Life Sciences Centre
Düsseldorf
leading in science and business
Life sciences are research for life. That means using the opportunities offered by science responsibly for the benefit of humans, animals and the environment.

Düsseldorf:
Excellence in life sciences

Düsseldorf is the capital of North Rhine-Westphalia and the centre of the BioRiver biotech cluster in the Rhineland. The Düsseldorf region is home to 98 life science companies as well as numerous suppliers and service providers.

The Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf is the nucleus of Germany’s biotechnology industry. A number of large companies active in the life science sectors, such as Bayer, Henkel, UCB, Medtronic, Janssen, Johnson & Johnson, Monsanto and 3M Medica, are also based in the region.

Established companies and start-ups
Germany’s most successful biotech companies, such as QIAGEN, Rhein Biotech/Dynavax Europe, Evotec and NewLab BioQuality/Charles River, originated in Düsseldorf. 98 companies in the life science sector, including numerous Japanese and American companies, have settled here.
Research
The Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf is well-known for the strength of its research in the field of natural sciences. Other important research institutions located in Düsseldorf include the German Diabetes Research Institute, the Leibniz-Institut für umweltmedizinische Forschung and the Biomedical Research Centre.

Life Science Center
The Düsseldorf Life Science Center offers 21,000 m² of flexible-use laboratory and office space. It is sited right next to the university campus and provides space for both start-ups and established companies.

Patent law
Düsseldorf is one of Europe's most important centres for the settlement of patent disputes. A large number of judges and law firms specialising in patent law work here. The Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf’s Centre for Intellectual Property Law serves as a point of contact for companies and patent agencies.

Venture capital
Düsseldorf can provide young technology companies with much-needed venture capital. The Düsseldorf-based HHU Pre-Seed Gründerfonds, Business Angel Netzwerk BIO.NRW, Sirius Seedfonds Düsseldorf and Sirius EcoTech Fonds Düsseldorf provide effective financing instruments, especially for companies operating in the life science sector.


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LifeScienceNet Düsseldorf
The LifeScienceNet Düsseldorf network is operated jointly by the city’s Office of Economic Development, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Düsseldorf Innovation and Science Agency and the Düsseldorf Life Science Center. Its aim is to network representatives of life science companies, industry-affiliated service providers, suppliers and investors as well as scientists in institutes of higher education and research institutes in the area. These representatives meet at regular network meetings, company visits and faculty presentations, where they receive important information, e.g. about funding programmes. The network also has as its aim promotion of the region nationally and internationally as a leading life sciences centre. Düsseldorf’s LifeScienceNet also operates as a representative of the area’s interests on regional and national industrial bodies. www.lifescience-dus.de

Associations and organisations
Important trade associations and organisations supporting life sciences and the chemical sector have their offices in Düsseldorf. The area thus has outstanding levels of efficient network potential to offer to companies:

- Düsseldorf is home to and a founder member of BioRiver – Life Science im Rheinland e. V., an organisation representing the interests of 90 science and business institutions active throughout the Rhineland. www.bioriver.de
- Düsseldorf is home to BIO.NRW, the organisation set up to manage the state of North Rhine-Westphalia’s biotechnology cluster. www.bio.nrw.de
- Düsseldorf is home to CLIB2021, the cluster supporting the supraregional establishment and networking of industrial biotechnology. It networks the chemical industry, young biotech companies and scientific establishments all over Germany as well as relevant user industries and investors. www.clib2021.de
- Düsseldorf is home to MedizinTechnik.NRW, set up to manage the state of North Rhine-Westphalia’s medical technology cluster. www.medizin-technik-nrw.de
- Düsseldorf is home to NanoMikroWerkstoffePhotonic.NRW, set up to manage the state of North Rhine-Westphalia’s new materials, nanotechnology, microsystems technology and optical technologies cluster. www.nmwp.nrw.de
- Düsseldorf is home to the NRW Stem Cell Research competence network. www.stammzellen.nrw.de
- Düsseldorf is home to the North Rhine-Westphalia State Association forming part of the German Chemical Industry Association (VCI NRW), which represents 460 members and about 100,000 employees. www.vci.de/nrw

