



# Comparing sport policy in Canada and the Netherlands

In the summer of 2016, CDPA & CDPP hosted a PhD student from the Netherlands, Femke Hoekstra, funded by the Association for Canada Studies in the Netherlands, Stichting Nicolaas Mulerius Fonds and the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, to compare national policies governing sport and physical activity for people with disabilities in Canada and the Netherlands. Both countries aspire to similar goals and outcomes for disabled athletes, but are vastly different in terms of size and population density. Femke's analysis found that the main differences between the two countries was the extent to which the federal government participates directly in sport policy vs. delegating responsibility to non-governmental organizations and to municipalities. Femke presented her results this month at the International Congress on Activity and Public Health in Bangkok.

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*A vision of Canada where people with disabilities enjoy full participation and citizenship,  
supported by a coherent framework of legislation, regulation and programs.*

