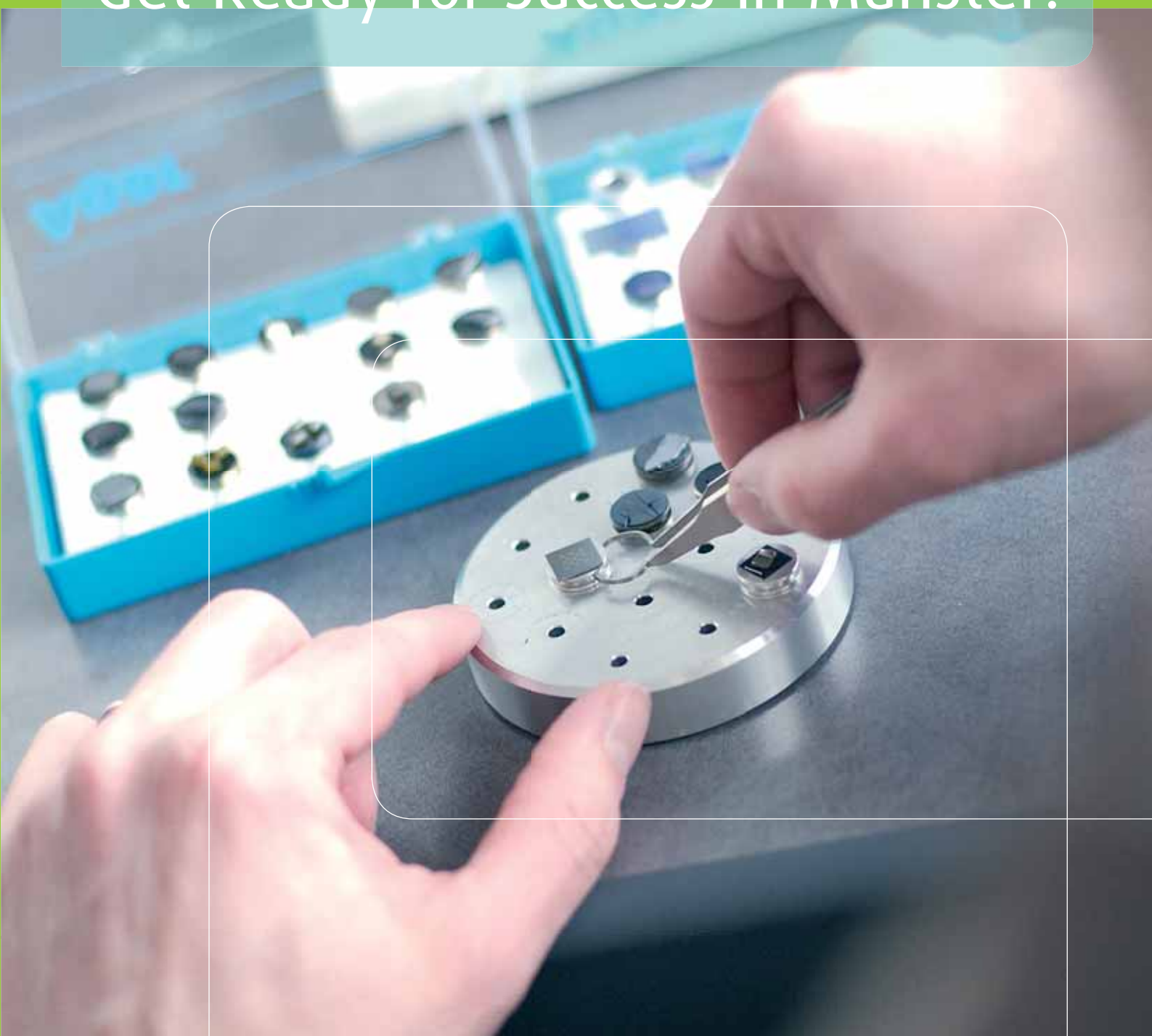




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The location with prospects for technology-oriented enterprises

# Get Ready for Success in Münster!



Münster enjoys its reputation as one of Germany's largest university cities. The renowned Westfälische Wilhelms University (WWU) and the technical university, with its comprehensive range of courses, have decidedly contributed toward making Münster a city with a globally recognised research and development potential.

