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Welcome to the website of the AIVD, the General Intelligence and Security Service of the Netherlands. A “secret service” on the internet – that may sound like a contradiction in terms, but it isn’t. The AIVD is not nearly as secretive as its predecessor, the BVD. In fact, the service tries to be as open as it can. For example, the annual report it publishes on its work and areas of interest is more detailed every year.

In some ways, though, the AIVD has to remain secret. That is why you will not find details of any sources of the information on this website, for instance, or the names of AIVD staff. The service can only talk about its work and methods in general terms, so this website cannot provide specific information about matters currently under investigation.

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