

Facts & Figures

Waterbedrijf Groningen has been supplying drinking water to the city and province of Groningen for more than 125 years. During this time we have greatly increased our products and services. You can read all about our organisation in Facts & Figures.





- N.V. Waterbedrijf Groningen is non-profit making. Almost all our shareholders are local authorities in the province of Groningen and the province of Groningen itself.
- Our mission statement is: As a public company Waterbedrijf Groningen wishes to ensure safe and sustainable water interests in the region. In other words, we are not only a supplier of different types of water, we also contribute to issues such as public health, managing the environment, creating sustainable sources, policy issues, spatial planning, job opportunities and innovation.
- Waterbedrijf Groningen participates (directly or indirectly) in the companies North Water (industrial water), Water Laboratorium Noord, RioNoord (sewage), Reststoffenunie and Kiwa Water Holding. In addition we cooperate with many innovative and/or public parties such as Wetsus centre of excellence (development of water technology expertise), Aqua for All (development cooperative), Energy Valley, Sensor Universe and various environmental organisations such as Het Groninger Landschap (The Groningen Landscape).
- We supply over 270,000 households and companies with 42 billion litres of drinking water each year from six production locations. This is equivalent to the capacity of 13,000 swimming pools. The production locations for drinking water are in De Punt, Onnen, Nietap, de Groeve and Sellinger. 6.6 billion litres of the water supplied comes from the river the Drentsche Aa. The remainder comes from groundwater in water extraction areas.
- In addition our joint venture North Water B.V. supplies 12.9 billion litres of industrial water (demineralised water and process water) per year and North Water B.V. processes industrial wastewater. Via RioNoord B.V. Waterbedrijf Groningen offers local authorities services in the field of sewerage. We carry out technological investigations and supply consulting services to commercial parties and we check the quality of our drinking and industrial water via Water Laboratorium Noord (WLN).
- The total length of water mains in our distribution network is 5,028 kilometres. This is equivalent to the distance from Groningen to Dubai.
- Our 228 employees make sure that our customers have cheap and reliable drinking water seven days a week, 24 hours a day.
- We have been one of the cheapest drinking water suppliers in the Netherlands for many years.
- The net company profit in 2010 was € 2.5 million. This amount was added to the reserves. Waterbedrijf Groningen does not pay dividends.
- Each year we spend 0.5% of our turnover on projects in developing countries.
- In 2009 our customers awarded us an overall satisfaction mark of 6.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more facts & figures, please visit our website www.waterbedrijfgroningen.nl.



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