

International Talent Community Utrecht (ITCU)

1 Utrecht Portal

The Utrecht portal offers high quality, multilingual information to international talents considering settling temporarily or permanently in the Utrecht region or who already have. This information guides international talents through the entire process of their 'customer journey'.



The expatcenter procedure offers a governmental one-stop-shop for international talent

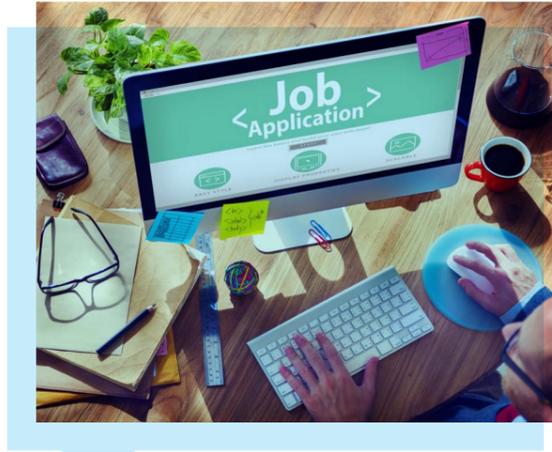
2 Expatcenter procedure

The Expatcenter procedure offers an integrated, expedited procedure for governmental services, among others, for obtaining a residence permit from the Immigration and Naturalisation Services, a citizen service number (BSN) from the municipality and all other relevant municipal services.

3 Introduction program

The Introduction program consists of an Introductory course, Spouses Program, Cultural Awareness Training and Survival Dutch. It provides international talents, their partners and children a set of the most relevant services for a good start in Utrecht. Many of Utrecht's numerous volunteer organisations are working to shape this program, including the volunteer centre.

	Characteristics	Result in Competences
Introductory Course: find your way around Utrecht and the entire region	Starts 4 times a year (February, May, August and November). Each course consists of a half-day session (4 hours total).	Feeling safe and secure in your new social environment
Spouses Program	Starts 4 times a year (February, May, August and November). Each program consists of 6 half-day sessions (24 hours total).	Partners of migrants gain greater self-reliance
Cultural Awareness Training	Starts 6 times a year (February, April, June, August, October and December). Each training consists of a half day session (4 hours total).	Greater awareness of and ability to handle and respond to cultural differences.
Survival Dutch	Survival Dutch will be offered weekly (48 sessions per year) hosted on a fully volunteer basis.	Obtaining a basic level of proficiency in the Dutch language to smooth the integration and socialisation process.



4 Talent program

The key activities of the program are posting all international vacancies (non-Dutch jobs) offered in the Utrecht region on the Utrecht portal and organising an annual talent event. The international vacancies become an integral part of the Utrecht portal. During the talent event international workers, students and self-employed people are matched with potential employers and clients. The talent event will be organised in close collaboration with Utrecht University, University of Applied Sciences Utrecht, HKU University of the Arts Utrecht and Campus Party Utrecht. Besides the talent event there is a procedure designed for start-ups that want to establish themselves in the Utrecht region. In this start-up program international start-ups receive supervision to turn their idea into an innovative product or service.



6 Welcome Program

The welcome program consists of a welcome event which is organised twice a year for all newcomers in the Utrecht region. At the welcome event newcomers are welcomed by the commissioner of the King and/or the Mayors of the province of Utrecht.

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5 Socialization Program

The socialisation program focuses on the socialisation and integration of international talents and their spouses. The program is based on individual memberships. These individual members will initiate and organise the activities offered by the program themselves. As part of the socialisation program, Utrecht ambassadors are recruited. These ambassadors are themselves international talents and are willing to assist talents who are new to the region upon arrival. They meet with them to explain in a personal interview the process they went through and to give tips about living and working in the Utrecht region.

