

Company type <i>The Netherlands May 2025</i>	Minimum owners/ shareholders	Notary required?	Minimum capital	Legal Representation	Personal liability?	Chamber of Commerce registration required?
Eenmanszaak / Sole Proprietorship	1	No	None	Owner	Yes	Yes
Vennootschap onder firma (VOF) General Partnership	2 partners	No <i>(contract advised)</i>	None	Partners jointly	Yes	Yes
Commanditaire vennootschap (CV) Limited Partnership (CV)	2 (1 general, 1 limited partner)	No	None	General partner	General: Yes Limited: No	Yes
Maatschap / Professional Partnership	2 partners	No	None	Partners jointly	Yes	Yes
Besloten vennootschap (BV) Private Limited Company (BV)	1 shareholder	Yes	€0.01	Directors	No*	Yes
Naamloze vennootschap (NV) Public Limited Company (NV)	1 shareholder	Yes	€45,000	Directors	No*	Yes
Vereniging / Association	2 members	Yes	None	Board	No*	Yes
Coöperatie / Cooperative	2 members	Yes	None	Board	No*	Yes
Stichting / Foundation	No members (only board)	Yes	No fixed amount †	Board	No*	Yes
Kerkgenootschap/Religious Organization	1 or more	No	None	Board	No*	Yes

Notes:

* Personal liability may arise in cases of mismanagement or improper conduct.

† A foundation requires sufficient starting capital to achieve its purpose, but there is no statutory minimum.

For more information and detailed advice on the suitable company form, please contact us directly.

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