

Is nlnetlabs.nl legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

nlnetlabs.nl

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

nlnetlabs.nl appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official site of NLnet Labs, a nonprofit foundation producing open-source DNS and routing software (Unbound, NSD, Krill, Routinator, etc.), offering professional support and publishing security advisories and organisational information.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	27 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2001 1958 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YE2	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2001.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

NLnet Labs is an informational nonprofit technology website presenting open-source DNS and routing software—including Unbound, NSD, Krill, Routinator, and related infrastructure projects—alongside professional support, research, standards work, security advisories, organisational information, and donation or sponsorship pathways.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent nonprofit software and infrastructure mission, with no phishing indicators, impersonation signals, suspicious commercial mechanics, or high-pressure transaction features identified. The site's long-term domain continuity, substantial archival record, stable informational content, and clean external reputation are consistent with an established website; however, the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified, so the apparent legitimacy should not be treated as proof of a specific legal person or entity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies NLnet Labs as a nonprofit foundation focused on open-source DNS and routing technologies, and presents security advisories, organisational information, and support services.
- The site's homepage has no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, wallet-connection activity, or untrusted form destination.
- The domain was registered on 2000-01-18 and is 26.58 years old; its archive contains 1,958 snapshots spanning 2001–2026, with 26 years tracked.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The reviewed pages describe a nonprofit organisation sustained through professional support, community sponsorships, grants, and donations rather than a regulated financial product or investment service. No financial-services license or registration number is claimed on the reviewed pages; this is a regulatory-disclosure point to clarify if an engagement would involve procurement, contractual support, donations, or reliance on the organisation as a legal counterparty, but it is not evidence of a scam. The available content includes organisational and contact information, and the absence of a third-party broker-dataset match provides contextual support without constituting a legal or licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes the business model as nonprofit open-source development supported by professional services, sponsorships, grants, and donations.
- The homepage and organisational content provide contact and address information and identify the organisation's mission, people, history, and services.
- Hosting is on AS24940, HETZNER-AS — Hetzner Online GmbH, DE; the domain registrar is Prolocation B.V.
- The site uses a valid DV TLS certificate issued by YE2, valid to 2026-10-17.

What to Verify Next

Before a contractual, donation, or credential-bearing interaction, an enterprise should independently confirm the legal counterparty and payment beneficiary through the organisation's published organisational records and an offline or independently sourced contact route. Where a transaction involves professional support, the contracting party, service scope, refund or termination terms, and payment-protection arrangements should be checked against the applicable agreement before funds or credentials are provided.

EVIDENCE

- The About, People, History, and Contact content provides the primary basis for confirming organisational details.
- The Professional Support and Support Policy pages identify the relevant service relationship and should be reviewed before contracting.
- The site's donation or support-us pathway should be checked for beneficiary and payment details before a payment is initiated.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website supporting a high-trust, low-risk posture. The site's substantive nonprofit purpose, mature operating history, clean technical and reputational indicators, and absence of contradictory signals support normal informational use, while independent confirmation of the real-world operator remains appropriate before credential or payment interactions.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by CDN/WAF infrastructure, and all observed addresses were associated with edge delivery rather than an identified origin address. This reduces direct exposure of the origin environment and is a mitigating control, although protective infrastructure alone does not establish organisational legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary browsing is proportionate to the assessed posture; credential or payment interactions should proceed only after the contracting identity, applicable terms, and payment protections have been independently confirmed.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of nlnetlabs.nl.

- The request stayed on nlnetlabs.nl. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under Prolocation B.V.. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by pch.net, across 4 name servers. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2001-01-24. CLEAR
- It is hosted on HETZNER-AS, from a server in DE. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Prolocation B.V.
Hosting	HETZNER-AS - Hetzner Online GmbH, DE
Country	DE
Server IP	2a01:4f8:c0c:cdfa::1
Name servers	anyns.pch.net, ns2.sidn.nl, ns1.sidn.nl, ns.nlnetlabs.nl
SSL issuer	YE2
SSL expiry	2026-10-17
Domain age	26.58 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	2001-01-24
Archive snapshots	1958
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about nlnetlabs.nl at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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