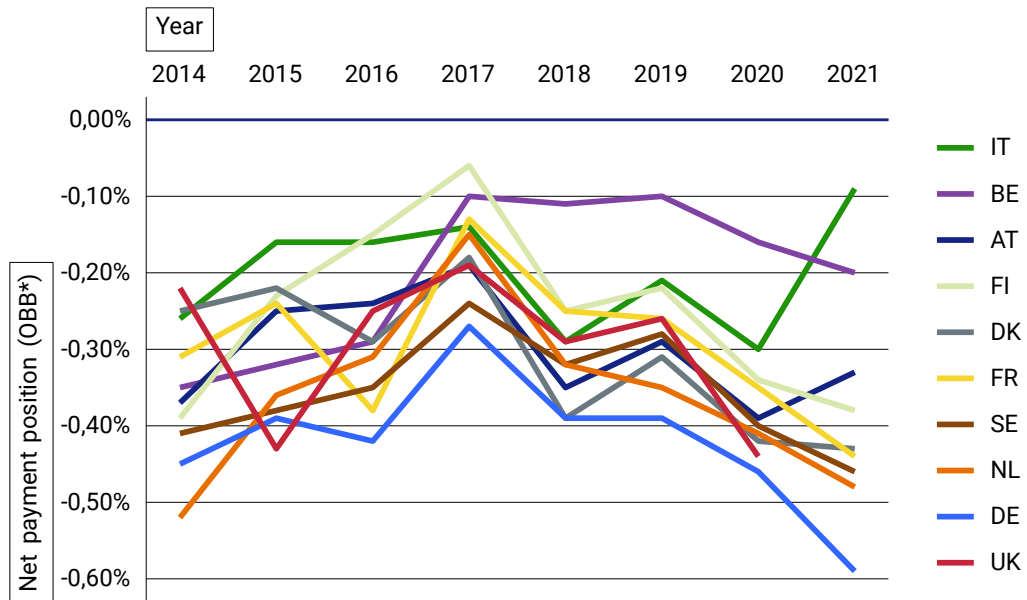
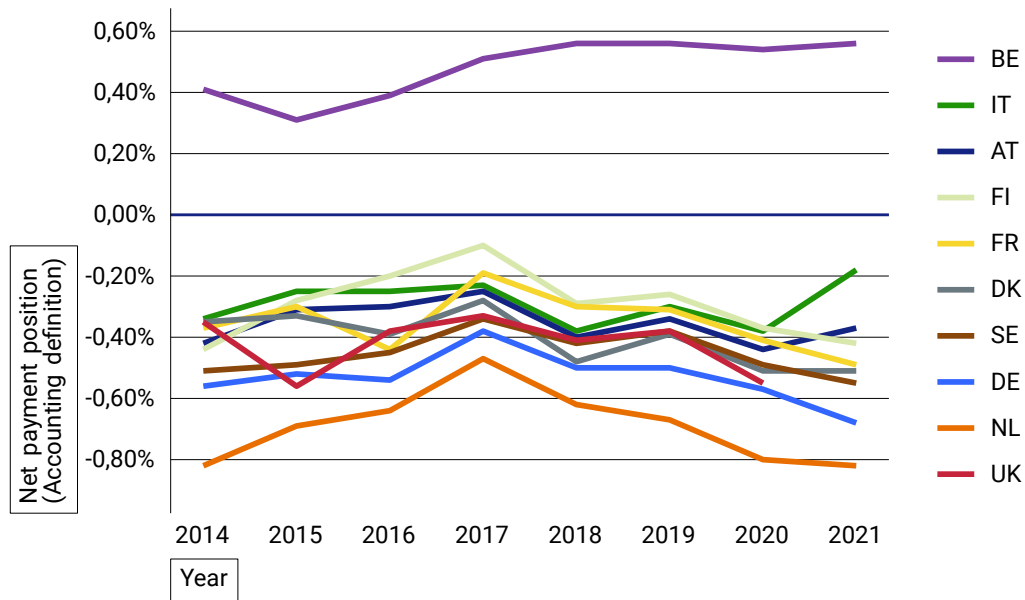


Figure 6 The net payment position of the 10 net contributors as a percentage of GNI under the accounting definition (2014-2021)

Under the accounting definition, the Netherlands was the biggest net contributor throughout the entire period. Under this definition, Belgium becomes a net recipient



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