

# Netherlands Economic Mission to the United Kingdom

- Medical technology & digital health
- Innovative therapies

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## Foreword



It is my great pleasure to lead this economic mission to the United Kingdom, focused on the life sciences and health sector. The crucial role this sector plays in shaping the future prosperity of both the Netherlands and the United Kingdom only emphasises the importance of this mission.

The goal of this mission is to further strengthen our bilateral ties and cooperation, in order to create resilient business opportunities and foster stronger healthcare ecosystems. By bringing together companies from both countries, we aim to address shared challenges in the life sciences and health sector.

In the field of medical technologies and digital healthcare, we face challenges such as labour shortages, long waiting lists, and limited digital infrastructure. Innovative companies in both the Netherlands and the United Kingdom can help improve efficiency by developing cutting-edge digital solutions, reducing costs, and saving time, while boosting the earning capacity of our economies.

In the realm of innovative therapies, both countries are at the forefront of advanced diagnostics and treatment methods and are facing similar challenges towards upscaling and large scale production. This mission offers an excellent opportunity to forge new partnerships with our British counterparts.

The government of the Netherlands takes pride in the commitment of the Dutch businesses to innovation. An attribute which is well-reflected in the companies participating in this mission. For all participants, this mission provides an outstanding opportunity to exchange ideas and create valuable connections, contributing to the growth and resilience of our countries.

I look forward to an inspiring and successful mission.

**Reinette Klever**

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## Foreword



It is a great honour to lead the Dutch business delegation on this trade mission to the United Kingdom.

The Netherlands has long-standing trade relations with the United Kingdom, being one of the Top-5 trading partners. This robust relationship continues to thrive. The like-mindedness of the British and Dutch business communities provides a fertile starting point for collaborating. Both countries share a strong commitment to healthcare and innovation, making them ideal partners for collaboration on key areas such as medical technology, digital healthcare, and innovative therapies.

Our joint focus on healthcare innovation opens up significant opportunities for further strengthening our ties, especially in the development of medical technologies that enhance efficiency and save costs. Innovative therapies represent a rapidly growing field of biomedical research, technology, and patient care. The Netherlands boasts a well-developed ecosystem for the development of these therapies and plays a significant role in scientific research. Similarly, the United Kingdom is heavily investing in this field, with consortia for research and innovation akin to those in the Netherlands.

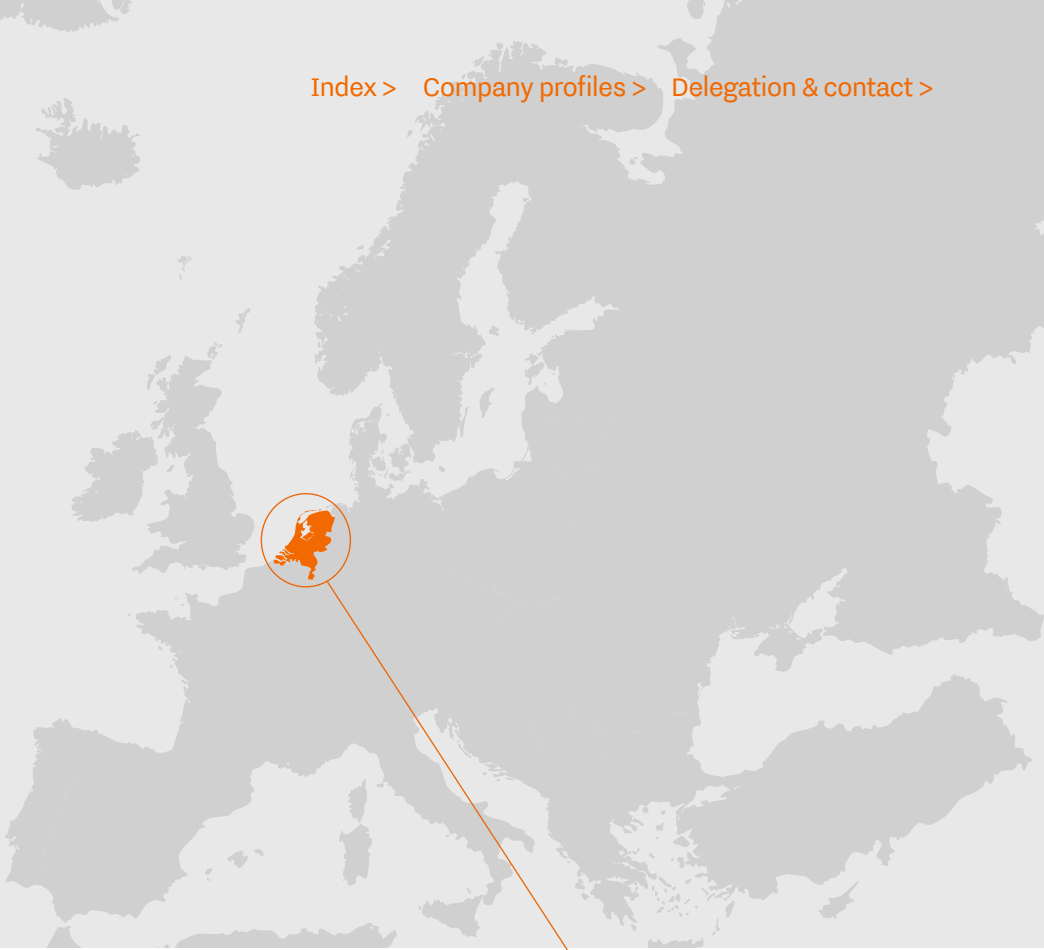
In the face of current geopolitical tensions and developments, it is more crucial than ever for our businesses to collaborate, stand resilient and support each other in overcoming obstacles. Let the obstacles inspire new advancements and innovative ideas. This mission provides the perfect opportunity to get to know each other even better and to give our bilateral relationship a further boost.

