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Dear conference organiser
Annetje Ottow welcomes you

Leiden is a city where science has long prevailed. Since the establishment of Leiden University in 1575, Leiden has flourished under the influence of the many scientists who have settled in the city. Leiden has always been a welcoming city where talented scientists could find, meet and inspire each other. Their encounters have led to countless innovations; the reason Leiden is known as the city of discoveries. The power of these encounters has always been greater than the sum of its parts - in the past, present and future.

Leiden is a city where the past meets the future on a daily basis. The city centre, with its many monuments, showcases the city’s extensive history. Just outside the city centre is the Leiden Bio Science Park: the largest Life Sciences & Health Cluster in the Netherlands and a leading world-class innovation district. Here, major scientific research institutes work on innovations that make and keep people healthy. The meetings and joint efforts of the talents in Leiden therefore affect us all.
For this reason, as a significant international conference destination, Leiden welcomes these encounters with open arms. I warmly invite you, as a conference organiser, to experience Leiden’s hospitality for yourself and discover how meetings in Leiden can contribute to the legacy of your conference. Because the beauty of organising a meeting in Leiden is that the whole city serves as its stage. And that is a wonderful experience to behold.

May we meet in Leiden!

Prof. mr. Annetje Ottow
President of the Executive Board
Leiden University
Great Minds Meet in Leiden
Where science and culture always go hand in hand

Leiden – an academic city of stature
Over the centuries, the city with the first university in the Netherlands has always been able to prove its deserved position in the leading academic world. The strength of Leiden University is supported by the diversity of researchers and scientific disciplines, represented in the university’s seven faculties: Archaeology, Humanities, Medicine, Governance and Global Affairs, Law, Social and Behavioural Sciences and Mathematics and Natural Sciences. Furthermore, thanks to the growth of international conferences and scientific events, Leiden has managed to maintain a strong reputation and serves as an internationally recognised platform for knowledge transfer and discussion.

On the shoulders of giants
Ever since the foundation of the first university in the Netherlands in 1575, Leiden has been a city where innovation and scientific discovery have thrived. With a prestigious library, botanical garden, observatory and academic hospital, the university quickly acquired a reputation that attracted scholars from all over Europe. The contributions of Leiden scientists have been diverse and comprehensive over the centuries. They have made great discoveries in every field of thought: from medicine to astronomy, physics, mathematics and animal behaviour. This talent is recognised worldwide; since 1901, there have been 16 Nobel Prize winners with a connection to Leiden. The establishment of the Leiden Bio Science Park in 1984 anchored the desire to innovate in Leiden, a city that continues to follow the path of leading research in areas such as space, biomedical sciences and immunology. Worldwide notables in science, such as Albert Einstein, Johan Huizinga and Johan Rudolph Thorbecke, have forever linked their name to the city of Leiden. We will continue to build on the impact of Leiden as an international city of science on the shoulders of these giants. Leiden has always been a home to countless bright minds who have come to the city to be free in their thinking and to share their ideas.

Life Sciences & Health Innovation
Leiden Bio Science Park houses the largest concentration of Life Science research, education and business in the Netherlands and is one of Europe’s five most successful science parks. It houses more than 150 Life Sciences & Health organisations, such as the Leiden University Medical Center, the Leiden Faculty of Science, Top Institute Pharma, TNO (Dutch Organisation for Applied Scientific Research), Naturalis Biodiversity Centre and more than a hundred specialised companies in the field of medical life sciences. These companies range from large international players to start-ups.

Leiden Bio Science Park is anything but a collection of individual companies. On the contrary, the synergy between the research institutes and the companies, the companies themselves and patient care guarantee an outcome much more powerful than the sum of its parts. As a result, there have been resounding successes of medication used worldwide that relieve or cure patients and their lives and combat or even prevent life-threatening conditions.
Leiden was meant to be. The transformation of Leiden into a city where knowledge and culture have always served as its foundation is the product of countless stories, discoveries and developments that have taken place on this soil. Throughout history and the present, Leiden has welcomed religious and economic refugees from other countries with open arms and has invested in attracting top scientists from all over the world. The encounters in Leiden between the people behind these stories have always encouraged sharing knowledge and skills, resulting in new stories and developments. All these encounters have made Leiden the city it is today.

The still cherished freedom of thought was and is dominant in Leiden’s DNA. This freedom reached its first milestone in 1575 with the foundation of the “Leiden University to safeguard (academic) freedom”. The resulting academic, cultural and international climate is reflected in contemporary Leiden: City of Discoveries. The Leiden Bio Science Park, the Leiden University Medical Center and the Naturalis Biodiversity Center, among others, bear witness to this, as well as the world-renowned collections in the thirteen museums – four of which are national museums – in Leiden.
Precursor of culture
Leiden has many famous sons and daughters. Of all those clever minds, most people know Rembrandt van Rijn. Born and educated in Leiden, this is where he laid the foundation for his later worldwide fame. The Young Rembrandt Studio in Leiden still visually tells the story of Rembrandt and his early years in the city. Many other masters followed after Rembrandt, such as Gerrit Dou, Frans van Mieris and Jan Steen, who developed their special technique in Leiden and took it to great heights.

