

Netherlands

Dutch companies have a substantial presence in France where 26 new investment projects were recorded in 2010.

Dutch companies in France

There are more than 2,500 Dutch companies doing business in France, employing over 393,000 people. In 2010, they announced 26 new investment projects that will maintain or create around 809 jobs, making the Netherlands the 12th largest investor in France.

Investments from Dutch companies were primarily in production activities (38%) and business-to-business services (35%).

There was strong growth among Dutch companies in the consulting, engineering

and business services sector with eight projects in 2010, or 31% of all investments from the Netherlands. Dutch companies in this sector also made 13% of all foreign investments made in this sector.

France as a recipient in Europe of Dutch investment

In 2009, France was the second largest recipient of job-creating investment from the Netherlands, after Germany. France received 21% of this country's projects in Europe.

Selected investment projects in 2010

- **HENDRIX GENETICS:** this company, specializing in animal gene selection for poultry and pigs, relocated its activities from its Saint Briec facility in Brittany to the Ploufragan animal center. The larger facility will be used for poultry and porcine genome research, which will generate around 15 new jobs.
- **HERTEL:** Dutch group Hertel, the fourth largest industrial maintenance service provider in the world, has expanded its new facility in Gravelines (Nord-Pas de Calais region) and is actively recruiting 50 people.
- **ECORE B.V:** Guy Dauphin Environnement (GDE), a subsidiary of Dutch company Ecore, specializing in waste treatment, is upgrading its industrial capacity and will be investing €15 million at its plant in Rocquancourt (Basse-Normandie region) to build a new post-treatment line for automobile shredder residues. It expects to create 60 jobs at the facility.

FLOW

Number of projects (IFA):

26

Number of jobs (IFA):

809

STOCK

Number of investment sites in France (Orbis):

2,547

Number of employees (Orbis):

393,224

Stock of FDI in France as of Dec 31, 2009: (Banque de France)

€116 billion
1st place

Number of companies in the Forbes 2000:

23

(1) Data extracted February 17, 2011

DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS BY BUSINESS ACTIVITY

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES	2007	2008	2009	2010	SHARE OF TOTAL	SHARE OF THIS ACTIVITY*
Production / Manufacture	10	6	3	10	38%	4%
Business-to-business services	9	8	8	9	35%	6%
R&D, engineering, design	1	1	3	4	15%	5%
of which R&D	1	1	3	2	8%	4%
Decision-making center	4	2	6	1	4%	1%
Logistics	6	2	1	1	4%	3%
Retail outlets	-	3	9	1	4%	3%
Business-to-consumer services	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total	30	23	30	26	100%	3%

* Share of Dutch investments in the total number of investments for each activity.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS BY BUSINESS SECTOR

BUSINESS SECTORS	2007	2008	2009	2010	SHARE OF TOTAL	SHARE OF THIS SECTOR*
Consulting, engineering and business services	2	4	2	8	31%	13%
Agri-food, agriculture and fishing	5	4	2	5	19%	12%
Energy, recycling and other concessions <i>of which renewable energy</i>	4	3	5	5	19%	4%
	4	2	4	3	12%	3%
Machinery and mechanical equipment	1			2	8%	5%
Furnishings, household goods			2	1	4%	9%
Construction, construction materials				1	4%	5%
Chemicals, plastics	1	1		1	4%	3%
Commerce and distribution			1	1	4%	4%
Electrical, electronic, IT equipment	2	2	1	1	4%	3%
Textiles, industrial textiles, clothing and accessories		3	7	1	4%	2%
Automotive industry			2		-	-
Medical/Surgical equipment & devices			1		-	-
Hotels, tourism and catering		1			-	-
Software and IT services	1	3	2		-	-
Aerospace, naval and railway materials			1		-	-
Medications and applied biotechnologies	1	1			-	-
Metals, metalworking	3				-	-
Telecoms, internet service providers	1	1	2		-	-
Financial services, banking, insurance	3		1		-	-
Transport, storage	6		1		-	-
Total	30	23	30	26	100%	3%

* Share of Dutch investments in the total number of investments in each business sector.

Key: In 2010, 31% of Dutch investment projects in France were in the consulting, engineering and business services sector. 13% of foreign investments in the consulting, engineering and business services sector were made by Dutch companies.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS BY HOST REGION

HOST REGION	2007	2008	2009	2010	SHARE OF TOTAL	SHARE OF REGIONAL INVESTMENT*
Ile-de-France (Paris region)	11	8	11	6	23%	2%
Rhône-Alpes	3	3	2	6	23%	4%
Basse-Normandie	1			2	8%	13%
Lorraine		1		2	8%	6%
Nord-Pas de Calais	4	3	2	2	8%	6%
Alsace			1	1	4%	3%
Aquitaine			4	1	4%	3%
Bourgogne (Burgundy)	3	1	2	1	4%	10%
Bretagne (Brittany)	1	1	1	1	4%	6%
Centre				1	4%	5%
Haute-Normandie	1		1	1	4%	6%
Midi-Pyrénées		1		1	4%	2%
Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	2	2		1	4%	2%
Champagne-Ardenne	1	1	1		-	-
Franche-Comté			1		-	-
Languedoc-Roussillon			1		-	-
Limousin		1			-	-
Pays de la Loire	1				-	-
Picardie	2	1	1		-	-
Poitou-Charentes			2		-	-
Total	30	23	30	26	100%	3%

* Share of total Dutch investment in the total number of investments in each region.

NB: The IFA and France's regional development agencies have not recorded any job-creating Dutch investment projects in 2007-2010 in Auvergne, Corse (Corsica) and the "DOM-TOM" overseas territories.

Key: In 2010, 23% of Dutch investment projects in France were located in Ile-de-France (Paris region). Dutch investments accounted for 2% of job-creating foreign investment projects in Ile-de-France (Paris region).

DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECTS BY INVESTMENT TYPE (%)