I look forward to working with you to make this mission a success. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you all an inspiring and productive mission.

**Ingrid Thijssen**

*President VNO-NCW*



## Map of the Netherlands

### Locations

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Amsterdam<br>(and Airport Schiphol) | 9. Haarlem     |
| 2. Arnhem                              | 10. The Hague  |
| 3. Assen                               | 11. Leeuwarden |
| 4. Breda                               | 12. Lelystad   |
| 5. 's Hertogenbosch                    | 13. Maastricht |
| 6. Eindhoven                           | 14. Middelburg |
| 7. Enschede                            | 15. Rotterdam  |
| 8. Groningen                           | 16. Utrecht    |
|  | 17. Zwolle     |



# Introducing the Netherlands

## How do the Dutch make a difference?

Through their interactive approach, to finding innovative solutions to the big challenges facing the world today. The Dutch way of thinking and working has been shaped by centuries of living in the low-lying delta of the Netherlands. Through the ages, the Dutch have joined forces to find ingenious ways to tackle challenges like water, urbanisation, energy, food, health and security. By being inventive, pragmatic and open to new challenges, the Dutch have created a flourishing and resilient land.

The Netherlands is a constantly evolving ecosystem of cities, industry, agriculture and nature, all integrated through smart infrastructure. It is a source of knowledge and experience that the Dutch are keen to share with others. Learning from the past to create a better future. Together, seeking sustainable solutions for the most liveable world.



## Worldwide ranking

# 1st

Largest flower exporter  
(Source: OEC, 2022)

# 4th

Largest exporter of goods in the world, 934,57 billion US dollars  
(Source: Statista, 2023)

# 7th

on the Global Innovation Index  
(Source: WIPO, 2023)

# 3rd

Largest exporter of agricultural products in the world  
(Source: WUR/CBS, 2023)

# 4th

Leading economy worldwide by Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inward stock, 2,86 trillion US dollars  
(Source: Statista, 2023)

# 9th

on the World Competitiveness Ranking  
(Source: International Institute for Management Development, 2024)

# 4th

Largest importer of goods in the world, 842.05 billion US dollars  
(Source: Statista, 2023)

# 6th

Greatest place to live  
(Source: World Happiness Report, 2024)



## Facts & Figures

Official name:  
Kingdom of the  
Netherlands

Capital:  
Amsterdam

Seat of government:  
The Hague

Form of government:  
Parliamentary  
democracy (cabinet  
of Prime Minister  
and Ministers) within  
a constitutional  
monarchy

