

# Life Sciences in UTRECHT

## The Province of Utrecht offers:

- Central location in the heart of the Netherlands
- World class universities and research institutes; Utrecht University is ranked No. 1 in the Netherlands in the 2010 Shanghai Ranking
- Highest educated workforce in the country
- Most competitive EU region according to the European Commission (2010)
- Booming industries include ICT, Gaming, Life Sciences and Sustainability
- Competitive prices for top business facilities
- Utrecht: the most sustainable region of the Netherlands (Rabobank, 2010)

Utrecht's high level of education; convenient location with excellent connections to the European market; and competitive real estate prices have already attracted more than 900 foreign companies to the province.

## Utrecht: the best brains in Life Sciences

- The sector employs approximately 7000 people in around 50 companies and institutions.
- Diagnostics, therapeutics and services are the main life sciences activities with a particular focus on One Health (zoonose, human biology, pharmacology), Oncology & Stem cells.

*"The planned Danone innovation center in Utrecht will create excellent opportunities for the growth of our business and employees", Danone head of R&D Sven Thormahlen says.*

*"We want to build a new innovation center for Specialised Nutrition for the 21st century in Utrecht Science Park. This is a reflection of the quality of the current teams and our desire to attract international talent.*

*"The proximity of Utrecht University and the network that co-founder Professor Jan G.J. van de Winkel has both in and outside of the university, is of substantial importance to us. Finding employees with the right background and education is easier in this region than in many others. Robert Knoester, Vice President Global HR at Genmab*

**Life Sciences education:** more than 9,500 students currently study life science disciplines. Utrecht University houses the only veterinary faculty in the Netherlands and the largest in Western Europe.

**Utrecht Science Park:** prominent center for higher education, scientific research, academic patient care and knowledge-intensive activities. ([www.utrechtsciencepark.nl/](http://www.utrechtsciencepark.nl/))

**Immuno Valley:** a consortium of renowned research institutes and life science companies working closely together to combat infectious diseases. ([www.immunovalley.nl](http://www.immunovalley.nl))

## About us:

**Invest Utrecht**, the foreign investment office of the province of Utrecht, is a one-stop shop for practical assistance and information services to help companies establish and maintain operations in Utrecht.

Our services include:

- Organisation of tailor-made fact finding trips
- Selection of real estate (insight, data on site selection issues, showing potential investment sites)
- Initial advice on available incentives, permit procedures, tax structures, legal and hr matters
- Introduction to potential regional partners and networks

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## The Province of Utrecht

Population: 1.2 Million  
Size: 524 square miles  
Major cities: Utrecht and Amersfoort  
Distance to Schiphol International Airport: 30 minutes

## Who's here?



## Research institutes

- University Medical Center Utrecht
- Wilhelmina Children's hospital
- National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)
- Netherlands Vaccine Institute (NVI)
- Hubrecht Institute for Developmental Biology and Stem Cell research
- TNO Life Sciences

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