

Information with links:

## **Dutch Government:**

\* We have a policy called: Action Plan Netherlands Open in Connection, focussing on open standards adoption (a must) and more chances for open source software.

(already available on your site?: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/ostp/opengov\\_inbox/nl-in-open-connection.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/files/documents/ostp/opengov_inbox/nl-in-open-connection.pdf))

\* Part of the action plan is the formation of a "Standardization Board" (high ranked government employees), a "Forum Standardization" (think tank of government and industry) and a supporting organization.

The official declaration in English: [http://www.open-standaarden.nl/fileadmin/os/documenten/Hernieuwd%20instellingsbesluit\\_UK.pdf](http://www.open-standaarden.nl/fileadmin/os/documenten/Hernieuwd%20instellingsbesluit_UK.pdf)

\* They have a role in the selection of standards for the "Comply or explain regime" we have on open standards from this list (in Dutch): [http://www.open-standaarden.nl/fileadmin/os/documenten/OS\\_lijst\\_open\\_standaarden\\_voor\\_pas\\_toe\\_of\\_leg\\_uit.pdf](http://www.open-standaarden.nl/fileadmin/os/documenten/OS_lijst_open_standaarden_voor_pas_toe_of_leg_uit.pdf)

Selection process for standards (in English): <http://www.open-standaarden.nl/fileadmin/os/documenten/beheerprocedure%20UK.pdf>

In short standards on the list must be used in procurement when applicable.

\* In addition to that promotion/stimulation activities are organized by the program organization called Netherlands Open in Connection ([www.noiv.nl](http://www.noiv.nl)), just as the name of the action plan. (NOiV organizes events (including a yearly event with international speakers and attendance over 500)). The orientation of this program is on open standards and open source software for public sector in its entirety. However there are some focus points, including the education and health care domains, just as focussing on interoperability/semantic standards in comparison with real technical standards. This program published also several publications, of which several are available in English:

\* Instruction on multimedia formats: [http://www.open-standaarden.nl/fileadmin/os/documenten/Instruction\\_Document\\_on\\_Multimedia\\_Formats.pdf](http://www.open-standaarden.nl/fileadmin/os/documenten/Instruction_Document_on_Multimedia_Formats.pdf)

\* BOMOS: development and management of standards. Together with a workgroup including many sector (domain) standards we set up common practices for development and management of standards. Currently this document is used as guideline for many sectorial standards, and in december the second version has been released. The translation to English will be available in two weeks from now. This is the Dutch version: <http://www.tno.nl/downloads/Bomos-2.pdf>

## **TNO (Dutch independent research organization: slightly comparable to NIST)**

\* carries out lots of the work for Netherlands Open in Connection, and guides the selection process of standards for the comply or explain list, etc.

\* Strong standardization & interoperability group: involved in many government and industry standardization efforts. For example:

- \* The temporary staffing industry, based on HR-XML.
- \* Health care (HL7 amongst others)
- \* Education (IMS amongst others)
- \* Waste domain
- \* Agriculture
- \* etc.

## **Personal:**

I work for the Dutch government (Netherlands Open in Connection), TNO, and the University of Twente, and authored several of the publications.

And also working on a phd on quality of standards, more information on [www.semanticstandards.org](http://www.semanticstandards.org).