Head of State:  
His Majesty King  
Willem-Alexander,  
King of the  
Netherlands, Prince  
of Orange-Nassau

Location:  
Western Europe,  
bordering Germany,  
Belgium and the  
North Sea

Administrative structure:  
The kingdom consists of four entities.  
The Netherlands and three territories in the  
Caribbean: Aruba and Curaçao and St. Maarten

Special municipalities:  
The overseas islands of Bonaire, Saba and  
St. Eustatius, all three of which are located in the  
Caribbean

Surface area:  
**41,543 km<sup>2</sup>**

Number of inhabitants (2024):  
**18 million**

Monetary Unit:  
**Euro**

Languages:  
Dutch, Frisian and on the  
overseas islands also  
English and Papiamentu

GDP per capita  
(World Bank, 2024):  
**57,800** US dollars

Number of provinces:  
**12**

Number of inhabitants  
per km<sup>2</sup> (2024):  
**533**

Unemployment rate  
(CBS, 2024):  
**3.7%**

English speaking Dutch  
people:  
**90%**



## United Kingdom and the Netherlands

### Partnering up to lead health innovation

As North Sea neighbours, the Netherlands and the UK share a significant relationship spanning centuries of trade and investment, and the exchange of knowledge in innovative technologies. Our interests in ensuring sustainable economic growth are closely entwined. This mission aims to consolidate this momentum, bringing together businesses from both sides of the Channel as well as knowledge institutes and local and national governments.

The UK and the Netherlands both share long-term ambitions to solve some of the world's most pressing challenges. With forward-looking dedicated strategies in place in both countries, we can work together to further advance medical technologies, digital health and innovative therapies.

### Collaborating in Life Sciences and Health

The UK stands at the forefront of the Life Sciences and Health sector, having one of the most advanced healthcare and biomedical research ecosystems in the world. As a global hub for medical innovation, the UK prioritises innovative developments in medical technology, digital healthcare, and innovative therapies. With a dedicated national strategy and support through government funding, the UK is addressing critical healthcare challenges such as workforce shortages and ageing populations. These priorities drive investments in transformative solutions, including medical robotics, medical imaging and monitoring, and regenerative medicine.

The Dutch advantage lies in our reputation as a trusted partner in innovation, known for delivering quality and reliability across sectors like healthcare. We are deeply invested in collaborative innovation, fostering flexible, cross-border networks that unite industry, academia, and government to address global challenges with tailored, cutting-edge solutions. With strong expertise in high-tech



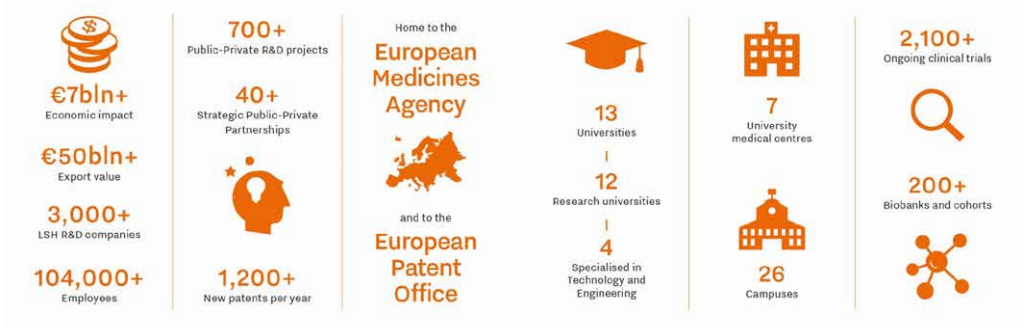
fields, Dutch companies and research institutes are at the forefront of developing advanced medical technologies. Our holistic approach as a partner ensures that economic growth is pursued alongside social equity, benefiting all layers of society.

