



# *Life Sciences & Health*

The Netherlands



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**Euro Health**  
**CONSUMER INDEX**  
2015

 **#4**  
**WORLDWIDE**  
PATENT APPLICATIONS FOR  
**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY**

**€37**  **BILLION +**  
*In Total Medical Exports*

# A Hub for Life Sciences & Health Innovation

**Home to some 2,500 life sciences, medical technology companies and research organizations, the Netherlands has one of the most concentrated life science clusters in the world.**

## **Life Science Leaders Choose Holland**

Major multinationals like Merck (MSD), Amgen, Genmab, Astellas, GlaxoSmithKline and Medtronic choose the Netherlands for a multitude of operations, including R&D, headquarters, manufacturing and logistics. In fact, in the last three years, 17 major biotech deals involved Dutch companies.

## **Unmatched Business Advantages**

Holland's multilingual workforce, competitive tax support measures, pro-business climate and high-quality infrastructure for clinical research make it a strategic location for life sciences and health companies looking to expand in the European market.



### DID YOU KNOW...

*In Holland, you'll find 360 innovative life sciences companies clustered within a 120-mile radius.*



Global medical technology company, BD, first expanded its international presence in the Netherlands in 2012. Today, the company's Drachten location serves the global market as BD's Global Center of Excellence for Laboratory Automation, employing 275 to support manufacturing, marketing & sales and R&D operations.

*“We operate manufacturing, supply, R&D, sales, marketing and support activities all out of the Drachten facility while serving customers globally.”*

Steve Conly  
Global Business Leader  
Lab Automation  
BD

# Collaboration is in Our DNA

***In the Netherlands, it's not uncommon for science, industry and government to work together in public-private partnerships.***

In fact, some €2 billion is invested in R&D every year in the Netherlands. Add to that the resources of world-class health and research institutes, including 12 research universities and 82 hospitals—eight of which are university medical centers.

## ***World-Class Research and Education***

# 12

**RESEARCH  
UNIVERSITIES**

# 8

**UNIVERSITY  
MEDICAL CENTERS**

# #9

**Worldwide**  
IN PATENT APPLICATIONS  
FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY

Lygature  
Public-Private Healthcare  
Innovation

**200+** / **100**  
PARTNERS / PROJECTS

## **Chemelot InSciTe**

*Development, Production and Application*

**OF BIOMEDICAL  
MATERIALS**

## **Innovative Medical Devices Initiative (IMDI)**

*Collaboration of Researchers  
from a Variety of Disciplines  
all over the Netherlands*



With a presence in the Netherlands for more than half a century, Abbott now employs 2,500 across the Netherlands. The company's Zwolle branch houses finance, planning and customer service operations, while its Breda location serves as the logistical heart of Abbott's worldwide operations.

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*We also have access to well-trained, multilingual staff who can work very well in English...The country is politically stable, while the financial climate and the tax regime and customs facilities are all to our benefit.”*

Jolanda Cortlever  
General Manager,  
Zwolle & Breda Branches  
Abbott

## DID YOU KNOW...

*The Netherlands' contributions to medical technology date back to the invention of the microscope (1590) and the first functioning artificial kidney (1943).*



## 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.***

***Free, confidential services offered by NFIA include:***

- 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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