Not only the old Masters called Leiden home. The great name that Leiden has built up in history as a city of knowledge and culture has always brought great minds together. It is, therefore, no coincidence that Theo van Doesburg founded the magazine De Stijl in Leiden, the ‘Bastion of Freedom’. Theo van Doesburg was a revolutionary in art with grand ambitions: the new, abstract and objective visual language of De Stijl would appeal to everyone and thus ensure greater world harmony. The international art movement that arose around this magazine attracted artists such as Piet Mondriaan, Vilmos Huszár, Bart van der Leck and architects such as J.J.P. Oud and Gerrit Rietveld.

Even today, Leiden relies on its cultural heritage. The world-renowned collections in Leiden’s thirteen museums allow visitors to marvel at all kinds of themes that have played a role in Leiden. These collections would never have come together without scientists such as physician and anatomist Herman Boerhaave and physician and nature collector Philipp von Siebold. This is how knowledge and culture in Leiden have always been intertwined. Leiden University is still characterised by its open academic climate and has always attracted scientists from all over the world. Inspiration from future generations of scientists is an essential driving force, and, as mentioned, Leiden was meant to be.
In 2022, Leiden was the European capital of science for a year: European City of Science. For 365 days, the entire city was transformed into a festival site celebrating science and curiosity. It has been a year packed with activities, conferences, lectures, workshops, excursions, exhibitions and events for anyone with a curious mind. In addition, numerous conventions and remarkable gatherings shed light on the great issues of our time. At the same time, a surprising program was drawn up with and for residents of the city and region, in which each day was centered around a different exciting topic. The main purpose of Leiden European City of Science 2022 was to connect science and society.

ESOF 2022
The title European City of Science is awarded every two years by EuroScience in Strasbourg to a European city. The title is tied to Europe’s largest biennial multidisciplinary science conference, the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF), which has been organised for its 10th edition in Leiden in 2022. ESOF aims to provide scientists with a platform to engage in interdisciplinary and intersectional debate about scientific culture, scientific research and innovation for and with society. The overarching theme of ESOF2022 was: Crossing Borders, Engaged Science, Resilient Societies. With more than 120 sessions and more than 500 speakers from 60 countries, this edition of the conference has been very successful.
Bright Young Minds
Leiden may be a historic city; it is however young at heart: half of its inhabitants are younger than 36 years. These younger generations have been in the spotlight across the European Union in 2022: the European Commission has declared 2022 the ‘European Year of Youth’. It is therefore no wonder that in 2022, Leiden partnered with the European Year of Youth to create the ‘Bright Young Minds’ program. Bright Young Minds was the moment to give the bright minds of the future a platform to discuss and find solutions to social issues. This was the aim of the European Contest for Young Scientists and the EU TalentOn: to challenge young academics to present their scientific projects and to come together in competition form to become game changers in solving major issues.

Themed Weeks
This year has also left considerable impact on Leiden. Starting this year and continuously in the future, we organise several yearly ‘themed weeks’. Examples are the Days of Art & Science, the Life Sciences & Health Week, and The Space Week. Leiden European City of Science 2022 has taught us that events of a certain theme, organised within a limited amount of time, are boosted in both interest and impact enormously. Are you interested in hosting a conference in any of these themes? Contact Leiden Convention Bureau to discuss whether your conference can be a part of these themed weeks. This way, your conference can experience the additional impact that many have already experienced before you.

“The fact that we have been awarded this conference re-emphasises our scientific position as a city of knowledge once again.”

Ferry Breedveld and Corinne Hofman (Champions of ESOF 2022)
Leiden is proud of its reputation as city of science, reaching far beyond the borders of the Netherlands. At the same time, being a city of science requires raising one’s head above the ground to continue participating at the very top. Being seen and heard as a world player is essential.

In 2014, the municipality of Leiden, Leiden University, Leiden University Medical Center, Leiden Convention Bureau, and the Leiden hospitality sector joined forces in order to promote Leiden’s excellent achievements. This marked the beginning of the Leiden Ambassadors Network, which rapidly developed into a tremendous success. The network boasts over 120 members, which is unique to the Netherlands.
The conference ambassadors are mostly from Leiden or connected to the city and are known for their achievements in their academic field, deeds, and insights. They are true captains of their own industry and their field of research. They are keen to advertise the city’s strengths and to consolidate and affirm the identity of Leiden as a city of science and culture. The ambassadors do this by inviting international congresses within their respective fields or networks to Leiden. Judging by the impressive results of their efforts, they do this with much vigor and passion!

There are numerous advantages to hosting a conference in Leiden with the help of one of our Ambassadors. Having a Leiden-based top-researcher function as the face of your scientific event in Leiden will boost the engagement of the delegates to the event. A conference is an effective way of building contacts and networks with international colleagues, especially for young people in the early stages of their careers. Furthermore, a conference is a perfect platform to highlight a particular milestone or celebration.

Leiden Convention Bureau supports the Ambassadors in practical ways, such as providing them with information about Leiden and the Netherlands as a congress destination. In addition, it is an effective liaison in contact with many relevant organisations and supports the acquisition process with custom-made bid books, presentations, and brochures. Leiden Convention Bureau also organises site visits, where the delegation of a selection committee can experience for themselves what makes Leiden a suitable choice for their next event.
Leiden Convention Bureau (LCB), an initiative of Leiden&Partners, is responsible for positioning Leiden as conference destination. Leiden Convention Bureau is committed to making your conference or business event in Leiden a memorable success.