This mission brings together innovative start-ups, scale-ups and knowledge institutions from both the Netherlands and the UK to form new partnerships. The programme will focus on two key themes that align with each nation's healthcare priorities:

- Medical technology, digital healthcare, and diagnostics to make healthcare delivery more efficient, better connect patients and stakeholders and offer more personalised and precise care.
- Innovative therapies, such as regenerative medicine, cell therapy and gene therapy, molecular vaccines and therapy, and model systems such as organ-on-a-chip and organoids. The focus will be on opportunities and challenges in translating and applying research, and further scaling up to production of innovative therapies.

Let's partner up to lead health innovation!

## Key figures of the Dutch Life Sciences & Health sector

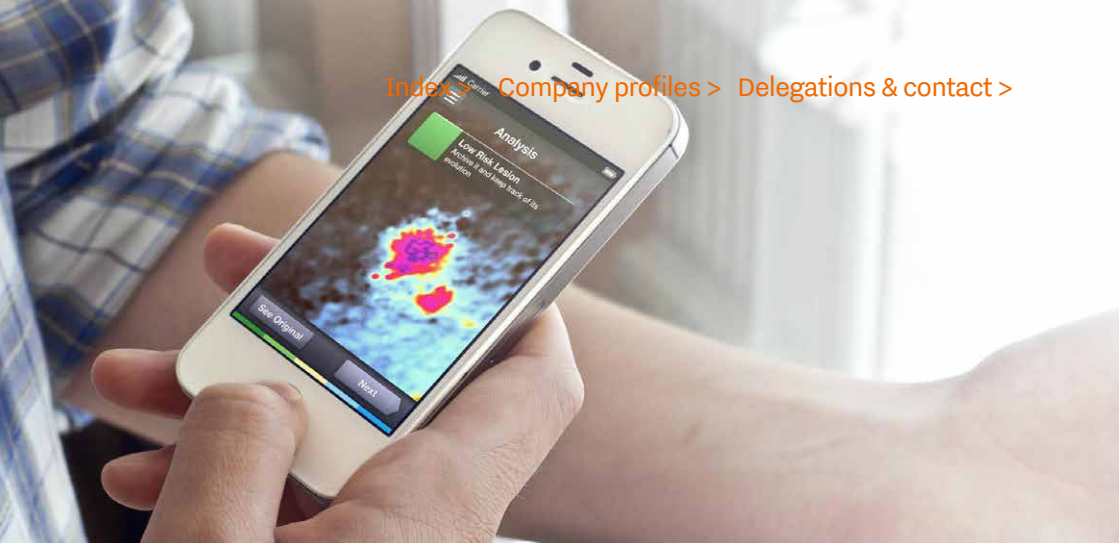


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BASTION365 is a leading provider of cloud solutions, dedicated to revolutionising how medical information is securely shared among healthcare providers and patients. Focused on usability, security and affordability, BASTION365 enables efficient, seamless communication across healthcare networks, enhancing patient care and collaboration among medical professionals.

The company's latest product, Bastion Imagine, is a cost-effective solution designed for sharing medical images, such as X-rays, MRIs, CT scans, and medical photography, both within organisations and between healthcare providers. Built on open standards, Bastion Imagine ensures interoperability, enabling it to integrate smoothly with existing systems across diverse medical facilities. This flexibility allows healthcare providers to improve diagnostics and accelerate treatment planning, ultimately enhancing patient outcomes without the burden of high costs.

Bastion Imagine prioritises data security and regulatory compliance, ensuring sensitive patient information is always protected. Its cloud-based platform offers accessibility and ease of use, enabling medical professionals and patients to access vital information anytime, anywhere, with confidence in the privacy of their data.



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Headquartered in the Netherlands, BASTION365 is committed to advancing digital healthcare solutions, providing the medical field with innovative, secure, and cost-efficient tools to drive quality patient care forward.

BelevenisTafel

SovaCare  
Experience Table



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## BelevenisTafel

### SovaCare ExperienceTable

SovaCare UK, part of the Dutch-founded Onwijs BelevenisTafel, pioneers multitouch technology designed to enhance the care of vulnerable individuals. Our goal is to make modern, interactive solutions accessible and impactful in healthcare settings.

The SovaCare ExperienceTable is an essential tool in care homes and hospitals, crafted to support older adults and those living with dementia. By encouraging sensory engagement and cognitive stimulation, it helps promote wellbeing, improve mood, and support mental acuity. The table's intuitive software is packed with activities that foster social interaction, joint participation, and fine motor skills.

