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Doing Business in Münster

Welcome to a Strong and Innovative
Economic Region





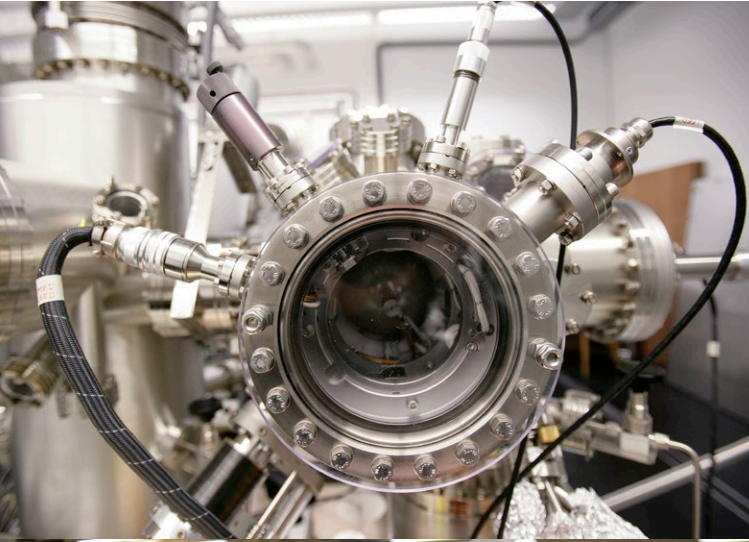
A Great Place to Live and Work

The city of Münster is in the western part of Germany, close to the Netherlands, at the heart of Europe.

Münster has a **population of about 315,000**, and is known for its university, its economic strength, and its commitment to social and ecological issues. Münster is the largest city and the most important location for work in the region. Münster's economy has grown steadily over the years, making **Münster one of Germany's most prosperous regions**.

Münster has a picturesque and **very lively city centre** with a colourful mix of shops and restaurants. Distributed throughout the city, Münster has about 40 business, trade and industrial areas. Alongside a number of larger companies, the economic landscape of Münster is **dominated by strong medium-sized businesses**.





Science & Business Working Hand in Hand

The work carried out by the city's university, technical colleges, and private R&D institutes (altogether, ten in number) means that Münster has a **long record in science, research and development, and technical innovation**. Its proximity to the Netherlands makes a further technical university available. Münster has seen science and business working together for years. The focus is on “future technology” with key areas being **renewable energy, battery research, hydrogen systems, nanotechnology and medical technology**.





#BatteryCityMünster

Münster has been known for its **cutting-edge research on lithium-based batteries** for years with the work of the MEET Battery Research Center at the University of Münster, the Helmholtz Institute Münster (HIMS) and the IWARU – Institute for Infrastructure/ Water/Resources/Environment at the FH Münster University of Applied Sciences. With the newly established **Research Institution for Battery Cell Production (FFB)** run by the internationally renowned Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, Münster gets another research

institution with the **focus on innovative and more sustainable battery production technologies.**

This globally unique battery research facility is currently being built in Münster on a total area of 55,000 m², and will turn the results of top research in this field in Germany and Europe into products. The **#BatteryCityMünster** therefore covers the entire value chain of battery manufacturing at research level, from material synthesis to cell manufacturing to recycling, and has already attracted the interest of companies and scientific institutions across the world. In other words, **Münster is THE PLACE TO BE** when it comes to battery research, production and recycling.



Good Accessibility

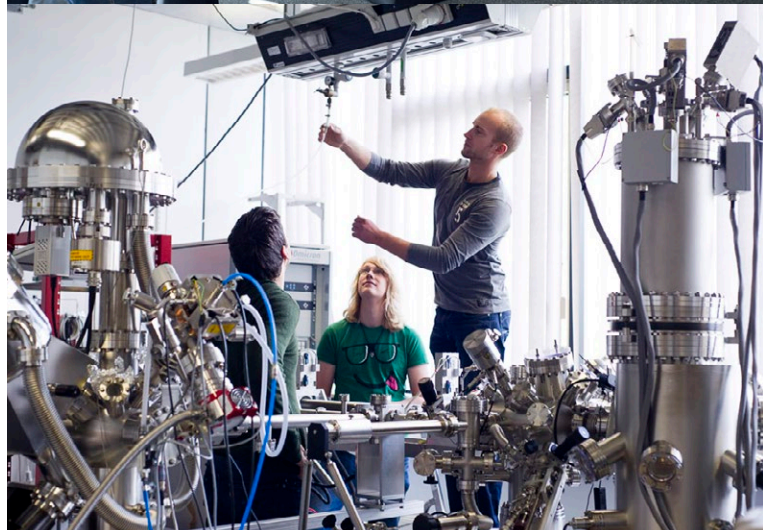
Münster provides easy access to a total of **five motorways**, supplemented by a **dense network of railway lines**, connecting Münster with national and international destinations. Münster has its **own airport nearby** (FMO), plus several international airports within reach, such as Düsseldorf, Amsterdam, and Frankfurt. These transport links are completed by **two waterways**, the Dortmund-Ems Canal and the Mittelland Canal, providing direct links to the “Silk Road” (Duisburg/Rhine) and to the North Sea-Atlantic route (e.g. Rotterdam). The Hansa Business Park trans-shipment point on the Dortmund-Ems Canal is 250 metres in length, and allows for two heavy goods ships to be loaded and unloaded simultaneously.



Highly Motivated, Well Trained and Hard Working People

Approximately **190,000 people** work in the city of Münster, which has a rather low unemployment rate of about 5%. Münster's largest employers are the educational and administrative institutions belonging to the city, including the university, and the district government. Besides a number of larger companies, the many medium-sized businesses play an especially important role in providing jobs.

More than **66,000 students** are studying in Münster, this providing a wide base of qualified personnel. The level of education in Germany is very high, and not only in the academic field. The German system of dual vocational training has an excellent reputation internationally, with around **750,000 young people** in almost **400 professions** participating in the system in Germany every year, and being highly motivated when they enter the labour market. The average starting salary for a young person in Münster compared to the rest of Germany is in the middle third.



Interested?

Do you want to expand your business activities to Germany or work in Germany? Are you interested in Münster as a business location? Then please contact us. We support companies in all matters relating to setting up a business.

Contact us for more information:

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