Some 98 life science companies are based in the Düsseldorf area. They benefit from the location’s many advantages.
Selected companies, service providers and suppliers specialising in life sciences in the Düsseldorf region

Red biotechnology/ enabling technologies/ diagnostic products
- AciCurs GmbH & Co. KG
- Aligax Pharmaceuticals GmbH
- Aqto Display Biotech GmbH
- BIO-MAR GbR
- Celgis International GmbH
- Charles River Biopharmaceutical Services GmbH
- Cubi Biotech GmbH
- DR. FOKE Laboratorien GmbH
- Dynavax Europe Rhein Biotech GmbH
- Epivis GmbH
- InBio GmbH
- MEACURA GmbH
- microm diagnostics GmbH
- MorphoSys AbD GmbH AbD
- Serotec
- Orthogen AG
- Pharma Waldhof GmbH
- QAGEN GmbH
- Sanochemia Diagnostics Deutschland GmbH
- Toyobo Co., Ltd.
- Tran Therapeutics GmbH
- Vivocell Biosolutions GmbH & Co. KG
- XanTec biosanlytics GmbH

Industrial biotechnology/ chemistry
- ARTES Biotechnology GmbH
- Arysta LifeScience FineChemicals Europe GmbH
- BASF Personal Care and Nutrition GmbH
- D&M Chemie Deutschland GmbH
- evacatal GmbH
- Evain Stockhausen GmbH
- Henkel AG & Co. KGaA
- Kyowa Hakko Europe GmbH
- Mitsui Chemicals Europe GmbH
- Phytowelt GreenTechnologies GmbH
- Saitigo GmbH
- Syntares Unipharm GmbH
- Wako Chemicals GmbH
- X-Syntec GmbH/Johnson Matthey

Agricultural biotechnology
- Bayer CropScience Deutschland GmbH
- GAMU – Gesellschaft für ange wandte Mykologie und Umwelt studien mbH
- Monsanto Agar Deutschland GmbH
- CRO
- P.R.I.S.M.A. CRO Clinical Research Organisation GmbH
- ARENSIA Exploratory Medicine GmbH
- CoreLab Partners Europe GmbH
- FOCUS Clinical Drug Development GmbH
- Global Research Services GmbH
- INC Research Germany GmbH
- Jubilant Cinsvy Inc.
- M.A.R.C.O. GmbH & Co. KG
- Profil Institut für Stoffwechsel forsung GmbH

Pharma
- A2M Pharma GmbH
- Caesar & Loretz Co. KG
- GenoMac Diagnostics GmbH
- HAL Allergey GmbH
- Janssen-Cilag GmbH
- Lindopharm GmbH
- Marutho Deutschland GmbH
- MCR Micro Carrier Systems GmbH
- Mitsubishi Pharma Deutschland GmbH
- neuropharm Arzneimittel GmbH
- Nippon Shinyaku Co., Ltd.
- Octapharma GmbH
- PB Pharma GmbH
- SANOL GmbH
- Sato Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
- Schur Pharmazeutika GmbH & Co. KG
- sigma-tau Arzneimittel GmbH
- tesa Laibec GmbH
- UCB Pharma GmbH

