

# Favourable taxation climate

A wide network of **nearly 100 bilateral tax treaties** to avoid double taxation and to provide, in many cases, reduced or no withholding tax on dividends, interest and royalties.

**Clarity and certainty in advance** on the tax consequences of proposed major investments in the Netherlands

**Fully compliant and aligned** with the international developments in the OECD and EU and often one of the driving forces behind a coordinated approach to taxation



An **efficient fiscal unity regime**, providing tax consolidation for Dutch activities within a corporate group

**A broad participation exemption** (100 per cent exemption and qualifying dividends and capital gains) which is vital for European headquarters.

**Favourable expat tax program** with a 30 per cent personal income tax advantage for qualified, skilled foreign employees.

# Diversified incentive programmes



## **THE WBSO**

is a tax incentive scheme that offers compensation for part of a company's research and development (R&D) wage costs, and costs, and expenditures; in practice the scheme reduces the payroll tax burden.



## **INNOVATION BOX**

results in an effective tax rate of only 9% for R&D income from self-developed patented intangible assets and also from self-developed unpatented intangible assets which qualify for the so-called WBSO.



## **INNOVATION CREDIT**

is intended for the development phase of a technically new product, process or service; development of medical products that require a clinical study can also be supported. Funding 45% (small companies), 35% (medium sized companies) or 25% (large-scale enterprises) of the (allowable) project costs with a maximum of €10 million.



## **THE ENERGY INVESTMENT ALLOWANCE (EIA)**

is intended for companies that invest in energy-saving installations, or that make use of sustainable energy; they can deduct 45,5% of the invested sum from their taxable profits from the year in which the goods are purchased.



## **THE MIA SCHEME**

allows companies to deduct up to 45% of the cost of an environmentally friendly investment from the fiscal profit on the regular depreciation in 2022.



## **THE VAMIL SCHEME**

lets a company decide for itself when to write off the investment costs; this provides an advantage in liquidity and interest.

# Diversified financing programmes



**THE CORPORATE FINANCE GUARANTEE SCHEME (GO)** makes it easier for large and medium-sized companies in the Netherlands to borrow substantial amounts of money; capital providers receive a 50% guarantee from the government.



**THE GROWTH FACILITY SCHEME** makes it easier for SMEs to raise capital; financiers who provide venture capital to SMEs receive a 50% guarantee from the government.



**FINANCE AND EXPERTISE FOR SOUND AND SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENTS PROJECTS** is provided by the European Bank if these investments contribute for furthering EU policy objectives.



# Easy incorporation process



## QUICK INCORPORATION PROCEDURE

*Less than 2 weeks*

Registering a company in the Netherlands is simple and fast. It takes about 2 weeks to have a Dutch business incorporated and registered for tax and VAT purposes.



## LOW REGISTRATION COSTS

*Based on the business form*

The costs for registering a company in the Netherlands are relatively low compared to other European countries. The main aspect to consider is the share capital of your business.



## SEVERAL TYPES OF BUSINESS FORMS

*Choice of at least 5 structures*

Foreign investors have a wide variety of legal entities available when deciding to set-up a company in the Netherlands. The Dutch limited liability company (BV) is the most popular one.



## OPTIONS FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES

*Branches and subsidiaries*

Foreign companies also have several other options for incorporating their Dutch operation. Among these are the branch office, the subsidiary and the liaison office.



## COMPANY REGISTRATION

*The Dutch trade register*

After your company's documents are signed and the capital is provided, its founders should submit the necessary forms with the national register administered by the Chamber of Commerce.

# Your IP is safe

The Netherlands offers a flexible and reliable environment regarding the vesting of patent rights or the enforcement of copyrights.

Furthermore, the Netherlands is party to a number of international treaties in the field of intellectual property. Finally, the Netherlands is host to international institutes such as the European Patent Office (headquartered in Munich), which operates a branch in Rijswijk.

All these issues contribute to position the Netherlands as an attractive location for multinational companies wishing to address their needs in the field of the international protection of their intellectual property in the best possible manner.

