

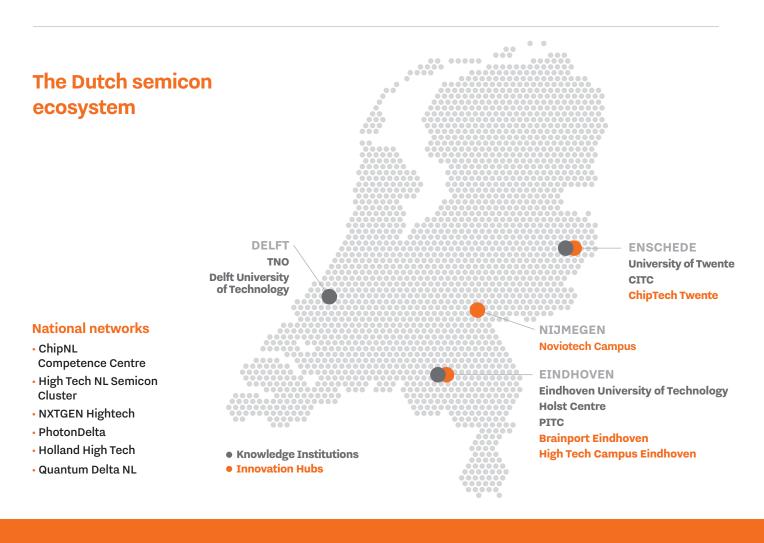
**Meet the Netherlands** 

# Pioneering the Semicon Frontier

Your guide to the Dutch semicon ecosystem

#### Where the world looks for semicon innovation

The Netherlands' strength as a silicon powerhouse is no accident. For decades, companies in the region pushed the boundaries of microchip technology. They paved the way for today's Dutch semiconductor ecosystem – renowned for its ingenuity, engineering prowess and vital role in a global industry that powers our modern society. Home to the world's biggest supplier for semicon manufacturing equipment and several more industry pioneers, the Netherlands is known for its open, collaborative model. It's a place where innovators converge to operate at the forefront of mixed signal chip design, advanced packaging and advanced semicon equipment.



#### **Major industry players**

ASML NXP ASM Besi Axelera Nearfield Instruments

Areas of opportunity



Research & development



Chip design



Manufacturing equipment & metrology





## Fast facts

Top 10

most innovative country in the world Global Innovation Index, 1.3

countries worldwide with a complete semicon value chain **85**%

of all chips globally are made with Dutch equipment

300+

companies in semicon ecosystem

50k+

experts working in semicon industry

**€**30+

billion

generated by sector annually

**€2.5** 

billio

public investment to fuel Dutch semicon growth

Project Beethoven, 2024-2030

## **Collaborative innovation ecosystem**

At the core of Dutch success in the semicon sector is a unique approach called the triple helix. Industry, knowledge institutions and government work together in a robust public-private ecosystem that pushes continuous innovation. This ecosystem is backed by financial incentives and billions in public investment to fuel high-tech R&D, manufacturing and global cooperation. The shared mission: faster, safer, more sustainable chips for the world to use.

# The Dutch advantage



Innovation-friendly policies



World-class infrastructure



Multilingual, skilled workforce



Strategic location



Cutting-edge research



End-to-end value chain



Strong industry clusters

# Start your journey with the Invest in Holland Network

Whether you're an executive at a multinational or a founder of a fast-growing scale-up, the journey to international expansion comes with a long list of considerations. The Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency (NFIA), an operational unit of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, is here to help. We provide:



Free, customized information on doing business in the Netherlands



**Practical solutions** for all stages of the expansion process



**Personalized support** from industry specialists



Powerful connections
with the nationwide
Invest in Holland network

### **Experience the difference**

It's one thing to do business in a new location. It's another thing to love where you live and work. The Dutch are some of the happiest people in the world, with 90% of them speaking English. Work-life balance is ingrained into the culture. And the Netherlands' elevated way of life is wide-open to global talent, thanks to 13 expat centers and plenty of international schools.