Developed with input from healthcare experts, SovaCare's unique applications blend entertainment with therapy, supporting speech exercises, eye-hand coordination, physiotherapy, and music therapy. These activities can enhance reminiscence and communication while stimulating the mind and body.

Rather than replacing human connection, the SovaCare ExperienceTable complements and enriches it, adding value to the daily lives of both care recipients and providers. Our aim is to create meaningful interactions and therapeutic benefits that integrate seamlessly into care routines, making every day more engaging and supportive.



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Demcon life sciences & health is a high-tech engineering firm that harnesses the power of innovation and technology to transform healthcare. The company excels in developing complex, advanced technologies that push the boundaries of what is possible, achieving breakthroughs that save and improve lives.

Specialising in custom-made solutions, Demcon turns the visionary ideas of startups and OEMs into practical, tangible outcomes. By combining deep technical expertise with a relentless commitment to innovation, Demcon empowers clients to overcome today's challenges and bring their visions to life. Understanding the critical need for rapid market introduction, the Demcon guarantees that clients' complex issues are resolved by a team of more than 1,100 professionals.

With multidisciplinary teams of highly skilled engineers, Demcon leverages its international experience and deep sector expertise to deliver state-of-the-art solutions that meet and exceed market demands.

Demcon life sciences & health stands out for its dedication to sustainability, quality, and reliability. Our approach is not just about delivering technology; it's about shared responsibility, co-creation, and ensuring swift, effective results that advance global healthcare.



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Elitac BalanceBelt is a Dutch company which markets BalanceBelt, a unique wearable solution helping people with balance disorders regain their independence and mobility.

BalanceBelt is an innovative, patented substitute to the existing unsustainable and ineffective treatment solutions for severe balance disorders.

We aim to improve daily lives of people with balance problems offering a treatment solution helping the wearer move around confidently and independently.



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## Gyromotics Prosthetics

Gyromotics makes custom-made, high-performance prosthetic feet and services with the prosthetic user at the centre of everything they do.

Every human body is different and is constantly changing. Traditional prosthetic feet however are fixed and don't change with you. Because of that, users often feel discomfort and need frequent adjustments to the socket or alignment. For children this also means they frequently outgrow their prostheses. Constantly needing new prosthetics isn't just frustrating — it's also expensive and time-consuming.

### [gyromotics | nova](#)

In the summer of 2024, Gyromotics has officially launched nova: the first prosthetic foot for children that grows with the user. This innovation offers a sustainable solution, giving both prosthetists and prosthetic users several benefits, including:

- Easy to repair and test different stiffnesses and specifications.
- Built to last: designed specifically for long-term use without sacrificing functionality.
- Stability and comfort with every step on all terrains.
- Optimal energy return = enhanced performance.
- Easily adjustable to fit various conditions and lifestyles.
- Waterproof. Even in salty and chlorinated water.

Gyromotics develops an advanced version for adults with a moving ankle. It can be placed in multiple positions and adjusted for shoes with different heel heights. This will allow an even wider range of activities.



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Healthplus.ai is a growing AI and Healthtech startup based in Amsterdam. We enable proactief surgery care management.

Our first product, PERISCOPE, is a CE-certified AI-system that predict the risk of a bacterial infection after surgery for each individual patient. A problem that hits 15% of all patients after their surgery.

PERISCOPE re-uses existing data form the EHR and is fully integrated in the EHR workflow. It reduces admin time for nurses, allows for safer discharge and the selection of high-risk patients. Get to a diagnosis earlier and reduce readmission rates, length of stay and the impact of infections.



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We provide capital solutions for companies and investment funds whose international activities contribute to realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For governments in emerging economies, we make funds accessible for infrastructure projects. We also provide project development capacity. In combining these, we support projects at every stage of their maturity making use of all funding sources at our disposal.



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Massyst is the innovative solution provider for Medication Adherence Support Solutions with its roots in Telemedicine and E-Health.

At Massyst, we're transforming medication management across multiple areas of healthcare. Whether it's clinical trials, patient support, informal caregiver support, or care management by homecare, elderly homes and hospitals our connected medication dispenser(s) helps improve adherence while providing valuable data for better decision-making, and a proven reduction of time for healthcare professionals and organizations.

