Agri/food Logistics

The Netherlands is an agri-food powerhouse, world’s number 2 exporter of food products and home to world’s number 1 food and agriculture university in Wageningen. East Netherlands is home to a large variety of food production companies especially in the field of processed food, poultry, dairy, fruit, meat (replacers) and animal feed. Many potential customers combined with an excellent infrastructure create a perfect location for agri/food logistics companies.

Business climate

Multimodal accessibility by road, rail and water.

Foodvalley, number 1 knowledge-intensive food ecosystem in Europe.

Greenport Gelderland is one of the 7 greenports in the Netherlands.

Strong presence of companies in the poultry, dairy, fruit and animal feed sector. A vibrant plant-based protein cluster.

Greenfield locations available for XXL distribution centers on the Rhine-Alpine (A15/A12) and the Northsea-Baltic (A1) corridors in the logistics hubs in Tiel, Nijmegen, Emmerich-Monferland-Zevenaar.

Companies

The list of globally operating food companies in the region includes household names such as: Kraft Heinz, Unilever, Nestlé, Cargill, DSM, FrieslandCampina, Givaudan, Arla, Agrifirm, 2 Sisters Storteboom, Abbott, Bieze Food Group, Euroma, De Heus Animal Nutrition, Apetito, Europastry, ForFarmers and VanDrie Group. Food LSP’s: Müller Fresh Food Logistics, Nabuurs, HSF Logistics, H&S Group, Grolleman, AGRO Merchants Group, etc.

Business support

Foodvalley – the primary knowledge-intensive agrifood ecosystem in the Netherlands. It offers a platform of resources and opportunities to an (inter)national business network to accelerate innovation and market introduction.

Shared research facilities provides access to state-of-the-art facilities for scientists from industry, knowledge institutes and universities, such as test facilities for temperature-controlled transport.

Logistics Valley is a collaboration between government, education and entrepreneurs. This was set up to stimulate economic development along the Gelderland corridor by strengthening logistics activities.

Holland International Distribution Council (HIDC) represents and promotes the Dutch logistics industry.

Infrastructure

Synchronodal Transport

Directly connected to the Baltic and Alpine Rhine Corridor. The shortest connection between Rotterdam/Amsterdam and Germany, Poland, Baltics, Nordics, Austria, Suisse and Italy.

East Netherlands is readily accessible by water with 8 strategically located inland (containers) terminals, like CTT Hengelo and BCTN Nijmegen. Operational rail network with direct connection to (barge/container) terminals and logistic sites.

#1 Road connection NL - Germany

#1 TEU transport gateway to EU

14,3% NL TEU via East NL

75% of all railcargo between NL - Germany

6 International airports in 1.5 hour drive
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Top talent

Three research universities and five Universities of Applied Sciences educate multi-skilled talent for future challenges in agrifood and logistics.

Number of students, East Netherlands

- 43,000 research university students
- 85,000 university of applied sciences students
- 104,000 students in vocational education

source: CBS, 2018/2019

Wageningen University & Research - number 1 agrifood university in the world.
Aeres University of Applied Sciences and Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences are also active in the ‘green’ domain.
HAN University of Applied Sciences and Liemers College offer logistic education.

Due to its position in Europe, 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.

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.

- 80 billion budget for cooperation in R&D through EU Horizon 2020 program
- 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

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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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