Medical technology
- 3M Deutschland GmbH
- activ Care transcon GmbH
- avantial Deutschland GmbH
- Bâtmas GmbH
- CBC (Europe) GmbH
- Cilnombi-Hospital-Werk GmbH
- H.E.I.N.E. Medizin GmbH
- Hitachi Medical Systems GmbH
- HNE Huntleigh Nesbit Systems Healthcare GmbH
- IPS – InterMedical Production Services GmbH
- Johnson & Johnson GmbH
- mandel + rupp medizintechnik gmbh
- MEDISANA AG
- Medizin-Servic GmbH
- Medtronic GmbH
- Medizintechnik MEDUG GmbH
- Novamedical GmbH
- Physio-Control Germany Sales GmbH
- PHYSIO m-Punkt Electronics GmbH & Co. KG
- Reha Care Service GmbH
- Siemens Ultraschal Center Düsseldorf
- Tecnomat-Medical GmbH
- TOSIBA Medical Systems GmbH

Other life science companies
- Allrutan GmbH
- Alpha-Biocare GmbH
- AlpNutrition GmbH
- Easyway GmbH
- MyoMax GmbH
- Orthomol pharmazeutische Vertriebs GmbH
- RIKEN VITAMIN EUROPE GmbH

Law firms and patent agents
- Bailer & McKenzie – Partnerschaft von Rechtsanwälten, Wirtschaftsprüfern, Steuerberatern und Solicitors
- Bird & Bird LLP
- Bonnekamp & Sparing Patentanwaltkanzlei
- BPSH Patent- und Rechtsanwälte GmbH
- Clifford Chance Partnerschafts-gesellschaft von Rechtsanwälten, Wirtschaftsprüfern, Steuerberatern und Solicitors
- COHAUSZ & FLORACK Patent- und Rechtsanwälte
- Gile Hoibai GbR – Patentanwälte
- Ingrid Kasteleiner – Rechtsanwältin
- KLEINER Rechtsanwälte Partnerschaftsgesellschaft
- König-Szycka-Tilimann – von Renesse Patentanwälte
- Leifert & Stefan, Patentanwälte
- Lützeler Klimper Rechtsanwälte
- Michalski + Huttermann & Partner Patentanwälte
- Siebenist, Grey & Partner GmbH
- Simmans & Simmans

Service providers
- ACI – Analytik Consulting Institut GmbH
- Biolytiks GmbH – Labor für biologische Analysen
- BioReg Consultancy
- Cap-soft GmbH/obector.com – the life science career center
- CareService mbH & Co. KG
- Covenio Ltd.
- Conrath Consulting & Coaching
- CPE GmbH
- DCZ Executive Search GmbH
- Deutsche Chebro Pharma GmbH
- Digital District GmbH
- Domolytik – Institut für Gebäude- und Innenraumanalytik GmbH
- DVR GmbH
- eonzyme UG & Co. KG
- Ernst & Young GmbH Wirt schaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
- FOCUS Innovative Pharmaceuticals GmbH
- fundamenta LIFE-SCIENCE GmbH
- Gate2lifesciences/Profiling
- Institut/Bühlen Consulting e. K.
- GHX Europe GmbH
- Global Sciences GmbH
- Hagedorn Medical Services & Consulting
- Healthcare Personalmanage ment GmbH
- HS Lifesciences Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG
- IMSoot
- Innocquaed GmbH
- Kien Linnebe & Partner Unternehmensberatung GbR
- Labor Urbanus GmbH
- MedWise Institute GmbH
- MLM Medical Labs GmbH
- ox[yn] Informationsdesign
- PS Pharma Service GmbH
- Potm GmbH
- Sanacorps Pharmahandel GmbH
- Science Service Dr. Hempel GmbH
- Sirius Seedfonds Düsseldorf GmbH & Co. KG
- Sirius Venture Partners GmbH
- Sumitomo Deutschland GmbH
- Systat Software GmbH
- UNITEDDESIGNWORKERS
- Ventac Partners GmbH
- Wiedemer Kommunikation GmbH

