10 Reasons Why West Holland is the Hotspot for Sustainable Energy

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invest & innovate in West Holland

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In the field of sustainable energy, few locations in the world have the same advantages as West Holland. Thanks to a mindset that drives innovation and forward thinking, an environmentally conscious population and progressive policies, the Netherlands has become a leader in the field of Sustainable Energy. Wind energy, solar energy and mobility are particularly advanced. Your company could benefit from the world class research, leading companies and innovative startups that have emerged. We hereby present 10 reasons to invest in West Holland.

1. **WIND ENERGY**
   Construction of 5 offshore wind parks - capacity of 4,500 MW
   - Most efficient wind park in the world
     (by Dong Energy)
   - World leading in installment of offshore wind parks
     (van Oord, IHC, Heerema, Boskalis)

2. **SOLAR ENERGY**
   Exponential growth in solar panel market
   - Annual growth in the Netherlands: 50%
     - ABC Westland
     - TU Delft
     - 16,000 solar panels
     - Nuna car #1 at Solar Challenge for 6 consecutive years

3. **MOBILITY**
   Extensive infrastructure for electric cars
   - New developments in the field of sustainable mobility
     - Hydrogen vehicles
     - Autonomous transport
     - Zero emission transport
     - Dutch-INCERT

4. **WORLD CLASS KNOWLEDGE**
   - Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) – Research on Future Energy Systems
     - World leading in: Wind Energy, Sustainable Industry, Smart Grids
     - 900 energy researchers affiliated with Delft Energy Initiative
   - Moving@Rotterdam – Research Centre for Sustainable Port Cities
   - TNO – Research on: Smart Grids, Strategic Energy Planning
**ACCESS TO TALENT**
Delft University of Technology, MSc Sustainable Energy

Courses in:
- Electrical Sustainable Energy
- Electricity & Hydrogen Storage
- Biomass Energy
- Solar Energy
- Wind Energy
- Fuel Cells
- Smart Energy Products
- Zero Energy Architecture

**LOCATIONS & FACILITIES**

**TESTING AND PILOTING**

- The Green Village
- Dutch Windwheel
- TU Delft Wind Tunnels
- Rotterdam RDM Campus
- Rotterdam Mobility Lab
- The Hague Impact City

**ESTABLISH YOUR COMPANY**

Top notch office locations
Several locations provide possibilities for manufacturing, production and/or testing.

1. **Delft**: TU Delft Science Park (Technopolis), YES!Delft, Buccaneer
2. **Rotterdam**: Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC Rotterdam), Erasmus Center for Entrepreneurship (ECE), RDM Campus
3. **The Hague**: New World Campus
4. **Dordrecht**: Duurzaamheidsfabriek (Sustainability Factory)

**KEY INGREDIENTS FOR GROWTH**

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**TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE ENERGY**

National Target:
**100% renewable energy in the Netherlands in 2050**

**CAPITAL & NETWORKS**

- InnovationQuarter and UNIIQ (risk capital and proof-of-concept funding)
- InnovationQuarter provides access to a network of potential investors
- Corporates as a co-investor and launching customer
- Events for startup funding: Cleantech Summit, Get in the Ring, Meet the VC, Money Meets Ideas, KIC InnoEnergy

**LEADING COMPANIES**

- SIEMENS
- Eneco
- IMC energy
- DONG energy
- Enerkem
- Zondalize
- Eel PEEKS
- Ampy power
- Solar Monkey
- Eternal Sun
InnovationQuarter is the Economic Development Agency for the West Holland region in the Netherlands. We provide free assistance and advice to international companies looking to locate in West Holland. In addition, we facilitate co-operation between companies, academic institutions and government. Moreover, InnovationQuarter funds innovative and fast-growing businesses in the region.

**Gateway to Europe**
Committed to strengthening its strong position in the sustainable energy industry, the Netherlands offers world-class R&D facilities and outstanding incentive programs that support and stimulate energy innovation. These incentives promote corporate use of renewable energy sources and have resulted in a top position for the Netherlands in sustainable energy. This makes the Netherlands the ideal gateway to the European market.

**Vision of the future**
The Netherlands in 2050

**WEST HOLLAND OFFERS YOU**
- A strategic location in the heart of Europe
- Highly educated and multilingual workforce
- Excellent quality of life
- Superior logistics infrastructure
- A competitive tax climate
- Advantageous tax incentives for R&D activities
- A dedicated foreign investment team, offering confidential, free of charge services to international companies