







East Netherlands has developed strong business clusters in four sectors: Agrifood, Life Sciences & Health, High Tech and Sustainable Energy. We host top-quality companies and research institutes in these sectors. The region has leading research universities that are used to do joint R&D with private companies: Wageningen University & Research (Agrifood), Radboud University Nijmegen (Life Sciences & Health) and University of Twente (High Tech). In addition, there are five universities of applied sciences in East Netherlands.

Oost NL

Oost NL is the economic development agency for the two provinces (Gelderland and Overijssel) that comprise East Netherlands. Together with a network of public and private partners at regional and national level, Oost NL stimulates economic development and innovation in our region.

Oost NL is a publicly-owned entity. Our shareholders are the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, and the provinces of Gelderland and Overijssel.

Invest in Holland

Oost NL is member of the 'Invest in Holland' network and partner of the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA).



What Oost NL can do for you

We have access to information, resources, funding, network of business and research partners, etc. to help you succeed in establishing and growing your European business.

Our services, for foreign companies considering future investments in the Netherlands, are confidential and free-of-charge. We can:

- > introduce you to the relevant networks and business partners in our ecosystems,
- share our knowledge and expertise with regard to all matters related to establishing your business in the Netherlands (this includes issues related to customs, taxes, legal, etc.),
- introduce you to reliable service providers that can assist you in establishing a legal entity,
- > find the perfect premises: laboratory, office space, factory, warehouse or shared facilities,
- > organise matchmaking to find business partners,
- > provide tailor-made bidbooks,
- organize a custom-made fact-finding trip when you visit East Netherlands,
- > provide assistance and support in every stage of your business expansion.

Arguments for investing in the Netherlands



Location

- Located in the center of the three largest economies in Europe: Germany, UK and France.
- A high-quality infrastructure. Excellent accessibility to the rest of Europe.
- 17 million consumers within 500 km radius and 244 million consumers within 1,000 km radius.

International Business Climate

- An open culture with an international mindset.
- High quality of life and relatively low cost of living.
- Leading universities such as Wageningen University & Research (#1 in Agriculture and Forestry, QS World University Rankings 2022).

Tax and Costs

- A beneficial tax system with competitive 25.8% corporate tax rate (19% on the first € 200,000).
- Generous incentives for R&D activities.
- A 30% tax ruling for foreign employees.

Workforce

- Competitive labor and operational expenses.
- A highly motivated, well-educated and multilingual labor force.
- Most Dutch people (95%) speak English very well and many have good knowledge of German and French.

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