Suppliers, laboratory equipment
- a1-eniverscience
- ABIMED Biotechnology GmbH
- AIR LIQUIDE Deutschland GmbH
- anthos Mikrosysteme GmbH
- Beckman Cauter GmbH
- behr Labor-Technik GmbH
- Beyer GmbH
- FUJIFILM Europe GmbH
- GEA Group Aktiengesellschaft
- Gerresheimer AG
- HACH Lange GmbH
- Hanshin Medical Co. KG
- IVA Analysetechnik e. K.
- IKBENBAUM Wissenschaftliche Meßsysteme e. K.
- Luigs & Neumann Feinmechanik und Elektrotechnik GmbH
- m3Lab GmbH
- Nanolytk
- Nikon GmbH
- Nippon Gohsei Europe GmbH
- Nordson Deutschland GmbH
- Parker dominik hunter/ Parker Hannifin GmbH
- Paul Gräh GmbH
- Randos Laboratories GmbH
- RETSCH GmbH
- Semadeni (Europe) AG
- Skalar Analytic GmbH
- TELBA AG & Co. KG
- VWR International GmbH
- Watson-Marlow GmbH

Düsseldorf
Düsseldorf’s Life Science Center offers its tenants laboratories built and equipped to the very latest standard, as well as office space and a professional centre management.

Düsseldorf’s Life Science Center: room for innovative companies

Düsseldorf offers a successfully operating technology centre which is ideal for both starting and well-established businesses.

**Life Science Center Düsseldorf**

Düsseldorf’s Life Science Center is situated next to the campus of the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf. It was designed as a high-tech centre for established companies and for start-ups in the following sectors:

- Biotechnology/genetic engineering,
- Bioinformatics,
- Biomedicine,
- Biopharmaceutics,
- Medical technology,
- Nanotechnology,
- Biomaterials,
- Optical technology.

**Concept proves to be successful**

Establishing the Life Science Center proved a successful idea right from the start: it offers companies seeking proximity to the region’s outstanding research and science resources a base while providing unbureaucratic access to relevant networks and experts. About 40 tenants, from start-ups to established companies, use the ideal work and research facilities offered here to exchange ideas and opinions close up.
Two buildings – a perfect match
The Life Science Center comprises the technology centre and laboratory building proper and an office building housing companies offering services in the areas of finance, marketing, law and human resources.

Facilities and space
- Air-conditioned and fully ventilated laboratories
- State-of-the-art laboratory standard (up to S2)
- High-performance network with Cat 7 data bus
- Flexible space for expansion
- Approx. 21,000 m² of usable floor space, of which 12,000 m² is usable laboratory and office space in the technology centre, and 9,000 m² in the office building
- Underground car park with 360 parking spaces

Centre management
The LSC’s professional centre management organises events for companies based in the centre and helps them establish contact with authorities, researcher networks, companies, university institutions or experts in financial or patent matters. Working closely with Düsseldorf’s Office of Economic Development, the management team also provides advice about company formation and business matters as well as public relations and marketing.

Transport links
The Life Science Center has direct motorway access (A 46) providing fast transport links in all directions. It is only 15 minutes’ drive from the airport, 10 minutes from the central railway station and 10 minutes from the city centre.

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For more information about present tenants of the Life Science Center and their activities please go to:
www.lsc-dus.de

Map above and detail below: the Düsseldorf Life Science Center – close to research facilities and optimum links to customers and partners.
Düsseldorf’s Heinrich Heine University: nucleus of Germany’s biotechnology industry

The Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf (HHU) is Germany’s most successful university for life science spin-offs. These generate more than 60 per cent of the revenue of all stock-exchange-listed German biotech companies.

The Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf has a faculty of mathematics and sciences with advanced biology, biochemistry, biophysics and pharmacy departments. More than 8,000 students and more than 800 scientists study and work here.

