

The Basics of German-Dutch cooperation

Cultural differences, administrative structures, pitfalls and opportunities

Day 1 Working culture, administrative structures of Germany

- 09:30 Coffee
- 10:00 Welcome, information about the program, Getting to know each other
- 11:00 Working Culture, overview of the major differences: communication, negotiations, hierarchy, planning Brief lecture and discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Expectations of the participants regarding chances and opportunities of cooperation: Goals, Questions, Experiences Group work
- 14:30 Who decides in Germany? The administrative structures with their responsibilities and powers: Federal level, states, municipalities Lecture and discussion
- 16:30 Short evaluation and comments
- 18:30 Dinner

Day 2 Administrative structures of the Netherlands, formative historical developments

- 09:00 Who decides in the Netherlands? The administrative structures with their responsibilities and powers: national level, provinces, municipalities Lecture and discussion
- 11:00 Where do the main differences lie? Comparison of the two systems
- 11:30 The Dutch trading spirit meets the German "Kulturnation": formative historical developments and their Importance for the present interactive timeline
- 12:30 Conclusion and Evaluation
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Coffee and Departure