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international industrial estate  
located between Coevorden and  
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## Social and economic facts about the region

Live and work, study and relax in the Emlichheim and Coevorden region

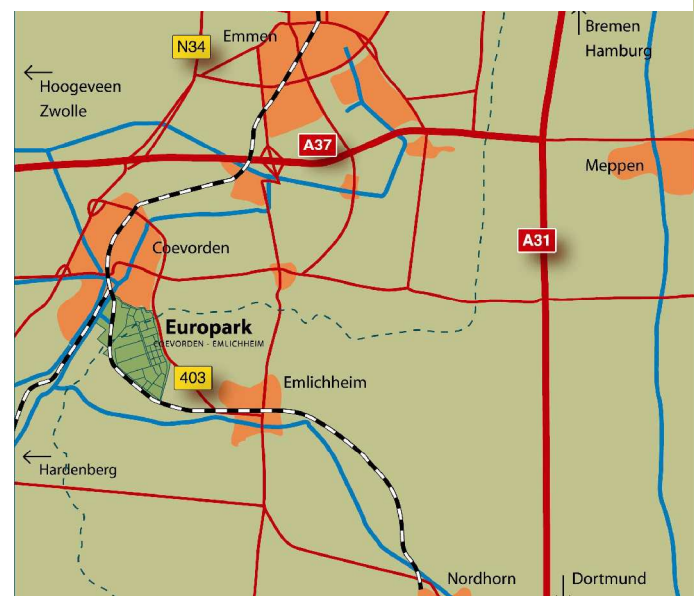


*The Europark is a large trade area on the German Dutch border between Emlichheim (D) and Coevorden (NL). The strong points of the park is its situation, the logistic facilities and the subsidy possibilities for entrepreneurs. In this EuroparkFact we summarize the social and economic facts of the Emlichheim Coevorden region.*

### Surprisingly versatile

Entrepreneurs who settle in Europark, decide not only in favor of a good location for their business, but also for an attractive environment and area to live.

The regional border is attractive and surprising, with lots of regional variety. Here you have the best from each country. You find this with the baker, the clothing industry, in the galleries and the restaurants, and in the residential environment. There is a silence, peace and nature and surprisingly low prices: these are the references for living in the Südost-Drenthe region and in the county of Bentheim. New comers are often surprised at the extensive selection of schools, training, culture and leisure facilities. In the old town of Coevorden, one can stroll and comfortably enjoy the town. Emlichheim also offers a wide variety of facilities. If you want a greater city emphasis, drive to Emmen or Nordhorn, about half an hour away, where there is a wide selection of school and professional training institutions. Cities such as Groningen, Zwolle, Münster and Osnabrück are about one hour away.. Peace and serenity characterizes the people on both sides of the border. People are kind and comfortable together.



The historical origins of a rural background, the values of diligence and hard work, have remained. The sense of community (the neighborhood) and an extensive social life are very marked.

## EUROPARK COEVORDEN- EMLICHHEIM

*Taking business beyond borders*

- At the junction of rail, road and water
- Extremely large lots available
- Industrial harbor and container terminal
- Train connections to various European destinations

## FACTS AND FIGURES

### The community of Emlichheim:

*Towns:* Emlichheim, Laar, Ringe, Hoogstede.

*Area:* 185 km<sup>2</sup>.

*Population:* 27,000.

*Ages:* 23% < 19 , 54% 19-60 , 23% > 60

*Schools:* 4 primary schools (in all towns), 1 junior high school, 1 secondary modern school, 1 high school, 1 special school, 1 music school, 1 adult education center, 1 youth education center, 1 elderly care school.

*Public health:* 8 family doctors, 6 dentists, 3 pharmacies, 3 non medical practitioners, 4 physiotherapists, 2 therapy centers.

*Sport:* 8 sports halls, 4 playing fields, 16 tennis courts, 1 indoor swimming pool, 1 indoor riding area

*Economy:* mainly agroindustry and trade, plastics processing, oil and gas and agricultural salary businesses.

### The community of Coevorden:

*Towns:* Coevorden, Dalen, Sleen, Oosterhesselen, Gees, Zwinderen, Meppen, Schoonoord, Aalden and Zweekoo.