We serve as the link between the suppliers in the field of congresses and events in Leiden and the demand from organisers and planners of these meetings. All of our services are neutral and free of charge.

Leiden Convention Bureau can assist you with:

- Advice on Congress venue and location
- Advice on Hotel accommodation
- Advice on Professional Congress Organiser (PCO)
- Advice on Social programs in Leiden and the region
- Organisation of site inspections
- Drafting and designing your bid book
- Use of promotional material
- Use of digital image bank
- Promotion of your event on our online channels

The Leiden Convention Bureau team is happy to think along with you about how your event can be a success in Leiden.

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A selection of Leiden’s congresses 2023 - 2025

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Sustainability

Footprint
The ecological footprint of congress and meeting participants is determined to a considerable degree by accessibility, the congress destination, the venue, catering and accommodation. Because of its favourable location, both nationally and internationally, Leiden has the edge.

Green Key
All companies in Leiden have a so-called Green Key label. Green Key is a leading global environmental certification group. Reduction of energy use, waste, emissions and operational costs are monitored. In addition, organisations invest in the involvement by its personnel, clients and surrounding parties. The Leiden caterers have embraced the principles of sustainability. At the majority of congresses, vegetarian meals are the standard and meat or fish is offered as an option. Waste is minimal and only local or FairTrade ingredients are used.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s)
In Leiden, the municipality is making a pro-active and diligent effort in pursuing and achieving the set Sustainable Development Goals. Together with the inhabitants of Leiden, the municipality in their policy is working hard on creating a more sustainable, diverse and durable city for the future. In Leiden, the focus has been put on ‘Good Health and Well-being’ (3), ‘Quality Education’ (4), ‘Sustainable Cities and Communities’ (11) and ‘Partnerships for the Goals’ (17).

Global Goals Municipality
Leiden has joined the Association of Dutch Municipalities as a ‘Global Goals’ municipality. With this label, the municipality of Leiden promises to always connect and intertwine the worldwide sustainability agenda into its policy. Examples of this promise include the reduction of inequality, societal integration, a pleasant and safe living environment, sustainable production and consumption of goods, and qualitative and participative governance.

Climate Capacity Building Programme
The Climate Capacity Programme is an initiative by the Netherlands Bureau for Tourism and Congresses (NBTC) and the Travel Foundation. Leiden & Partners has joined this initiative, which has set as its main goal to ensure that destinations are made sustainable on an individual level. The Programme combines both theoretical knowledge and practical experience to come to a tailor-made solution for each destination. The focus is put on increasing organisational decisiveness and professionalisation in making both leisure and business travel more sustainable.
Leiden is in a perfect location. The city is close to major cities such as Amsterdam, The Hague and Rotterdam. Furthermore, everything within the city of Leiden is also close to each other: conference venues, the university, the historical city centre, the canals, hotels, attractions and the many monuments of Leiden are all within walking distance.

Internationally well accessible
The Netherlands is widely considered to be one of the most easily accessible countries in Europe. Within the country, Leiden has a particularly favourable location. Amsterdam International Airport ‘Schiphol’ is just 15 minutes away by train, and Leiden Central Station is one of the ten largest train stations in the Netherlands, with connections to high-speed rail to countries like Belgium, France, Germany and United Kingdom. In addition, the city is located between the A4 and A44 highways, with connections to all international motorways on the European mainland and the United Kingdom via the North Sea ferry.

A compact city centre
Due to the compact nature and the historical features of Leiden’s city centre, going by foot or by bicycle are the preferred modes of transport to get from A to B. Every highlight of the city is within walking distance, and there are many locations where one can find bikes for rental. The city buses in Leiden drive fully electrically, and the very stable and frequent timetable makes sure guests will get to their destination very swiftly. There are plenty of parking garages in the city centre, and a larger cark park area at the edge of town. From there, free electrical shuttle buses will take you directly to your destination.
Culture
Leiden, where culture meets science

Leiden is endowed with a rich cultural heritage as well as world famous sons and daughters. Much of its treasure has been well-preserved and still enchants today’s visitors to the city. Moreover, virtually all of it is within comfortable walking distance.

Leiden flourished during the 17th century. Historic canals still ring the picturesque city centre with impressive city mansions. The monumental Hooglandse Kerk (± 1315) and Pieterskerk (± 1100) churches are even older, surrounded by a maze of narrow medieval streets. The hidden courtyards and gable stones still manifest the trades of the original occupants. Today, many old houses are turned into restaurants, bars, galleries, design studios, bookstores, vintage shops or boutiques. Leiden’s Burcht, the ancient fortress located at the intersection of two branches of the river Rhine, offers spectacular views over the city.

The thirteen museums – of which four nationals museums – make Leiden the Netherlands’ third museum city, after Amsterdam and The Hague. Their collections are varied and often unique in the world. Many of Holland’s master painters had strong connections to Leiden, such as Rembrandt, who was born and educated here.

