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The Hague is a city that matters, the international city of peace and justice and home to over 200 international organisations including the International Court of Justice, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Europol and The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, each working every day toward peace and justice. But it is not just large organisations who call The Hague home. With the digital revolution in full swing, cutting-edge businesses such as Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, blockchain and Internet of Things are transforming the policymaking sector surrounding law and governance.

The Hague is known as Impact City. Impact start-ups are popping up all over The Hague as a new generation of entrepreneurs show that economic success goes hand in hand with social impact. Think of data intelligence and blockchain to improve humanitarian aid. After all, in The Hague, international city of peace and justice, people have been working more than 100 years to contribute to a better world, and keep on doing so in the future.

The Hague is an attractive place to live and work, with nearly seven miles of sandy beaches, vibrant museums, easy access by train to Amsterdam and one of the world’s busiest airports, and a slew of international events and festivals. It’s no wonder that Dutch people are consistently ranked some of the happiest on earth. The Hague offers unique education. With the presence of Leiden University in the city, interesting studies and research focused on peace, justice and security, and cooperation with the Technical University of Delft and the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. It is no surprise that young talents who want to contribute to a better, just and safe world are attracted to The Hague. As students, but also as young professionals working for one of the many start-ups, making impact.

The Hague Municipality, its Executive and City Council have played a key role in the growth of the city towards its present position as the international centre of justice and peace, through its support of not only large organisations by fostering technological advancement and innovation at every step of the way. The Hague Business Agency, a partner of the Municipality, is here to assist companies and organizations at every stage of establishing or expanding their operations. They offer free, confidential services and ensure a ‘soft-landing’ in The Hague by providing useful introductions to their network. They can help with organizing a fact finding trip, a market overview, site selection advice, registering your company, permits and immigration, finding talent, and investor relations. The Hague International Centre offers guidance and information about living and working in The Hague.

This brochure tells you about The Hague’s status as the international city of peace and justice. If you want to know more about expanding your business to The Hague, you will find the right contacts who can help you further. Happy reading, but most importantly happy exploring!
Facts and figures about The Hague

- Population: 536,267 from over 180 different nationalities
- The Hague boasts over 11 km of beach accessible in 15 minutes from the historic city centre
- The Hague is the capital of the province of South Holland
- The Hague is home to 20 museums, 14 concert halls, 8 theatres and 2 conference centres
- There are over 3,800 shops and 1,700 restaurants and café's
- The Hague is one of the greenest cities in Europe with 116,000 trees and 885.2 ha of parkland
- The Hague is situated between Schiphol Airport and Rotterdam - The Hague Airport is 30 minutes by road and rail.
- Over 50,000 international people live in The Hague

Organisations

Living up to its namesake as the international city of peace and justice, tens of thousands of people work in The Hague every day endeavouring to create a safer and more just world. Below is just a small selection of some of the organisations, innovation centres and impact start-ups that call The Hague home. It’s all about doing business and doing good!

01. International Court of Justice
02. International Criminal Court
03. Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
04. Institute for Accountability in a Digital Age
05. Red Cross
06. UNICEF
07. Research Institute TNO Maritime and Offshore
08. The Hague Security Delta
09. The Hague Humanity Hub
10. Apollo 14

01. International Court of Justice (ICJ)
The ICJ is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. Located within the Peace Palace in the city centre, the court has a dual role: settling legal disputes between States and giving advisory opinions on legal matters referred to it by authorised organs such as the United Nations.

• www.icj-cij.org/en

02. International Criminal Court (ICC)
The International Criminal Court (ICC) investigates and, where warranted, tries individuals charged with the gravest crimes of concern to the international community: genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression.

• www.icc-cpi.int
03. Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is the implementing body of the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) that is working in pursuit of the worldwide eradication of chemical weapons. In 2013 their work was recognised as the OPCW was awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize.

www.opcw.org

04. Institute for Accountability in a Digital Age (I4ADA)

I4ADA was founded with the mission to ensure that breaches of norms and values do not undermine the Internet’s potential for increasing access to knowledge, spreading global tolerance and understanding, and promoting sustainable prosperity.

www.i4ada.org

05. Red Cross

The globally known Red Cross is located in The Hague and focusses on helping people in need. Especially people who are vulnerable. Part of the work they do focuses on ensuring humanitarian protection and assistance for victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence.

www.rodekruis.nl

06. UNICEF

UNICEF works all over the world to save children’s lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence.

www.unicef.org

07. Research Institute TNO Maritime & Offshore

TNO is a research institution connecting people and knowledge to create innovations that boost the sustainable competitive strength of the maritime and offshore industry. TNO support the Dutch government in managing and maintaining Dutch infrastructure and consolidating and expanding its international position. They work toward smarter fishing and cleaner shipping ensuring overall cleaner oceans.

www.tno.nl/en

08. The Hague Security Delta

HSD is the largest security cluster in Europe. Businesses, governments and knowledge institutions work together on innovations and knowledge in the field of cybersecurity, national and urban security, protection of critical infrastructure and forensics.

www.thehaguesecuritydelta.com

09. The Hague Humanity Hub

The Hague Humanity Hub is a unique ecosystem which includes NGOs, academia, commercial enterprises and (intra) governmental bodies. The Hague Humanity Hub offers a unique platform, where forward-thinking organizations are united by their drive to develop innovative solutions to today’s global challenges in peace, justice, and humanitarian action. Some of the hub’s founding members include the UN OCHA Centre for Humanitarian Data, HiiL, the Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation, HumanityX, and the World Resources Institute.

www.humanityhub.net

10. Apollo 14

Apollo14 is a dedicated space where entrepreneurs (whose aim is to contribute to a better world through technological and social innovations) can base themselves. Here people can join forces with other impact makers, all working under the same roof. Apollo 14 is not only about workspace, entrepreneurs can also connect with experts, service providers and investors. Apollo 14 is not just about doing good but also doing business!

www.apollo14.nl/en
Contact

The Hague Business Agency

The Hague Business Agency helps with a soft landing in Europe. They are the first point of contact if you wish to grow in The Hague.

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Municipality of The Hague

The Directorate for International Affairs of the municipality of The Hague works on strengthening the international city of Peace and Justice.

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The Hague International Centre

The Hague International Centre offers information and guidance about living and working in The Hague and the region. They also help with formalities, such as registration with the municipality, issuance of a citizen service number, and issuance of a residence and work permit.

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