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## YES!Delft and UtrechtInc in Top 10 Global Business Incubators

Toronto, February 23, 2018 - Dutch business incubators were ranked again by UBI global for the top business incubators 2017/2018.

**YES!Delft** ranked second, and **UtrechtInc** ranked tenth. This was announced on Thursday night in Toronto during the **World Incubation Summit**. The two Dutch incubators receive international recognition for their support of startups.

This year, UBI global defined 4 categories. YES!Delft and UtrechtInc were respectively ranked 2 and 10 in the category: World Top Business Incubator – Affiliated with University. In 2015 YES!Delft ranked 9th on the global list. “This result proves that our programs really are of world class”, says EJ Lugt, Managing Director of YES!Delft. “With our Discovery Track, Validation Lab and Accelerator program we help startups grow successfully within 9 months from business idea to investor-ready.”

### **UtrechtInc**

UtrechtInc also maintains a top position on the international international list by UBI Global and is glad to receive this recognition. Managing Director Jorg Kop: “We offer supporting programs to researchers of Utrecht University and UMC Utrecht to bring research to the market. This way, we contribute to the valorization of scientific knowledge and making this publicly accessible.” Since 2009 the incubator supported 184 startups.

### **Proud**

Startup-envoy Prince Constantijn congratulates YES!Delft and UtrechtInc. “Incubators and accelerators can play a crucial role in the valorization of scientific data and supporting academic startups. The universities of Delft and Utrecht must be proud of the successes of YES!Delft and UtrechtInc, who are contributing immensely to the Dutch startup and scale-up ecosystem.”

### **Research**

Every two years UBI Global, a renowned Swedish research- and advicebureau in the field of business incubation, conducts research amongst 500 incubators and accelerators in over 70 countries. An example of a selection criteria are the accessibility to capital and economic impact of the incubators. In 2016, the 259 participating programs supported over 10.000 startups in total, research shows. T The total number of employees was 72.000. In the past 5 years, the startups raised a total of 4,7 billion euros and had a total of 3,2 billion in revenue.

See the entire global ranking list [here](#).

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#### ABOUT UTRECHTINC

Business incubator UtrechtInc accelerates the growth of early stage (IT) startups during their first years of existence. We have created an ecosystem for startups to build innovative products, develop teams, attract funding and grow a successful business. Since 2009 we have supported and guided over 100 startups in Utrecht.

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