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Dutch colonization of flooded riverine areas, commonly referred to as Hollander colonization, appeared in the Polish territories in the early 16th century. The influx of settlers was caused, on the one hand, by religious persecution and numerous religious pogroms against members of the New Baptist and Mennonite sects, which arose in the era of the religious reformation, and on the other hand by practical considerations: the colonists represented a high level of economy and settler culture, which made them highly desirable settlers.

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