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Facts publications. Each
provides you with specific
information on a certain topic
involving the Euro-park
international industrial estate
located between Coevorden and
Emlichheim. The *EuroparkFacts*
are factual and to-the-point. A
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provided on the back page.

Subsidies for entrepreneurs

Settle in the Europark: maximum support from the German and Dutch authorities



The Euro Park is a large trade area on the German Dutch border, Coevorden and Emlichheim. Two thirds is in Germany and one third in Holland. Strong points of Europark are its situation, the logistical facilities and the subsidy possibilities for entrepreneurs. In this EuroparkFact we over view the subsidy possibilities.

Different regulations

Do you take a decision for a Dutch or German lot in the Europark? Maybe that the different subsidy regulations which are valid on both sides on the border can be an important factor therefore.

Hundreds of different subsidy guidelines exist from the European Union and from federal state governments. It is not possible to quote them all here. In this EuroparkFact, we limit ourselves to the most interesting subsidy guidelines applying to business settlement in the Europark. Furthermore you receive an overview about useful addresses and websites from organizations. There you can find more information about Dutch and German subsidies.

Dutch subsidies

Special subsidy regulations that were only given to entrepreneurs in the North-Netherlands (among others Coevorden) like for example IPR, LPR, KITS, NIOF and HRM were stroked per 1st September 2006 respectively 1st January 2007. The "Samenwerkingsverband Noord-Nederland" (SNN), who decides about granting of a subsidy, has now an extremely lower budget available to strengthen the economic structure in the North-Netherlands. It is not yet known if there will be new subsidies in 2007.

German subsidy measures

For the German part of the Europark there are less special subsidy regulations than on the Dutch part. Here you find the most important:

1. GA-Measure (Community task)

This subsidy regulation is to support entrepreneurs with investments for new settlements, process and product renewals or plant extensions. Since 1st of January 2007 there are new tariffs and conditions to apply for a GA-subsidy. Here has the German government drastically reductions made. For many regions does this regulation not apply. For the Europark it is. The Europark drops in the so-called "D-Fördergebiet". Small businesses up to 50 employees and an annual turnover of max. 10 million € can expect a premium of 15 % of the total investment volume. Medium sized companies – these are companies up to 250 employees and an annual turnover of max. 250 million € respectively an annual balance up to 43 million € - can expect a subsidy up to 7.5 % of the total investment volume. For the year 2009 is the highest tariff for establishing a small company 20 % and for a medium-sized company 10 % of the total investment volume.

EUROPARK COEVORDEN- EMLICHHEIM

Taking business beyond borders

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- Junction of rail, road and water
 - Extremely large lots available
 - Industrial harbour and container terminal
 - Train connections to various European destinations

You can add to these investments among others, building, lot, road fixation, machinery, office equipment, advice, software. In this regulation is exactly explained what business sectors and types of investments are not applicable.

2. Support of research and development projects: funds development and rogatory costs of between 25% and 50%.
3. Support of the information and communication economy in Lower Saxony: max 35% of subsidies for new communication projects and/or systems.
4. Personnel transfer guideline: this funds engineers who have shortly beforehand completed their studies.
5. Support for Lower Saxony consulting: funds advice up to 80%, for the reinforcement of the state economy.
6. Lower Saxony trade show funding in Germany: 80% subsidies for the cost of a common participation of enterprises at up to 3 shows in Germany per year, max funding is € 5,000.
7. Lower Saxony trade show funding in foreign countries: 50% subsidies for the cost of a common participation of enterprises at a max of 2 foreign shows per year. The max funding within Europe is € 3,000 / outside € 6,000.

Guides to hundreds of supporting measures

There are hundreds of subsidies and tax benefits from the ministries in Brussels, the Hague, Berlin and Hanover. All meant to energize socially desirable developments such as job creation, technical innovations, security, noise protection, waste restriction, transport via rail and water, renewable energy and a clean environment. Thus entrepreneurs who produce or save energy in a renewable way, can count on financial support in both countries. In Germany there is the *EEG* law relating to renewable energies and in the Netherlands, the *'Milieu-kwaliteit Electriciteit Productie'* (MEP) and the fiscal EIA measure.

In both countries there are however various supporting measures for training and export promotion.

In the province of Drenthe there is support for entrepreneurs who develop initiatives related to renewable energy and the environment.

There are a number of websites which give information on the many funding opportunities available to you. We list the most important here:

- ... [www. ...](#)
- ✓ [nbank.de](#)
- ✓ [invest-in-germany.de](#)
- ✓ [bmwa.bund.de / förderdatenbank](#)
- ✓ [erneuerbare-energien.de](#)
- ✓ [cordis.lu / ..](#)
- ✓ [europe.eu.int / comm / enterprise / networks](#)
- ✓ [minez.nl / ...](#)
- ✓ [subsidieshop.nl](#)
- ✓ [sinternovem.nl](#)
- ✓ [enerq.nl](#)

More Information?

Europark GmbH is very willing to assist by providing further information of applicable subsidies. For investment in the Dutch part of the park, this occurs in close cooperation with 'Noordnederlandse Ontwikkelings Maatschappij (NOM)'. The NOM coordinates the subsidy enquiries of entrepreneurs and has a hotline for subsidy questions: Tel. 0031 (0) 50-5214466. More information also under www.nom.nl.

For investments in the German part, Europark GmbH cooperates with Investitions- und Förderbank Niedersachsen, 'NBank'. The Nbank coordinates the subsidy enquiries of entrepreneurs for the federal state of Lower Saxony Tel. 0049 (0)511 30031-0. More information : www.nbank.de / Förderung / Förderungsprogramm.

Useful addresses

Invest-in-Germany GmbH
Anna Louisa Karsch-Straße 2
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0049 (0)30 20657-163
www.invest-in-germany.com

NBank
Günther-Wagner-Allee 12-14
D-30177 Hannover
tel. 0049 (0)511 30031-0
*branch office Osnabrück
contact: Mr. Jens Schröder
Neuer Graben 38
49074 Osnabrück
tel. 0049 (0) 541 998 7937-357
www.nbank.de

Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology
Scharnhorstraße 34-37
D-10115 Berlin
tel. 0049 (0) 30 2014-9
www.bmwa.de

Lower-Saxon Ministry of Economic Affairs, Employment and Transport
Friedrichswall 1
D-30159 Hannover
tel. 0049 (0)511 120-0
www.mw.niedersachsen.de

Agency for International Business and Co-operation
Juliana van Stolberglaan 148
NL-2595 CL Den Haag
tel. 0031 (0)70 778888
Frontoffice Internat. Ondernemen:
0031 (0)900 6080800
www.evd.nl

NOM
Van Swietenlaan 25/2
Postbus 424,
NL-9700 AK Groningen
tel. 0031 (0)50 5214444
www.nom.nl

Chamber of Commerce and Industry Osnabrueck-Emsland
Neuer Graben 38
D-49074 Osnabrück
tel. 0049 (0)541-3530
www.ihk-osnabrueck.de

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Stationsweg 66
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