The Pilgrims also play a part in Leiden’s history. Fleeing from religious persecution in England, they were welcomed in Leiden, where they stayed for 12 years before crossing the Atlantic Ocean towards ‘the New World’ on the Mayflower. As a result, they are nowadays commonly known as the ancestors of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

In Leiden, there is a big chance your scientific event will have a direct link to the cultural heritage of the city. The majority of cultural institutions are simultaneously available as venue for your conference or event. The Leiden Schouwburg – as the oldest theatre in the Netherlands – not only still functions as the city’s main theatre, but is also very suitable for events of a certain stature. The two grand churches of the city are often used as impressive backdrop to big events. Moreover, the museums of Leiden play a double roll: on the one hand they are a cultural institution, yet on the other hand they are a perfectly suitable venue for your event.
The historical city centre is not the only feature that makes Leiden an attractive conference destination. Leiden is located in a marvelous region where you will find the world renowned colourful flower fields of the ‘Bollenstreek’, the stretched beaches at the North Sea coast, many characteristic towns and beautiful castles.

Leiden at Sea
At a mere 15 kilometers from Leiden, you can find the stretched North Sea Coast. The coastal towns of Katwijk, Wassenaar and Noordwijk all offer a lively beach with plenty of restaurants and bars on the sandy beach. A stroll along the beach is highly recommended, both in summer and in winter.

Dunes
The many cycling routes provide the perfect way to discover the dunes of the Leiden Region. The National Park ‘Hollandse Duinen’ comprises of more than 60 km² of Natura-2000 area, among which the areas Berkheide, bordering Katwijk,
the Coepelduynen and the Panbos forest, as well as the dune area Meijendel in Wassenaar. The landscape here is truly unique, as it came to be over 5000 years ago due to the rise of the sea level.

**Floral splendour**
In between Leiden, the beach and Amsterdam, lies the ‘Bollenstreek’, the Bulb Region. The Bollenstreek is the world famous area where you will find the beautifully coloured flower fields in spring. In the centre of the Bollenstreek you find Keukenhof Gardens, the yearly exhibition of spring flowers. Keukenhof Gardens is one of the most visited attractions in the Netherlands each year.

**The region by water**
In the Leiden Region, you will find many waterways, lakes and of course the North Sea. A perfect way of experiencing the beautiful nature is by getting aboard roundtrip cruise or by renting your own boat and go on adventure.

**In between the major cities**
Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands, The Hague is home to the Dutch government and royal family, and Rotterdam is the largest shipping port of Europe. These three major cities, all completely different, are found within a radius of 35 kilometers from Leiden. You can easily visit these cities by public transport.
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The 10th edition of the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF 2022) conference took place in Leiden, European City of Science 2022, from the 13th to the 16th of July. ESOF is Europe’s largest multidisciplinary science conference, in which hundreds of participants from all around the world came to Leiden. Following this successful conference, Leiden Convention Bureau launched a short movie of ESOF 2022 to give you an impression of the conference. In addition, this short movie provides an excellent overview of the possibilities of organising a scientific event in Leiden. The movie can be found on Leiden Convention Bureau’s YouTube channel.
Venues

Leiden offers a broad range of extraordinary venues for conferences, business events, scientific meetings or board meetings. Leiden venues come in all varieties and sizes: from luxurious meeting facilities at hotels to beautiful foyers of Leiden’s museums, magnificent historical gothic churches, the oldest theatre in the Netherlands and the old University buildings. In Leiden, conferences for up to 2,500 delegates are possible.

There is no other city in the Netherlands where – thanks to 13 museums – culture can be so easily combined with a scientific conference programme or general meeting. Most locations are within walking distance of Leiden Central Station and surrounded by restaurants, hotels and bars. In addition, many locations can be reached via water, adding extra special charm to the programme as delegates travel by boat from their hotel to the venue or from there to the location of a dinner or evening event.
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Naturalis is the leading biodiversity expert. Its huge natural history collection of 42 million objects offers researchers a unique perspective on biodiversity in the past, present and future.

The prize-winning building in the heart of Leiden Bio Science Park is the prime meeting place for those eager to discover and learn more about nature. In the museum, you can find out about the earliest life on earth, the Netherlands during the Ice Age and the forces of nature that rule our planet. You can even come eye to eye with T. rex Trix and experience life in the times of the dinosaurs.

The new Naturalis is an inspiring location for businesses to convene surrounded by biodiversity. Naturalis is eager to share its knowledge and passion regarding nature with corporate visitors.

Naturalis is well-equipped to make your meeting a successful one. Both formal and informal, large or small (from 20 to up to 450 guests), our inspiring rooms and halls provide the right setting for any meeting. Organise a daytime meeting in the oak-panelled Auditorium with its perfect acoustics and use the adjoining break-out rooms. Thrill your guests with a visit to the museum, an inspiring lecture by one of our 150 scientists and the special natural history collection. In the evenings, all of the museum is available for meetings. A dinner in the Atrium, for example, under the 40 metres high glass crown. Reservations always include access to the museum for all guests during opening times of the museum.
The magnificent Hooglandse Kerk has towered over Leiden’s historic centre for over 700 years. A fourteenth-century gothic cathedral, it is one of the most awe-inspiring buildings in the city.