Excellence in life science research
With 5 life-science related collaborative research centres funded by the German Research Council DFG/Transregios, 8 research groups, 17 graduate colleges and research faculties as well as a life sciences excellence cluster the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf is one of Germany’s leaders. Research in the life science sector focuses particularly on molecular and clinical hepatology, cardio-vascular research, environmental medicine and gerontology, molecular and clinical neurosciences, infection medicine, plant sciences, integrative cell biology and structural biology.
Selection of spin-offs from the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf
• QIAGEN GmbH
• Rhein Biotech GmbH/Dynavax Europe
• Evotec AG
• NewLab BioQuality AG/Charles River Biopharmaceutical Services GmbH
• Orthogen AG
• Alpha-Biocare GmbH
• X-Zyme GmbH/Johnson Matthey
• ensymm UG & Co. KG
• ODB-Tec GmbH & Co. KG
• evocatal GmbH
• Autodisplay Biotech GmbH
• Profil Institut für Stoffwechselforshung GmbH
• Epivios GmbH

Research institutes and scientific facilities
• The interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Center (BMFZ) was established to provide a platform for the effective networking of medical and fundamental scientific research. This key facility employs 50 scientists in 4 main research areas:
  – Infection biology
  – Stem-cell and tumor biology
  – Neurobiology
  – Cellular communication
  www.uni-duesseldorf.de/BMFZ
• Koordinierungszentrum für Klinische Studien (Coordination Center for Clinical Trials, KKS)
  www.uniklinik-duesseldorf.de/kks
• Bioeconomy Science Center www.biosc.de
• Center for Advanced Imaging www.cai.hhu.de
• Protein Production Facility
  www.protein-production-facility.hhu.de
• Crystal and X-Ray Facility
  www.crystal-xray-facility.hhu.de
• Next Generation Sequencing Facility
  www.forschung.uni-duesseldorf.de/forschungseinrichtungen/forschungseinrichtungen/next-generation-sequencing-facility
• Collaboration between several institutes and the Jülich Research Centre www.fz-juelich.de
• Center for Intellectual Property www.gewrs.de
• Graduate cluster „Industrial Biotechnology“ of the universities in Bielefeld, Dortmund and Düsseldorf
  www.clib2021.de/graduierten-cluster
• CEPLAS – Cluster of Excellence on Plant Sciences of the universities in Cologne and Düsseldorf, the Max-Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research (MPIPZ) and the Jülich Research Centre
  www.ceplas.eu/en

Other life-science-related institutes are:
• the German Diabetes Centre (DDZ) comprising three institutes: the Institute for Clinical Diabetology, the Institute for Clinical Biochemistry and Pathobiochemistry and the Institute for Biometrics and Epidemiology www.ddz.uni-duesseldorf.de
• Leibniz-Institut für umweltmedizinische Forschung (IUF) www.iuf-duesseldorf.de

Research and technology transfer
The Düsseldorf Innovation and Science Agency (DIWA) is unique in North Rhine-Westphalia. The project is equally co-financed by the City of Düsseldorf and the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf. Its goal is to promote science and technology locally. The agency identifies workable ideas with good business potential that emerge from the universities and is building up Düsseldorf as a technological centre. It also acts as a facilitator between scientists and companies looking for partners for contract research, research collaborations or partners to develop and market research results.

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Düsseldorf’s advantage: 
highly qualified human resources

Well-trained personnel in sufficient number are an important reason to settle here. Biotechnology companies in the region employ about 5,000 people. A further 20,000 work in pharmaceutical companies based in the Rhineland.

Every year several thousand students sit their exams in life-science-related subjects at a total of 23 higher education institutions in NRW. In the BioRiver region alone currently nearly 2,000 biological technical assistants (BTAs), pharmaceutical technical assistants (PTAs) and chemical technical assistants (CTAs) as well as other laboratory technicians are being trained.

Universities and universities of applied sciences
At the universities and universities of applied sciences in the BioRiver region future technicians are currently trained in biology, biotechnology, biochemistry, chemistry, industrial chemistry, medicine, molecular biology or pharmacy.

