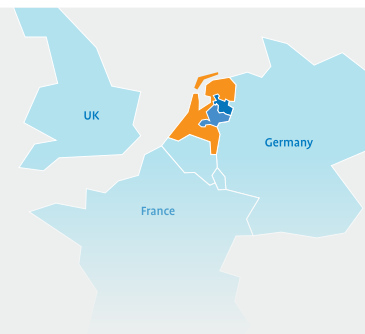




# Highly active in drug discovery & development

The Netherlands provides an unbeatable location for businesses in the pharmaceutical industry. The dynamic and thriving Dutch pharmaceutical sector is characterised by outstanding hubs and clusters linked by first-class physical and digital infrastructure. East Netherlands is home to many pharmaceutical-related companies and institutes. Together they form a complete value chain in the field of drug discovery and development.



## M Business climate

**Health Valley** is the largest network in the Netherlands that fosters and supports technological innovations in health care. Health Valley provides a unifying platform for universities, care institutions, companies and governmental authorities to exchange information and collaborate in setting up innovative projects.

The international Health Valley Event in March each year is the largest Health innovation congress in the Netherlands.

### Companies

Many of the players in the field of Drug Discovery and Development are active in our region such as Abbott, AstraZeneca, Avivia, BioMed Elements, Byondis, Check-Points, EMCM, Future Diagnostics, HCM Medical, Khondrion, MDxHealth, Medochemie, Memidis Pharma, PharmaCytics, QM Diagnostics, qPharmetra, SPL Medical, Symeres, Synthon, TropiQ Health Sciences, Vaxxinova.

**70** **Start-ups**  
Average new technology  
start-up companies  
every year

## Business support

Oost NL is in a strong position to help secure new markets for you in Europe, with the following partners:

**The Economic Board** a driver of innovation in the Arnhem/Nijmegen/Wageningen region encouraging & connecting economic activity & innovations in Food, Health, Energy & cross-overs.

**The World Trade Center Twente** supports the development of international trade and business opportunities in the region.

**Novel-T** supported by 2 universities, helps startups, scale-ups, innovative entrepreneurs and developments in the Twente region.

**Noviotech Campus** Open innovation between researchers and entrepreneurs in Health & High Tech.

**Mercator Launch** a pre-incubator for early phase entrepreneurship, supports all (PhD-)students, alumni and researchers in Nijmegen transform their business ideas into value-adding products or services.

## Open & innovative

Via joint research programs with the Universities of Wageningen (Food), Nijmegen (Health) and Twente (Tech) and top-class research institutes bring your innovation forward e.g. in medtech, rehabilitation, prevention, e-health and lab-on-a-chip.

### Radboud University & Medical Centers:

- Institute for Medical Innovation
- Institute for Molecular Life sciences
- Institute for Molecules & Materials
- Donders Center for Medical Neuroscience

### University of Twente & Research Centers:

- TechMed Centre leading innovation hub
- MESA+ Institute for nanotechnology
- Digital Society Institute

**OnePlanet Research Center**, a collaboration between imec, Universities Radboud, Wageningen and Radboudumc. Focus on the development of sustainable technologies for food, health & agriculture.

**5th** **Most innovative  
country in the world**  
GII 2022

## East Netherlands: a vibrant Health ecosystem

Only in East Netherlands you can find such a strong, vibrant representation of qualified Health business partners, technologies, talent and government support.

This ecosystem is boosted by a funding injection from the EU of €110 billion Euros, to help companies such as yours to succeed with Life Sciences & Health Europe.

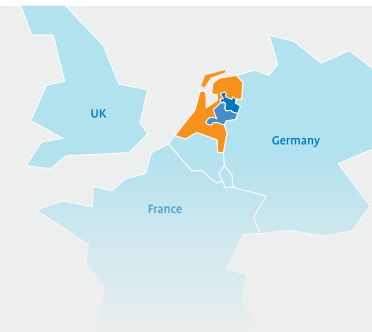
If your company is active in the Health value chain, East Netherlands is the place to be.

### Vaxxinova

*"The choice for Nijmegen and the East of Netherlands was obvious. Some of our collaboration partners are nearby. We have access to talent and expertise at the universities of Münster, Utrecht and Wageningen. The major airports are easily accessible by train and car. The quality of life in the East Netherlands is excellent, offering a safe living environment, excellent education and good housing at reasonable prices. The East Netherlands Development Agency (Oost NL), together with the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA) supported our establishment and expansions through introductions to their network."*



# Oost NL has successfully supported over **1,100** companies from all over the world



## Top talent

The region has leading entrepreneurial academic research centers: Wageningen University & Research (Food Research), Radboud University & Medical Center, Nijmegen (Life Sciences & Health) & University of Twente Enschede (Medtech & Technical Medicine). The Universities and Applied Sciences Institutes in the Netherlands strongly support relevant scientific studies that are closely linked to this growing market.

Number of students, East Netherlands

**49,300**

research university students

**93,800**

university of applied sciences students



**105,500**

students in vocational education

source: CBS, 2021/2022

Due to its position in Europe, the East Netherlands attracts many international students and researchers. Hosting three international schools, the region offers a quality setting for international talent workers and their families.



## Funding

Innovation in Life Sciences & Health is one of the funding priorities within the European Union (EU). These funds are also an important vehicle to connect our Life Sciences & Health ecosystem to other important hot spots in Europe. The EU has made significant investments in Life Sciences & Health in recent years.

**95.5 billion** budget for cooperation in R&D through EU Horizon 2021-2027 program



As a partner of the Dutch and EU governments, Oost NL is a qualified intermediary in helping you to access EU, national and regional funding.

**255 million** regional participation fund



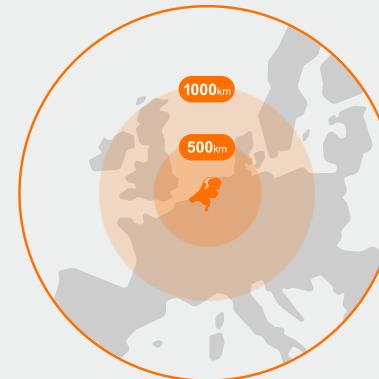
**100 million** innovation grants & incentives



## Market access

The Netherlands is a gateway to European markets, with an open market approach, business-friendly fiscal climate, and a multilingual workforce.

**95%** of Europe's most lucrative consumer markets are just **around the corner**



- 244 million consumers within 2-3 days by road
- 170 million consumers within 1-2 days by road



**6** International airports in 1.5 hour drive

## Oost NL - Your support for success in business

Oost NL is the economic development agency for East Netherlands.

### Invest in Holland

Oost NL works closely together with partners in the Invest In Holland network. Our main partner is the Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency.

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

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