Its spacious, historic ambiance turns any concert, congress, or intimate dinner into a memorable event. With some 2,800 m2 of floor space, the church seats 1,500 people. Screens can enable parallel sessions by dividing the church into two separate spaces.

The Hooglandse Kerk includes a fully-facilitated complex of meeting rooms, Het Hooglandse Huys. Each accommodates 45 to 65 guests. Together with a second fully-facilitated covered courtyard, De Burchtzaal, these spaces are used as breakout rooms.

All modern meeting facilities are available in the Hooglandse Kerk. There are plenty of parking facilities nearby. The church is a mere 10-minute walk from Leiden Central Station. Leiden’s oldest and most centrally-located monument, De Burcht, is right next door: your guests will experience the beauty of our historical city.
With the striking building of the seated human figure, CORPUS Congress Centre presents an impressive and inspiring business card to its visitors. Moreover, behind the robust appearance of CORPUS lies a strong concept that is unique in the world, where everything revolves around the wonders of the human body and how to take good care of it; appealing, binding and relevant for everybody.

CORPUS Congress Centre is the beating heart of the Leiden Bio Science Park and has various rooms with unprecedented possibilities. The lounge is a 7-meter-high and well-arranged space of 450m². Here you will find a sleek bar and a south-facing terrace. This central, light space is a place where people meet and is ideally suited for catering, networking or breaks. Adjacent to the lounge is the showpiece of CORPUS Congress Centre: the high conference room of 568m².
This room is ideal for plenary sessions of up to 540 people. In an instant, this conference room can be reduced to a conference room with a maximum capacity of 300 people in combination with various breakout rooms.

The penthouse is located at the 8th floor of CORPUS and characterised by the beautiful panoramic view of the Dutch coast. This bright 90 m2 room is perfect to host various events such as presentations, drinks, workshops or dinner parties. So, definitely consider the penthouse for your next event.

Last but not least, CORPUS Congress Centre offers the opportunity to add the ‘journey through the human body’ to the program. During this ‘journey’, the guests become acquainted with the wonders of the human body, their body. A guarantee that they will not soon forget the event.
You are most welcome for an introductory meeting and tour in our characteristic building. Our service-oriented and professional team unburdens the needs and fulfills the wishes of you and your guests, before, during and after the event. Call or email us for more information or a visit. We’ve kept it short and simple in this booklet.

- Located in the historical city center and cultural quarter of Leiden
- A former blanket factory dating from 1817 that exudes an industrial atmosphere
- Walking distance: Parking garage (2 minutes), the train station (8 minutes) and hotels (10 minutes)
- One of the most inspiring event locations in Leiden
- The areas are wheelchair-friendly and sustainable
- We are there for any type of event, scalable and multifunctional
- Our location has three entrances and three toilet groups
- We offer modern audio systems and audio-visual facilities such as beamers and high-tech LED lighting systems
- Scheltema Leiden supports the local suppliers

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In our online brochure (bit.ly/welcometoleiden), you find extensive information about Scheltema Leiden and via scheltemaleiden.nl/en/our-rooms/ you can virtually move through our areas.
One name, two beautiful buildings in the centre of Leiden and easily accessible! These two historic event locations each have their own charm: several rooms are equipped with all modern conveniences and ensure that every meeting is an experience for you and your guests! Here, stories are brought together.

Stadsgehoorzaal Leiden
Breestraat 60, 2311 CS Leiden

Every year many (international) conferences take place at the Stadsgehoorzaal. Thanks to the many different spaces, there are ample opportunities for workshops, break-outs, poster sessions and catering. This makes the building suitable for small and large conferences and events.

The Grote Zaal can be used flexibly and offers space for over 800 seats. No theatre setup? Then all chairs are removed and a space for a dinner setting or dance floor will be created.

Leidse Schouwburg
Oude Vest 43, 2312 XS Leiden

The Leidse Schouwburg is the oldest theatre in the Netherlands that still has a theatre function. Since 1705, this building has provided a special setting for any event. There are several foyers for break-out sessions.
Pieterskerk Leiden is a truly impressive and authentic 900 year old national monument and venue.

It is very suitable for dinners, receptions and symposia. With 3,300 m² of heated floorspace the Pieterskerk Leiden is available for activities all year round. A seated dinner at the end of your conference or a keynote meeting as an opening - we are happy to inform you about all the possibilities.

The Pieterskerk Leiden has its own professional event organisation. We are there to relieve you of all aspects that are involved in organising your event. All modern technology is provided: a speaker proof sound system, lighting, rigging up to 25 metres, high voltage power and cable ducts. Pieterskerk Leiden has preferred technical, look & feel and catering partners.

On top of that all, the Pieterskerk Leiden has a Green Key Gold sustainability certification.
ECC Leiden is an ultra-flexible and modern meeting location where you can host any kind of meeting, event or other type of gathering.

ECC Leiden is easily accessible and centrally located in the heart of The Randstad (consisting of the major Dutch industrial cities). Completely restyled, all 14 meeting rooms offer an industrial look & feel for meetings & events up to 350 people. Recently, innovative hotspots have been added such as The Pool, The Terrace and The Canteen. Here you can brainstorm at the bottom of a former swimming pool, have a relaxed meeting in a heated Greenhouse and have your lunch in a Mediterranean atmosphere. An added value for a total experience of all kinds of meetings where enjoyment and inspiration are part of the basics!

