

# Sustainability 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 most sustainable region in the Netherlands

According to the Rabobank monitor 2010, Utrecht is the most sustainable region of the Netherlands.

Many engineering and consultancy companies that specialize in sustainability found their home in the province of Utrecht, for instance Grontmij, DHV, Arcadis and Movares. Moreover, financial institutions and NGO's that specialize in sustainable actions are located here. Examples include the Triodos Bank (at the International Sustainable Banking Conference proclaimed as the world's most sustainable bank) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Also Ecofys, a key player in the field of sustainable energy, is located in Utrecht.

### Sustainability education:

At Utrecht University and the University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, great emphasis is placed on research and education in the field of sustainability.

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

All our services are free of charge and highly confidential.

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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

- Climate-Knowledge and Innovation Community (Climate-KIC)
- Utrecht Center for Earth and Sustainability (UCAD)
- Copernicus Institute for Sustainable Development and Innovation
- National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)



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