### PicoCare

Our first product is the Pico and the PicoCare platform for Medication Rolls and also for not prepackaged medication. The Pico is a lowcost Wifi connected dispenser with native IOS/Android and web app and also affordable for the private user with a polypharmacy medication regime.

Massyst supports pharmaceutical care with accessible digital tools and information, customer interaction and relevant data insights. Together we make healthcare cheaper.



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## Rabobank

Founded in 1898, Rabobank Group is a global financial services leader, operating in 37 countries. Building on their mission 'Growing a Better World Together,' it is Rabobank's ambition to strengthen their leading position in the Netherlands, to be the preferred Food & Agri bank worldwide, and to be the global market leader in vendor finance. Moreover, the strategy is defined by being a Better Bank through excellent customer focus, being rock-solid with empowered employees and their distinctive identity as meaningful cooperative. From this foundation, Rabobank aims to help their customers to shape a Better World within sustainable boundaries.

Rabobank is proud to be part of this trade mission, fostering stronger economic ties and collaborative opportunities between the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. As a leading financial institution with global presence, Rabobank is dedicated to supporting growth and innovation in the LSH sector.

The Rabobank International Desk brings local expertise and network in international trade and finance to Dutch companies, from start-ups to large corporates, starting or expanding abroad. They are committed to provide tailored financial solutions and connections that meet the unique needs of their clients, helping them navigate the complexities of global markets and achieve their business objectives.



## ResearchManager

At The ResearchManager Company, we are on a mission! Our mission is to accelerate innovation through the digitalisation of clinical research, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live long and age healthily!



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That's why we aim for at least 50 million people to have participated in studies facilitated by The ResearchManager Company's tools by 2034. We want to achieve this with our Clinical Research Suite, an online software platform that provides tools for solutions at every stage of the research process.



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Our Clinical Research Suite consist of Clinical Data Management, which supports researchers in collecting, managing and sharing clinical data with e.g. EDC, eCRF, and online questionnaires, and Clinical Operations, which supports in the management and execution of clinical trials by providing workflows for various processes, milestone planning, and document management.



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## Surgical Reality

Surgical Reality (formerly MedicalVR) is a 3D medical visualisation platform designed to enhance surgical planning and execution for lung and aorta surgeries.

Our plug-and-play software solution enables users to simply click on a CT scan, and within 10 minutes, a complete 3D reconstruction is created locally on the hospital's secure IT environment. This approach eliminates the need for exporting sensitive data to external cloud services, keeping patient data safe and secure.

Scientific studies demonstrate that surgeons using Surgical Reality improve their surgical plans by over 50% compared to traditional CT scan preparation. This first-time-right approach leads to safer surgeries and greater efficiency in the operating room.

To date, more than 300 surgeries have been successfully supported by our technology in leading hospitals across the Netherlands and the United States.

Surgical Reality is certified to ISO 13485 and ISO 27001 standards. CE, MDR, and UKCA certifications are anticipated in Q1 2025.

We aim to gain a deep understanding of the UK healthcare market, connecting with distributors, hospitals, and healthcare professionals who can help us navigate and succeed in this unique environment.



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Thaumatec is a HealthTech software house that leverages IoT and AI to develop innovative solutions improving health in prevention, cure, and rehabilitation. We provide end-to-end software services, from chip to cloud, supporting advancements in physical, mental, social, and environmental health.

Our chip-to-cloud solutions covers all product development stages, with deep expertise in embedded software, connectivity, IoT cloud platforms, and AI. Our team excels in software, hardware and firmware prototyping, QA, security, IoT solutions, full-stack development, AI consulting, machine learning, and data visualisation.

With broad international experience, Thaumatec has successfully delivered innovative projects within MedTech and HealthTech industry, from startups to multinationals in tech hubs like Silicon Valley and the EU. We are ISO certified, including ISO 13485 for medical devices, demonstrating our commitment to regulatory standards and high-quality, reliable medical technology solutions.

At Thaumatec, we are dedicated to driving HealthTech innovation and empowering companies to deliver solutions that make a real impact on people's lives.