ECC Leiden offers 150 free parking spaces on site and is easily accessible by public transport. Located near the A44 between The Hague and Amsterdam and opposite the Leiden Bio Science Park.
On the outskirts of Leiden, at the heart of the Randstad, lies the wooded and inspiring Oud-Poelgeest estate. This unique experience starts as you enter the driveway, where you have a view of Castle Oud-Poelgeest with the surrounding pond.

The monumental castle from the 17th century has 8 stylish rooms and an attractive castle bar with an adjoining tasting room in the castle cellar. Each room has its own characteristic appearance with a capacity varying from 2 to 100 people. These spaces are perfect for business meetings and festive occasions.

In the coach house, there are 8 meeting rooms, 47 hotel rooms and our restaurant, which means that culinary wishes can easily be fulfilled for breakfast, lunch and dinner. An exclusive and attractive location within easy reach!
In the historic city centre of Leiden lies the oldest botanical garden of the Netherlands, the Hortus botanicus. This beautiful garden has a large collection of plant species from Asia, Southern Europe and South-Africa. Our location is surrounded by water, flowers and monumental trees which makes it a very special place for organising meetings.

The Hortus botanicus Leiden is an excellent location to organise your next event. The Hortus consists of multiple locations, each with its own atmosphere, ambiance and history. Because of this, we have everything to make your event a success.

The monumental 18th century Orangery with connected terrace is very suitable for receptions, conferences and dinners. Are you coming with a smaller delegation, there is also the option of hosting your meeting in the Garden room with a view over the palm trees, or having a drink in the greenery of the magnificent Hortus Grand Café.

Museum De Lakenhal
Oude Singel 32 2312 RA LEIDEN
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events@lakenhal.nl
lakenhal.nl

The renovated Museum De Lakenhal is a perfect venue for your reception or event. The museum highlights past, present and future in a special way. The Achterplaats, the Auditorium, the Atelier and the Voorplaats all offer inspiring backdrops for organising meetings, like symposiums, lectures, receptions and (walking) dinners.

Private meetings can be held both during and outside of regular opening hours. Contact the Sales & Events department via events@lakenhal.nl to hear more about the possibilities.
Museum Volkenkunde

Steenstraat 1 2312 BS LEIDEN
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reserveren@volkenkunde.nl
volkenkunde.nl

An event, meeting or conference between Buddhas, Dogon masks or Inca statues? Come to Museum Volkenkunde! The Museum of Ethnology, located in the heart of Leiden, is the place to welcome your guests. Museum Volkenkunde can cater to your every wish for small as well as larger groups, from 12 to 150 people.

The beautiful event location is situated in a monumental building on the banks of the Singel canal, at mere 5 minutes of walking distance from Leiden Central Station. Visitors are entering the Museum through the gardens, where a meters high totem pole greets them. Museum Volkenkunde has frequently changing temporary exhibitions as well as a fixed exhibition from eight cultural regions. Items that tell each tell a story about humans and their rich cultural diversity.

Rijksmuseum Boerhaave

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evenementen@rijksmuseumboerhaave.nl
rijksmuseumboerhaave.nl

Rijksmuseum Boerhaave, treasure house of science and medicine, is housed in a beautiful national monument in the historic city centre of Leiden. Our rooms are suitable for events from 8 to 200 people. All necessary digital resources and technical support are available in the foyer and conference room. You can also give your welcome speech or closing in the spectacular Anatomical Theatre.

The museum café or the terrace in the historic courtyard is very suitable for receptions and/or walking dinners. But the museum is also ideal for conferences and business meetings, possibly combined with a guided tour or museum visit.
In the centre of Leiden, you will find a unique location where innovation and entrepreneurship come together. The place where startups, entrepreneurs, talent, investors and companies meet. At PLNT, we offer inspiring spaces for brainstorms, symposia, hackathons and workshops, with the possibility of a closing drink.

The rooms are suitable for 8-170 people and are equipped with all modern conveniences such as WiFi and AV resources. Moreover, it is possible to organise a hybrid meeting or live-streaming session. End your event in style with a drink on the circular roof terrace of The Roof!

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Meet our Circular Pavilion @The Field! A unique, sustainable breeding ground where people are working on the transition to a clean, sustainable and circular economy. The perfect place for substantive meetings, brainstorms, workshops and meetings in a refreshing way.

In this special place, you can use the Circular Pavilion, three tiny offices and above all the exclusive park. Of course, with good coffee, WiFi and various catering options. The Field is one of the greenest meeting locations in the Randstad, though centrally located right next to Leiden Central Station.
Estate and Castle Duivenvoorde provides a magnificent entourage for the most diverse, exclusive meetings and events. The stylish rooms, the rural tranquility and the leafy surroundings form the beautiful backdrop to your meeting, conference or event.

The Castle, with its many gorgeous rooms is the perfect location for an inspiring meeting. There are plenty of possibilities about which we would love to tell you more. For more information, please contact the event team through +31 70 561 37 52 (Tuesday through Friday during office hours) or via e-mail at info@kasteelduivenvoorde.nl.
League of European Research Universities (LERU)

The League of European Research Universities celebrated its 20th anniversary in Leiden in May 2022. The anniversary was celebrated through a multi-day conference for the 23 leading European research universities that are connected to LERU.

