

Dutch and Flemish special programme visits

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The main mission of the Dutch-language visits team is to organize and run various sets of [special program visits](#) by Dutch and Flemish high-school or university students and teachers. The supported high-school programs shall benefit *multiple schools per visit*.

Where can we use *YOUR* help?

- Join our team (dutch-visits-team@cern.ch) to help organize and run these programs!
 - In only a **small** fraction of your time you can make a **big** difference for many...
- Volunteer for guiding or lecturing in areas of your expertise!
 - For example, we need a **pool of guides** for each popular facility that may be visited
 - AD, DCVP, LEIR/LINAC2, ISOLDE, SM18, ...
 - CMS, ...
 - Science Gateway Labs
 - ...

Dutch visits

In recent years the set of **Dutch** visits typically looked as follows:

- January-March
 - 6 times Dutch Physical Society (NNV [Quark Travel](#))
 - 48 persons per group, 1.5 days ([example](#))
- April
 - [U-Talent Utrecht](#)
 - 48 persons, 1.5 days ([example](#))
- July
 - U. Groningen [Honours College](#)
 - 24 persons, 3.5 days ([example](#))
- September/October
 - Dutch Physical Society (NNV) high-school graduation project visit
 - 24 persons, 3.5 days ([example](#))

Flemish visits

In recent years the set of **Flemish** visits typically looked as follows:

- U. Antwerp
 - Once every two years in February
 - 48 persons, 2 days ([example](#))
- U. Ghent
 - Every year in October/November
 - 48 persons, 2 days ([example](#))
- U. Hasselt
 - Every year in February
 - 48 persons, 1.5 days ([example](#))
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel
 - Once every two years in February
 - 24 persons, 2 days ([example](#))

CERN Teacher Programme

The yearly Dutch Language **Teacher** Programme edition typically happens in Sep/Oct:

- 24 persons, 3 days ([example](#))

Organizational aspects

- Each group needs to book a **standard group visit** with the Visits Service 9 months in advance
 - Comprising an introduction to CERN (often skipped) plus 2 facility visits, decided ~3 weeks in advance
- Extra visits to an LHC experiment (usually CMS) need to be arranged ASAP
 - Such arrangements will be tried, but are not guaranteed
 - For CMS (and LHCb) the group needs to have its own bus
- The rest of the program will be (tentatively) decided a few months or weeks before the visit
 - Special arrangements with facilities outside of the standard Visits Service menu (12/16/24 persons at the same time; new suggestions are welcome)
 - Medipix
 - Cryolab
 - Vacuum coating lab
 - ...
 - Lectures on any of a wide range of topics
 - Particle physics
 - Accelerator and/or detector technologies
 - Data analysis
 - In particular as part of high-school graduation project visits
 - Computing aspects
 - Knowledge transfer
 - ...
- The team also have to arrange the **guides** for all extra areas that will be visited
 - The Visits Service is *not* allowed to help us there!