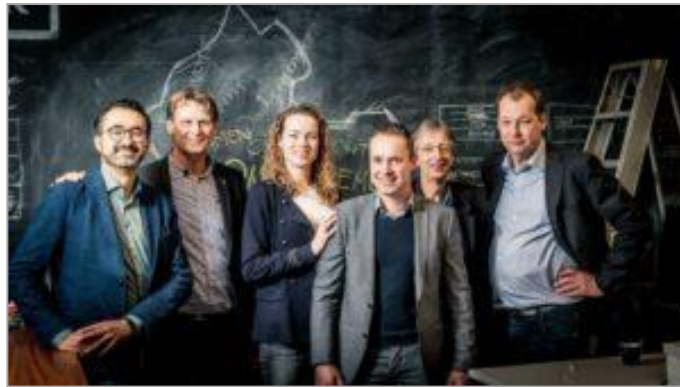


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Introduction sheet: RCT Regional Centre for Technology



RCT Gelderland

RCT Gelderland (Regional Centre for Technology Gelderland)

'Once originated from entrepreneurs, RCT (Regional Center for Technology) Gelderland is a foundation that is funded by the province of Gelderland and still run by entrepreneurs. The foundation focuses on helping SMEs in the transition towards a smarter and more sustainable manufacturing industry.

Gelderland is one of the 12 Dutch provinces and located in the central eastern part of the Netherlands. It is a typical production and manufacturing area with worldwide well know companies like Nedap, Bronkhorst High-Tech, AWL, etc. But an important part of Gelderland's economic structure is based on SMEs.

RCT Gelderland supports SME manufacturing companies in Gelderland to innovate and become smarter and more sustainable. RCT consists of a team of 6 regional Innovation Consultants with an extensive regional network, knowledge of the companies and challenges they face. We work demand-driven and support innovative ideas from SMEs in the various regions by connecting them with other entrepreneurs, educational and knowledge institutions or parties with the necessary expertise, experience or resources. The basic principle is that the companies receive tailor-made assistance and are guided to the best support available to them, making as much use as possible of the knowledge available in the east of the Netherlands.

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Company visits, initiating learning communities, organising small gatherings for mutual knowledge exchange, facilitating visits to (international) knowledge clusters and exhibitions are some of our activities to bring companies 'in the next step' of development.

Example: In the Achterhoek region, public transport will run on the basis of H2 by the end of 2021. For this purpose, 10 new H2 buses have been purchased and a hydrogen filling station is being built. Educational organizations are also involved in the entire project: from maintenance, generation and storage to monitoring energy consumption. By doing so, the employees of the future gain knowledge of H2 by learning on the job.

Example: RCT organised together with other organisations an 'Expert Table' meeting to discuss Hydrogen solutions in the energy transition for the industry. This 'Expert Table' is a project within the Strategic Agenda of the Food Valley Region and is made possible by RCT Gelderland, Gelderland Province, the Food Valley Region, VNO-NCW Veluwe Vallei and the Federatie Ondernemerskringen Vallei regio.