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TNO; Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research, is an independent Dutch research organisation based in Netherlands focused on research in applied science. Targeted innovation is what we stand for. We develop knowledge not for its own sake, but for practical application in day to day life and for future innovations which can improve the quality of living.

For this, we collaborate with partners from industry, academia, regulators, OEMs and other stakeholders. Projects can be initiated on the basis of fee for service (contract research), public-private partnerships, consulting services and EU projects.

The future of healthcare is digital, patient-centric and focused on prevention. Digital solutions can ensure better patient outcomes, empower individuals to take control of their own health, and unburden the healthcare system. TNO applies our expertise, technology and data to develop the solutions that will contribute to better health, lower costs and more targeted research.



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The Wittenburg Group is a family-owned business with over 100 years of experience. It is a global expert in plastics and thermoplastic elastomer compounds for highly regulated niche markets. The group, consisting of 3 companies, has ambitious sustainability targets to help solve the shared challenges for the plastic industry.

With production facilities in the Netherlands and China Wittenburg is a global supplier of high-end semi-finished products for the food contact, healthcare and biopharma industry. The company has a strong track record in delivering custom made solutions targeting unmet needs of specific customers and/or the healthcare industry. Extensive know-how and the ability to combine many, often contradictory, properties into one material creates value for the customers by allowing simplified design which in return reduces time to market, improves reliability and minimizes production costs.

The medical compounds, sold under the brand name Cawiton®, are used in pharmaceutical applications and medical devices for diagnostics and treatments such as infusion bags, tubes, stoppers, closures and packaging. Recently, Wittenburg has developed a technology platform for cell & gene therapy applications as well as for degradable and resorbable applications like sutures, meshes and bone implants.

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## Sector program 2

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BOM is a public company that builds bridges between entrepreneurs, knowledge institutes, and the authorities. We have no commercial interests, and our independent position opens doors that often stay closed to commercial ventures. In that manner we encourage cooperation and bring people and resources together. BOM will often supply capital using the funds that we manage and the financial opportunities that arise from our networks. Through our venture building programs we ensure that startups grow consistently. That's because when BOM is on board confidence is raised, which can only benefit the acquiring of further capital and the growth of your company.



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FAST connects stakeholders who are actively involved in the process of innovative therapy development, such as researchers, patients, entrepreneurs, science parks and regulatory authorities.



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The mission of hDMT, the Institute for human organ and Disease Model Technologies, is to develop and qualify cell culture models that mimic healthy and diseased human tissues based on Organ-on-Chip technology, and to facilitate their valorization and implementation.

hDMT coordinates a consortium consisting of 17 partner organizations, including (technical) universities, university medical centers and knowledge institutes. We bring researchers from different disciplines together, varying from technologists and biologists to pharmacologists and clinicians, from both academic and industry backgrounds.



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Currently, hDMT is establishing hDMT INFRA: a unique infrastructure framework embedding a range of 'Service Centres of Expertise (SCE)' located at different partners. Each SCE offers specific expertise, aimed at making Organ-on-Chip models ready for end-user implementation. SCEs may offer services focused on model/chip design, cell selection and production, access to production facilities, research services such as model qualification, and training.

hDMT is coordinator of the NXTGEN Hightech Biomed One-Stop-Shop project. The aim of the One-Stop-Shop is to improve the valorization of cutting-edge biomedical innovations in the field of Lab-on-Chip, Organ-on-Chip, Artificial Organs and Cell Production Technologies. The Biomed ecosystem of 60+ partners, being developers, suppliers, and end-users, who are creating an innovation pipeline to enable the scalable production of biomedical devices.



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ICAT, located near the Regenerative Medicine Center Utrecht (RMCU) and UMC Utrecht, offers three specialized facilities: Biofabrication Innovation Facility, GMP Simulation Facility (Pre-GMP) and GMP Production Facility. These facilities provide a comprehensive platform for the innovation, simulation, standardization, and validation of advanced therapies, ensuring smooth transition to clinical testing in compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP). ICAT is committed to maintaining the highest standards of quality, safety, and efficacy to bring therapies from the bench to the bedside.