The anniversary conference was focused on ‘the distinctive role of academic institutions to nurture resilient and sustainable societies.’ During the conference, leading European research universities exchanged ideas with representatives of governments and businesses. The conference featured lectures by Mariya Gabriel (European Commissioner for Research, Innovation, and Education) and Maria Leptin (ERC president), among others.

According to Mirella Imthorn, organiser of this congress on behalf of Leiden University, the anniversary meeting of the LERU was a great success. “The anniversary celebration was a great success mainly because of the beautiful venues, the good care that was provided before and during the conference. Also, the attendance was high and the presentations and discussions were inspiring. The LERU congress was a great networking opportunity for European research activities, representatives of governments and companies.

The event participants enjoyed the Hortus botanicus, the Academy Building of Leiden University and the Stadsgehoorzaal, 3 great places in Leiden. The city was sunny and vibrant and guests were able to use the hotel facilities in Leiden. Leiden Convention Bureau put up beautiful flags throughout the city to welcome the guests. All in all, highly recommended!”

Mirella Imthorn says she is proud of Leiden: she thinks Leiden is a city where there is always something to discover and believes this conference was a great achievement.
Leiden boasts an attractive and varied choice of hotels in a wide variety of price categories and luxury facilities. The offer ranges from small and charming boutique hotels to large (inter)national hotel chains with excellent meeting facilities. In Leiden and the surrounding region, you can find a grand total of 3,000 hotel rooms. Many accommodations are located inside the old city centre and are at walking distance from the Leiden Central Station. Hotels just outside the city centre are easily reachable by car and oftentimes offer an excellent shuttle service to the city centre. Some hotels are located in historic buildings while others are more modern, including those offering spectacular views over the city or all the way to the North Sea beach.
Golden Green Hotels

Book at Golden Green Hotels when going to Leiden for a business trip. Golden Green Hotels consists of 4 hotels; Golden Tulip, Tulip Inn, VIC and Ibis.

Golden Tulip & Tulip Inn Leiden Centre

An excellent location for a business trip is Golden Tulip & Tulip Inn. The hotels are located in the centre of Leiden and are easily accessible by car and public transport. They have 155 rooms and 6 multifunctional meeting rooms. Very suitable for small meetings to medium-sized events with a maximum capacity of 120 people! It is also possible to book a tasty meeting break, a good lunch or a culinary dinner.

Golden Tulip Leiden Centre

Tulip Inn Leiden Centre

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reservations@goldtulipleidencentre.nl
goldengreenhotels.nl
Hotel VIC

Hotel VIC is a modern hotel in Leiden Center where technology and experience are paramount. With the self-check-in terminals, it is possible to check in yourself. The hotel has 54 design rooms with streaming possibilities! In addition, the hotel has a 24/7 Grab & Go for a small breakfast or tasty snack! The range consists of muffins, chocolate, meal salads and wraps to enjoy in the lounge or to go.

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Ibis Leiden Centre

The 3-star ibis Leiden Centre hotel is located opposite Leiden Centraal, just a few minutes’ walk from the city centre and the Leiden Bio Science Park! The modernly furnished rooms are equipped with comfortable boxspring beds, air conditioning and coffee and tea. Ibis stands for optimal comfort, first-class service and ultimate hospitality 24 hours a day for a competitive price!

Ibis Leiden Centre
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Fletcher Wellness-Hotel Leiden

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wellnesshotelleiden.nl

Fletcher Wellness-Hotel Leiden is located in the center of the bustling city of Leiden, right next to the Central Station. At the 12th floor of our 4 star hotel, you will find the culinary Restaurant Twelve, where you can enjoy delicious meals and a panoramic view over the dunes of the North Sea coast.

Fletcher Wellness-Hotel Leiden offers a wide range of meeting and conference facilities. The hotel offers 10 meeting rooms with a capacity for up to 300 delegates. The rooms are flexible, which means that the lay-out can be adjusted per request.

Our team welcomes you to our hotel!

• Hotel in the heart of the city, next to Leiden Central Station
  • 10 multi-functional meeting rooms
  • Luxurious BLUE Wellness Resort
  • Culinary experience in Restaurant Twelve
Valk Exclusief Hotel Leiden

Haagse Schouwweg 14 2332 KG LEIDEN
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leiden@valk.nl
hotelleiden.nl

Valk Exclusief Hotel Leiden offers 80 spacious and stylish rooms and is located on the Oude Rijn waterway, which connects it to the historic city centre of Leiden. The restaurant, with its special ambiance, as well as the bar and brasserie are located in the monumental section of the hotel. The meeting rooms are suitable for congresses, training sessions or presentations for up to 200 guests.

With its central location between the A4 and A44 motorways, the hotel is easily accessible from the entire Randstad area. Free parking and charging for electric vehicles are available.
Boutique Hotel Huys van Leyden

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info@huysvanleyden.nl
huysvanleyden.nl

Boutique Hotel Huys van Leyden is situated in 4 monumental canal houses from the Golden Age and is located in the heart of Leiden. It offers 13 stylish rooms and 2 apartments. Overlooking the city centre on one of the most beautiful canals, they offer that little extra. The 18th-century gala hall is an excellent location for your meeting (U-shape 24 people), drinks (100 people) or small symposium. Do you really want to launch out? Dining with golden cutlery and glassware is truly a fairytale (56 people)! There is public parking in front of the door or limited private parking spaces. Let us surprise you!

