

Where science and entrepreneurship come together

For the Netherlands, for Europe, for live

Key Region Leiden has the highest concentration of knowledge in the Netherlands, focused on eight Key enabling technologies. This is where science gets real meaning. Entrepreneurs, researchers, and educational institutions work together on solutions in **bio science, space tech & data** and **unmanned systems** (drone technology). *Science for life.*

The region has everything it needs to make an impact in Europe: cutting-edge technologies, strong triple helix collaborations, attractive municipalities to live and work in, a robust business climate, and an innovation-driven ecosystem.

Knowledge from top institutions flows directly into society. In this unique working environment, science transforms the world.



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#1
Biotech patents & drug production

26,000
Employees

2+ bln
Economic contribution

Top 5
Largest LSH Campus in NL, In Top 5 in Europe

27,000
Students, 666 Vocational, 12,000 Applied Sciences, 14,000 University



386 companies in total, including 92 start-ups:

- 133 LSH research and education institutes
- 240 Life Sciences & Health companies
- 53 ICT companies
- 49 Other tech companies
- 23 Other innovation domains
- 23 Innovation ecosystem organizations

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125+
Companies

4,000+
Employees

500+ mln
Economic contribution

230,000+
International visitors per year

ESA/ESTEC
Technical heart of ESA for 60 years

Top 5
Space cluster in Europe

Largest
Space cluster in NL

Campus growth
With ESA/ESTEC, province and municipality of Noordwijk

Galileo Reference Centre
Ensures the quality of the European Galileo navigation system

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UMV 24
Companies

160
High tech jobs

37+ mln
Economic contribution

Rapid growth
Exponential expansion in the drone industry in Europe

Largest
Unmanned systems campus in NL

Accelerating innovation in unique eco-system

Key Region Leiden is buzzing with energy. Of positivity and pioneering developments around key enabling technologies. Collaboration is key at all levels.

- Active efforts are made to strengthen the startup and scale-up climate, foster innovation, and encourage crossovers between knowledge clusters.
- Space to work is vital. Upgrading business parks to support thriving SMEs and a strong local economy is a priority.
- Entrepreneurs are supported through programs focused on digitization and innovation.

In addition, the region - home to 327,000 inhabitants - is a great place to live and work. It is centrally located near Amsterdam (Schiphol Airport), The Hague (the seat of the Dutch government), and Rotterdam (a major seaport), with culture, nature, beaches, and the sea just around the corner.