The BioRiver region is currently training
• nearly 7,000 biologists, biochemists, biotechnologists
• nearly 5,000 chemists and industrial chemists
• more than 10,000 medical students and biomedical students
• more than 1,600 pharmaceutical students
• and close on 60 bioinformaticians

Professional training in the dual system
The German dual vocational training system is regarded worldwide as exemplary. Each year
• 26 biology laboratory assistants,
• 150 chemical laboratory assistants,
• 202 chemical technicians,
• 31 pharmaceutical technicians
sit their exams at the Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Aachen, Bonn, Düsseldorf, Cologne and Krefeld.

Vocational college programmes
Vocational colleges in the BioRiver region provide training courses for biological technical assistants (BTAs), pharmaceutical-technical assistants (PTAs) and chemical-technical assistants (CTAs). Several hundred young people choose one of these vocational training options every year.
North Rhine-Westphalia (blue) has one of the highest concentrations of higher-education institutes in Europe: 23 universities offering life-science-related study courses (see box below). The circle marks the inner BioRiver region (green), to which the figures for training on the left refer.

### Locations of universities in NRW (life science-related courses, see map)

#### Universities

**RWTH Aachen University**
- Biotechnology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Molecular biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Medicine

**Bielefeld University**
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Bioinformatics and genome research
- Chemistry
- Molecular biotechnology
- Molecular biology
- Biophysics
- Behaviour: From Neural Mechanisms to Evolution
- Fundamental and Applied Ecology

**Bochum University**
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Medicine
- Molecular and developmental stem-cell biology
- Molecular science and simulation

**Bonn University**
- Pharmaceutical research
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Drug regulatory affairs
- Life scienceinformatics
- Life and medical sciences
- Medicine
- Microbiology
- Molecular biomedicine
- Molecular biotechnology
- Neuroscience
- Pharmacy
- Plant science

**Dortmund University**
- Biology
- Bioengineering
- Chemistry
- Chemical engineering
- Chemical biology
- Chemical engineering
- Medicine physics

**Duisburg-Essen University, – Essen location**
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Medicine
- Medical biology
- Pharmaceutical medicine
- Water science

**Cologne University**
- Biochemistry
- Biological sciences
- Chemistry
- Medicine
- Neurosciences

**Münster University**
- Pharmaceutical research/drug research
- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Biosciences
- Chemistry
- Medicine
- Molecular biomedicine
- Pharmacy
- Business chemistry

**Paderborn University**
- Chemistry

**Siegen University**
- Biology
- Chemistry

**Witten-Herdecke University**
- Medicine

**Wuppertal University**
- Biology
- Chemistry

**Universities of applied sciences**

**Aachen University of Applied Sciences (with Jülich Campus)**
- Biotechnology
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical engineering
- Applied chemistry

**Bonn-Rhein-Sieg University**
- Applied biology
- Biomedical sciences

**Hamm-Lippstadt University of Applied Sciences**
- Biomedical technology

**Cologne University of Applied Sciences**
- Pharmaceutical chemistry

**Ostwestfalen-Lippe University of Applied Sciences**
- Pharmaceutical technology

**Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences**
- Biosciences and health

**Westphalia University of Applied Sciences**
- Gelsenkirchen site
- Microtechnology and medical technology
- Recklinghausen site
- Chemistry
- Molecular biology

**South-Westphalia University of Applied Sciences**
- Iserlohn site
- Bio- and nanotechnology
- Medical technology
- Lüdenscheid site
- Medical technology

**Münster University of Applied Sciences**
- Biomedical technology/biomedical engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Chemical engineering
- Physical technology (biomedical technology, laser technology)

**Niederrhein University of Applied Sciences**
- Krefeld site
- Applied chemistry
- Chemical engineering
- Chemistry and biotechnology
- E-Health
Düsseldorf and BioRiver region: life science in the Rhineland

With some 200 life science companies, of which more than 60 are dedicated biotechnology companies, 65 pharmaceutical and chemical companies and 22 CROs, the BioRiver region is one of Germany’s leading biotechnology centres. Düsseldorf is the hub of this biotech cluster.