But Münster is also known as a metropolitan centre with important government offices, insurance companies and financial institutes; as a stronghold for the tertiary

sector and a profitable market for office space; as a popular travel destination for shopping aficionados and city tourism. And last, but not least, major important industrial companies are also domiciled here.

Münster – a vivacious blend with a tremendous sense of innovation. And with plenty of space for new businesses, new minds and new ideas. We look forward to welcoming you!

### **An exciting environment for future technologies**

The diversity of the technological foundation relies on six main themes which create a distinct profile for this location: nanotechnology/ nano-bioanalytics, bio and chemosensorics, medical technology, surface analytics, environmental analytics and information & communication technologies.

The IT segment is marked by mobile telephony companies (e.g. The Phone House formerly Hutchison, or Selectric Nachrichten-Systeme GmbH), major IT service providers for banks and Sparkasse branches (e.g. Sparkassen Informatik and GAD) as well as Citykom Münster and Deutsche Telekom with more than 2,500 employees on site.

Successful life science companies include, for example, SIS Soft Imaging Systems, ION-TOF GmbH and a number of small innovative start-ups, frequently originating from the university and the technical university.

### **A lot of space for innovations**

For technology-oriented companies Münster provides an exciting setting for new beginnings and expansion around the Technologiehof and Technologiepark, the two local innovation sites.

Technologiepark Münster GmbH promotes innovations and technologies and is specialised in the formation and the growth of technology-oriented companies. The customised mediation of contacts is equally an element of its services, as is the brokerage of properties to buy and let.

The Technologiehof provides ideal conditions for young, technology-oriented enterprises to ensure they get off to a good start. Units in sizes ranging between 30-400 m<sup>2</sup> are available for rent and are appointed with their own infrastructure and individualised offices, laboratory and workshop spaces, providing an ideal opportunity for currently around 50 companies on a total area of more than 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

*„Why did we opt for Münster? – The city offers unique prerequisites for bioengineering: the medical and biological faculty, CeNTech and resident biotech companies. And this is all embedded in a city which provides a very high quality of life.“*  
**Prof. Dr. Hans Schöler, director at Max-Planck-Institut Münster**





*„Our company has grown here in Münster, in a city which emanates a particular charm, because of the people who live here. This quality is not simply an agreeable foundation for living, it is also an indispensable necessity to achieve the very best at work.“*  
**Dr. Ralf-Peter Simon, managing director of The Phone House Telecom GmbH**

Flourishing companies will find a 66,000 m<sup>2</sup>-large area at the Technologiepark Münster, including attractive properties to buy and let at favourable conditions. Here, companies can exploit the synergies created by an innovative environment and benefit from the immediate vicinity to the universities. Biotech firms in need of office space and laboratories will find their ideal location at the BioZ biotechnology centre.

### **Networks, internet nodes and further essentials for your success**

The Technologie-Initiative Münster (tim), a network initiated by Münster's Wirtschaftsförderung, thrives on the intensive collaboration between young and established companies and all important decision-makers from business, science and government. tim supports a transfer of technology between science and the economy, and operates as the starting point for further successful networks and scientific project structures, such as the Verein bioanalytik-muenster, the local bioanalytics association, or the Nano2Life project.



The Center for NanoTechnology (CeNTech), in the vicinity of the universities in Münster, creates a unique growth potential in the whole of Europe for life science industries. The campus and its short decision-making channels facilitate the swift conversion of research findings into medical or technical applications. Jointly with the neighbouring Max Planck Institute for Molecular Biomedicine, it is obvious that Münster, as a high-tech location, holds a key position in North Rhine Westphalia.

Information and communication-oriented service providers will find with the world's first cross-border Internet node, the Dutch-German Internet Exchange (NDIX), and one of the most dense fibre optic networks in Germany ideal conditions at the location of Münster.

### **Links**

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