*Area:* 300 km<sup>2</sup>.

*Inhabitants:* 36,000.

*Ages:* 26 percent < 19 , 49 percent 19-60 , 25 percent >60.

*Schools:* 28 primary schools, 2 comprehensive schools, VMBO, HAVO, VWO, High school, 1 fashion vocational school, 1 music school.

*Public health:* 9 family doctor group practices, 9 dentists, 3 pharmacies, 9 physiotherapists, 1 elderly care home, 1 day-clinic, 1 nursing home, 1 practice for psychotherapy.

*Sport:* 10 sports halls, 9 playing fields, 4 indoor swimming pools, 9 tennis courts, 2 golf courses (18, 9 and 6 holes), 3 practice golf courses, 1 ski slope, 13 ice skating rinks, 8 indoor riding arenas

*Economy:* especially transportation and logistics, concrete processing industry, plastic processing, metal and mechanical engineering, trade, animal feed and tourism & recuperation.

## Tourism and recuperation

There are not many tourists or people living in the Coevorden-Emlichheim region. You will find rustic little villages and natural clean scenery. The beautiful valley of the river Vechte runs across the area from the Rheine to Zwolle. The heathlands of Drenthe and the richly forested hills of Uelsen, Bentheim and Salland are nearby. The landscape has elements from yester year, and is just as suitable for a journey on horse back.

There are many camping and holiday parks and there is no shortage of tourist sights, entertainment possibilities, from discos and go karts to golf tracks and a subtropical indoor swimming pool.

The diversified cultural program is remarkable. Each place has its own regular activities; cultural, folklore, and/or sports activities. From the bikeracing contests to historical port days and from fairs to street parties.

There are attractive zoos in Emmen and Nordhorn, prehistorical stonegraves and the moorland museum, the Bentheim castle, the picture garden in Gees, the international dance celebration in Stivoro in Odoorn and the funpark at Slagharen.

The selection of restaurants has increased in recent years as has the level of high cuisine. The region is home to many artists and galleries.

### Training

You find a wide range of training possibilities in the neighboring towns of Emmen (20 km), Zwolle (50 km) and Nordhorn (35 km). There is middle and higher occupation training within the fields of technology, trade, logistics, economics and administrative law. In addition Emmen has a public university. In the region there are various organizations of employment agencies and vocational training courses. Transnational co-operation increases also on this area.

## DIFFERENCES

Although the national border runs through the middle of the common region, the communities of Coevorden and Emlichheim resemble each other. This applies not only to the landscape but also to the mentality of the population. Amongst other things it manifests itself in the customs, the fundamental church attitudes and the similarity of surnames. For young people the border is no hindrance to relationships. The number of transnational partnerships will increase with the inflow of Dutch people to the lower priced housing available in the German border region.

With other statistical surveys, many common features appear with the two municipalities and it is noticeable that there are identical deviations from the respective state average, whether it refers to population density, the portion of unmarried people, the area achieves a lower figure. However, the quota is higher than the regional average in respect of the denomination inclined people and the birth rate. There are more marriages and the people in this region live longer. Despite that, the education level is aligned to technical occupations. Property prices are relatively low and the property ratio relatively high. The average income is lower, but the number of registered cars is higher than the national average.

## More Information

For social and economic information about the region of Coevorden / Emlichheim look on the internet for the sites of the German and Dutch chambers of commerce

✓ [www.ihk-osnabrueck.de](http://www.ihk-osnabrueck.de)

✓ [www.meppel.kvk.nl](http://www.meppel.kvk.nl)

... and the different offices and sources of statistics:

✓ [www.cbs.nl](http://www.cbs.nl)

✓ [www.regis-online.de](http://www.regis-online.de)

✓ [www.drenthe.nl](http://www.drenthe.nl)

✓ [www.nls.niedersachsen.de](http://www.nls.niedersachsen.de)

The communities of Coevorden and Emlichheim have statistical data available for you in different areas:

✓ Samtgemeinde Emlichheim, Tel. 0049 (0)5943 809-0

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