The Rhine lends its name to the region and the independent industrial association BioRiver – Life Science im Rheinland e. V. This core region of North Rhine-Westphalian biotechnology with its urban centres Düsseldorf, Cologne, Bonn, Aachen and Jülich is a leading centre for research, development and marketing in the life science sector in Germany. BioRiver e. V. has successfully engaged in networking the actors, marketing the BioRegion and improving general conditions since 2004.

Scientific excellence
The BioRiver region is characterised by a unique concentration of internationally reputable universities and research institutes as well as publicly and privately funded teaching and research facilities. Its special strengths lie in biomedicine, particularly all aspects of neurology and gerontology, in industrial biotechnology with especial emphasis on enzyme research, diagnostics, analytics and the all-embracing enabling technologies.

Business heavyweights
BioRiver companies serve almost every area of modern pharmaceutical and industrial biotechnology. QIAGEN and Miltenyi Biotec, Germany’s largest and internationally most successful biotech companies, are based in the BioRiver region. Between them they employ a total of close on 3,000 people in the area. Start-ups and young companies are already also internationally networked. Large company groups like Bayer, UCB, Grünenthal, Henkel, LANXESS and Evonik representing the historically well-established pharmaceutical and chemical industry are both potential partners and customers.

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Düsseldorf is the capital of North Rhine-Westphalia, the most densely populated state in the Federal Republic of Germany. However, it is also a charming city and a leading international business centre.

Düsseldorf is situated centrally in Europe and offers a highly concentrated sales potential of 155 million people within a radius of 500 km, a modern, powerful infrastructure and an impressive economic diversity.

**Economic diversity**
- Düsseldorf is Germany’s most important telecommunications centre.
- Düsseldorf is Germany’s second most important stock exchange and banking centre.
- Düsseldorf is the advertising centre with the highest revenue.
- Düsseldorf is a leading location for legal and business consulting.
- Düsseldorf is an important centre of the insurance industry in Germany.
- Düsseldorf is an important fashion centre.
- Düsseldorf is a leading trade fair venue, hosting more than 24 key trade fairs.

- More than 85,000 companies, of which more than 4,000 are of foreign origin, operate in the Düsseldorf area.
Seamless infrastructure and quick access
- Flights from Düsseldorf International Airport, which is close to the city centre, serve more than 180 cities worldwide. Europe’s most important business centres, such as London, Paris or Zürich, are less than an hour’s flying time away.
- The airport is linked direct to the rail network, with about 300 departures a day serving all the most important cities.

International style
People in Düsseldorf are open-minded and make foreign residents feel welcome:
- The International School of Düsseldorf, with close to 1,000 students from 50 countries, is considered one of the best international schools in Europe.
- More than 4,000 foreign companies operate in the region.
- Düsseldorf has more than 40 consulates and nearly as many foreign development organisations again.
- International clubs and international cultural organisations help people make contact.

Quality of life
Art and culture play an important role in and around Düsseldorf:
- Deutsche Oper am Rhein
- Concert halls and symphony orchestras
- Musicals and variety theatres
- Important museums and art collections
- Theatres
Düsseldorf offers a very high quality of life.

**Sports and recreation**
- Whether it is tennis, football, ice hockey or horse-racing, gliding or surfing, polo and even indoor skiing – you name it, Düsseldorf offers it.
- Düsseldorf and its delightful environs offer a wealth of leisure and recreational activities. The North Sea is only about two hours away.
- The region has numerous attractive golf courses.

**Living in Düsseldorf**
Düsseldorf offers living space in all segments and all price categories: whether flats and apartments in the city, one-family and multiple-family homes on the outskirts, or houses and apartments in our newly constructed residential areas not far from the city centre.

† The Rhine-Ruhr urban area centred on Düsseldorf is a powerful business zone