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# Study tour 'The importance of nutrition in healthcare' to the Netherlands

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## The importance of nutrition in healthcare

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Belgium and Luxemburg cordially invites to join a study-tour Wednesday February 1st, to the south of the Netherlands.

Fighting malnutrition helps to control healthcare costs and also contributes to the wellbeing of vulnerable patients and the elderly. The Dutch embassy in Brussels and LIOF, the regional development company of the Province of Limburg, recognize the importance of sharing knowledge on nutrition in healthcare, across borders.

## Objectives d'apprentissage

Acquérir de nouvelles connaissances sur :

- New ways in which the Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC) feeds hospitalized patients.
- How to improve patients food intake.
- Strategies to reduce food waste.
- How to take steps towards healthy and varied food in care institutions
- More on the development of your own nutritional vision.
- An overview of the risks and benefits when considering a nutrition plan in hospitals, that allows responding to the needs of various patient categories.
- New protein enriched products available on the market to date.

A Certificate of Participation will be produced by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. It will be handed out to you as a participant, upon arrival in the Netherlands.



## For whom is this study tour?

Health care professionals such as head nurses, dieticians in hospitals and care institutions, persons in charge of catering, from Luxemburg and Wallonia.

# Programme provisoire

- 09:45 - 10:00**      **Arrival at Maastricht University Medical Center (Maastricht UMC) by private transportation**
- 10:00 - 10:30**      **Word of welcome by LIOF & Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Belgium & Maastricht UMC**
- 10:30 - 11:30**      **Visit at Maastricht UMC: The 3 channel concept, an innovative form of hospital catering.**  
Topics will include: current work of the Maastricht UCM on nutrition in health care services; first steps towards revising nutrition policy; what are the key lessons?  
Presentation by Sophie van Bakel, physician & PhD student and Ben Moonen, implementation coordinator.
- 11:45 - 13:00**      **Transfer to Brightlands Campus Greenport Venlo**  
Healthy, safe and sustainable food is at the heart of the Brightlands Campus Greenport Venlo. The close collaboration between companies and scientists on this campus enables the development of much better innovations in the field of nutrition.
- 13:00 - 14:15**      **Inspirational lunch**  
During this lunch, you will hear from a selection of Dutch companies that have developed specialized food products and/or services for hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Presentations by: Brightlands Venlo Campus, Dutch Medical Food, Carezzo, Fijnproevers.



- 14:15 - 15:45**      **Presentations by the VieCurie Hospital & de Zorggroep:**  
Two care insitutions from the Limburg region talk about their challenges, solutions and use cases when it comes to nutrition in healthcare.
- 16:00 - 16:15**      **Brief coffee break**
- 16:15 - 16:45**      **The importance of personalized nutrition vs. the costs, benefits and the return of investment.**  
Presentation by Siebe Geerdsema, director of FoodforCar
- 16:45 - 17:15**      **Closing word**
- 17:15 - 18:00**      **Drinks, food & networking**

## How to register

Please click on the button below. This is a hyperlink to the website of psp business abroad, in charge of the organization. Alternatively, you can reply to the email to express your interest.

Once you are registered, you will receive a formal invitation and further logistical details (location MUMC etc.)

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Today 20-50% of all hospital patients are malnourished. Health care costs for this type of patient is more than twice the average. Over the past six years, the Dutch embassy in Brussels has been very active in the field of nutrition in healthcare. In these years the embassy has hosted several missions and events, through which they have established contacts and shared information with both Walloon and Luxembourgish Healthcare institutions.