

Every day, tens of thousands of people in The Hague are working on innovations that contribute to a better future. The special status of The Hague as the International City of Peace and Justice has been attracting governmental leaders, international organisations, knowledge institutions, NGOs, companies and new talent for years. Here, they have the opportunity to share their knowledge, working together closely to find solutions to some of the most pressing global challenges.

Meet and Collaborate

Over 100 years ago, world leaders converged in The Hague for the first International Peace Conference. Today, the city frequently plays host to numerous conventions, congresses, meetings and events where global experts convene to debate and discuss the most pressing global challenges in the areas of arbitration, legal tech, internet governance, cybersecurity and more. Annual conferences hosted by the city include EuroDIG and the One Conference. The Hague has also become home of the largest European security cluster: The Hague Security Delta. In total, 480 international organisations create 40.000 jobs in the Hague and region.

Doing Good & Doing Business

Working together to create a better world is part of The Hague's DNA. Innovative start-ups and scale-ups alongside thousands of creative entrepreneurs make up the ImpactCity community. ImpactCity stimulates the city's goal of 'doing good & doing business', offering relevant networks, growth capital, young talent, possibilities for settlement and much more. Physically working close to each other in shared spaces such as The Hague Humanity Hub and Apollo14, means that parties often collaborate to develop innovative ideas when it comes to topics like security, sustainability,

energy and food supply. Together, they also help reach the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Innovative Ideas from The Hague

The Hague is not only known for hosting many international organisations, but is also developed a hotspot for innovation. Next to the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court, Europol, Eurojust, OPCW and numerous NGOs such as UNICEF and Oxfam Novib, almost all international embassies and consulates can be found in the city. But The Hague has so much more to offer: As governmental centre and seat of the central government, the city provides a unique testing ground for innovations in governance and policy. The connection between juridical institutions (Legal & Policy) and the IT & Tech sector (Govtech) strengthen the innovative power in The Hague. Both national and international organisations work closely together alongside the local start-up community.

Together they create technological innovations that address the challenges associated with (human) rights and ethics in a digital age (Legaltech). This includes, but is not limited to, arbitration, mediation and other digital forms of alternative dispute resolution. The Hague is also the place to be when it comes to working on ethical and judicial frameworks that tackle both social issues and innovation, for example, robotics and climate change.







Largest cybersecurity community

Europe's largest cybersecurity community is located in The Hague



4,500

Students at research universities in IT-related disciplines



540,000 inhabitants and 180 nationalities



2,000

Students at Universities of Applied Sciences



Home to the royal family



11 km of coastal and beach resorts



The government



11 international schools



450+ International organisations



One of the greenest cities in Europe



111 Embassies & consulates