



Information Technology

The Netherlands



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**MOST CONNECTED
COUNTRY IN THE WORLD**

DHL Global Connectedness Index 2014

#1 in **EU**

**FOR OUTSTANDING
USE OF ICT**

*World Economic Forum Europe
2020 Competitiveness Report*

4th

Most Advanced

**ICT ECONOMY IN
THE WORLD**

World Economic Forum 2015

The Digital Gateway to Europe

Considered one of the most wired countries in the world, the Netherlands is Europe's hotspot for leading information and communications technology companies.

IT Leaders Choose Holland

Holland's state-of-the-art, 100% digital, advanced fiber-optic network and competitive fiscal climate support a strong community of startups and global IT companies. In fact, 60% of Forbes 2000 companies in the IT industry have already established operations in Holland.

Unparalleled Resources for IT Companies

With the highest broadband penetration per capita in the world—99% of all households—as well as one of the world's fastest average broadband speeds, Holland's IT infrastructure is one of the best on the planet. Plus, we have the largest cyber security cluster and one of the most advanced markets of data centers in Europe—not to mention world-class R&D facilities and logistics infrastructure—making the Netherlands a smart choice for any IT business operation.

DID YOU KNOW...

The Netherlands is home to the world's largest Internet exchange—AMS-IX.



Global IT company Cisco Systems opened its campus in Amsterdam in 2002 and now employs 1,000 people in the facility, which includes the European operations center, Dutch and pan-EMEA sales teams, customer advocacy, internal sales and other activities.

“*Thanks to the country's excellent technical infrastructure and the fact that the AMS-IX Internet hub is located here, it's also becoming the IT Delta of Europe.*”

Edwin Prinsen
Managing Director
Cisco Netherlands

A History of Innovation

Ranked No. 4 on the Global Innovation Index, the Netherlands has a rich history of innovation. In fact, the Dutch invented Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, the CD and the DVD.

Today, Holland's robust network of public-private partnerships, R&D ecosystems and education institutes ensure businesses have the resources they need to stay on the cutting edge of discovery.

DID YOU KNOW...

University of Twente's CTIT is the largest IT academic research institute in the Netherlands—and one of the largest in Europe.

A History of Innovation



DVD & CD

Developed by Philips in the Netherlands



WI-FI

Developed at TU Delft in the Netherlands



BLUETOOTH

Developed by Dutch engineer Jaap Hartsen



PYTHON

Developed by Dutch scientist Guido van Rossum

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Biggest IT research project in the Netherlands including 100 IT companies, users and universities

High Tech Campus Eindhoven

High Tech Center and R&D Ecosystem

100+

COMPANIES & INSTITUTIONS

10,000+

R&D STAFF & ENTREPRENEURS

Delft University of Technology

8 Facilities & Numerous Research Institutes

19,000+

STUDENTS

3,300+

SCIENTISTS ON STAFF



Since landing in the Netherlands in 1924, New York-based technology and computing corporation IBM has grown to employ approximately 4,000 people there—making its Dutch presence almost as old and well-established as the company itself.

“*The Dutch have a focus on innovation and highly educated resources, which allow them to conduct groundbreaking research.*”

Harry van Dorenmalen
Chairman
IBM Europe



How We Can Help

The Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA) stands ready to help companies big and small at every stage of establishing or expanding operations here.

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- Organizing fact-finding missions
- Arranging meetings with relevant partners
- Providing personalized guidance and counsel on tax, government and permit procedures
- Exploring location options and business solutions

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