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LUMC has at its heart research, education and patient care with a high quality profile and a strong scientific orientation, ranging from fundamental bio-medical research to applied clinical research. Our focus lies on medical innovation and we are committed to the advancement of health care, driven by the mission to translate science into clinical application.



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LUMC experts conduct research across the entire chain of Regenerative Medicine and Cell and Gene Therapies, - from single-cell-research to complex tissue models, from AI and biotech innovations to clinical trials - and has created a robust and extensive infrastructure for advanced therapy medicinal product (ATMP) development and application, including GMP-facilities and expertise-center for Cell and Gene Therapy (CCG). CCG fosters the development and manufacturing of ATMPs and offers expertise in translational development and the regulation involved. Thus, over 20 different ATMPs have been brought from bench to bedside in clinical studies ranging from phase I to III.

The synergy between LUMC, Leiden University, the Leiden Bio Science Park, and proximity to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) creates unparalleled opportunities for groundbreaking medical advancements.



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### NecstGen offers:

- Full contract manufacturing services for Cell Therapy and Viral Vector development and manufacturing
- Process design, scale-up, optimisation, and automation for Cell Therapy and Viral Vector
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Together, we believe preclinical drug discovery and therapy development can be accelerated and de-risked using an innovative combination of well-defined patient cohorts, organoid models, and artificial intelligence platforms. To make optimal use of our preclinical development infrastructure, we utilize four preclinical development pipelines, focusing on the development of the four most prominent types of cancer therapies:

- small molecules
- biologics
- cell and gene therapy
- therapeutic vaccines

In order to fast-track development of de-risked clinical candidates and validate our innovative approach, we invite academics, biopharma, and start-ups to propose Demonstrator Projects for different stages of the development pipelines of our four workstreams.



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We harness the expertise of leading scientists, health foundations, and industry to develop groundbreaking regenerative medicine solutions that can truly enhance the lives of patients. The needs and experiences of patients with chronic diseases serve as our guiding principles in all aspects of our work.

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The temperature-controlled hardware enclosure features an unique, volume-expandable, rocking platform, ensuring an optimal, low-shear culture environment. The system is versatile, accommodating both adherent cells (e.g. human mesenchymal stromal cells) or suspension cells (e.g. T-cells) with the same system configuration.

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With a clear vision for a healthier future, we strategically invest in a wide range of top disciplines, from pharmaceuticals and medical technology to healthcare infrastructure, vaccine research, eHealth, and data analysis. Our goal is to stimulate groundbreaking scientific discoveries and technological innovations that not only transform healthcare and the LSH sector but also contribute to sustainable and structural economic growth.

Health~Holland leverages the power of collaboration to accelerate innovations and address societal challenges, helping to transform health and care. We unite scientists, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and citizens in a dynamic ecosystem where ideas can thrive and technologies can be quickly brought to market. We ensure that knowledge and resources are shared effectively, creating collaborations that enhance the impact of investments. Through public-private partnerships and collaborative efforts, we promote the development of innovative concepts, products, and services, and ensure their valorization and practical application.



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Additionally, Utrecht hosts the Netherlands Heart Institute, a collaborative network of seven academic cardiology departments, driving advancements in heart disease research and treatment. Through its involvement in the economic mission to the United Kingdom, UMC Utrecht seeks to foster international collaborations, especially in regenerative medicine and biomedical technologies, to accelerate innovation and improve patient outcomes across borders.

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With production facilities in the Netherlands and China Wittenburg is a global supplier of high-end semi-finished products for the food contact, healthcare and biopharma industry. The company has a strong track record in delivering custom made solutions targeting unmet needs of specific customers and/or the healthcare industry. Extensive know-how and the ability to combine many, often contradictory, properties into one material creates value for the customers by allowing simplified design which in return reduces time to market, improves reliability and minimizes production costs.

The medical compounds, sold under the brand name Cawiton®, are used in pharmaceutical applications and medical devices for diagnostics and treatments such as infusion bags, tubes, stoppers, closures and packaging. Recently, Wittenburg has developed a technology platform for cell & gene therapy applications as well as for degradable and resorbable applications like sutures, meshes and bone implants.



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