Hilton Garden Inn Leiden

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Willem Einthovenstraat 3  2342 BH OEGSTGEEST
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leiden.hgi.com

The Hilton Garden Inn Leiden stands for experience, high level service and one of a kind events! Located perfectly and well accessibly in the Leiden Bio Science Park, the Hotel offers 173 spacious hotel rooms and 6 meeting rooms with daylight, offering space for up to 110 delegates.

Apart from the Restaurant and the Bar, discover the various options of our Garden Lounge: a large roofed tent in which we can welcome 200 guests and create an environment in which the focus is on the experience.

The neighbouring CORPUS Congress Centre adds unique elements to a successful larger meeting, product launch or multi-day event. Would you like to know more?
City Hotel Nieuw Minerva dates back to the 16th century and is located on the Oude Rijn in the historic heart of the city.

The hotel is close to shops, the university, museums, cultural attractions, restaurants and bars. It offers 35 unique rooms with a genuine Dutch historic ambiance, 11 of which are themed.

The restaurant serves breakfast. In combination with meetings, lunch can be served as well. There is one multi-functional room for up to 20 guests, for business meetings, training sessions, presentations or parties. Leiden Central Station is within walking distance.
Organising a conference or event that stays with your guests for years is not only about a great location or inspirational sessions. Catering of the highest quality, the smoothest organisation of the event, the most advanced AV-equipment, awesome stands and a fun social programme for before or after the event: all of these factors contribute to an event that your guests will not forget.

No other city in the Netherlands has so many fantastic museums within walking distance of each other. They represent a rich and surprising range of nature, art, culture and science. It is very popular for conference organisers to add a visit to one of Leiden’s many museums to the programme of the conference.

Or experience Leiden from the waters flowing through the inner city! The historic city centre is home to no fewer than 28 kilometres of canals, crossed by over 90 bridges. Seeing Leiden aboard a boat will give you a brand new perspective over the city.
It all started in 1962 with a lunchroom, and we are now proudly celebrating our 60th anniversary. Our passion for food and drinks is a guarantee for carefree enjoyment. With our concepts, we surprise guests during various events. Our employees make a difference and pay attention to our tasty products and the optimal experience. Collaboration is paramount for our organisation. Only together the maximum result can be achieved.

Our cuisine is based on cooking with local products with a story selected for quality, taste and origin. You see it, you feel it, you smell it, and you taste it! The conscious choices we make guarantee sustainable implementation. By using direct purchasing channels, we provide a large proportion of seasonal, regional products in our range, guaranteeing minimal food miles and supporting farmers and growers in our region.
Brouwer Tours and Taxi Brouwer were founded in 1905 and have claimed great reputation with their modern and extensive fleet, comprising of over 100 vehicles. The company attaches great importance to sustainability and have recently expanded their fleet with 10 new Mercedes EQE’s. They have the experience and logistical knowledge to ensure a smooth, exclusive business travel as well as a large scale event for 10,000 guests.

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The company is perfect for business travel, individual travel, event travel, conference logistics, group travel, company outings, all-day tours, shuttle services, transfers and multi-day travel tours.
In this brochure, we give you an overview of the possibilities when hosting your conference in Leiden. Although extensive, this list does not end here. We have plenty more partners with whom we work together closely to make sure every event in Leiden will be a great success. Scanning this QR-code will lead to our website, where you can find:

- More detailed, up-to-date venue information on capacity and facilities
- A full overview of conference possibilities in Leiden
- More information about Leiden as a destination, also for your delegates
- Recent Leiden news and events
- and much more

Venue information
Top 10 reasons to choose Leiden for your congress

1. The internationally renowned Leiden University
2. Leiden Bio Science Park - the largest life sciences cluster in the Netherlands
3. 15 minutes from Amsterdam International Airport Schiphol
4. Fourth cultural city of the Netherlands, with 4 national museums and a total of 13 museums spread throughout the city
5. Unique conference venues
6. The city is compact - virtually everything is within walking distance
7. Amsterdam, The Hague, and Rotterdam - all within 45 minutes by train
8. Historic city centre with over 28 kilometres of canals
9. Leiden is right next to the North Sea coast
10. Leiden has the edge when it comes sustainability
Facts & Figures

- Over 3,000 monuments
- 28 kilometres of canals
- 92 bridges
- 60 bars
- 200 restaurants
- Hortus botanicus Leiden founded in 1590
- 33,000 students
- 13 museums including four national museums
- Leiden has 35 courtyards

Birthplace of many famous Dutch painters like Rembrandt van Rijn, Jan Steen, Jan van Goyen and Lucas van Leyden

There are over 100 wall poems in Leiden, varying in language and script
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* several subrooms in Marehuis

* divided

* meeting in Auditorium, subrooms only together with Auditorium. Dinner or reception in Atrium in the evening possible, upon request

* Villa Rameau

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Available capacity depends on technical setup