
**The Canton
of Neuchâtel**
*Three centuries
of innovation
in the service
of humanity*

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RÉPUBLIQUE ET CANTON DE NEUCHÂTEL
SERVICE DE L'ÉCONOMIE

Neuchâtel

A pioneering canton

1849

First Swiss canton to grant the right to vote to foreign nationals.¹

1920

Neuchâtel born Charles-Edouard Guillaume received the **Nobel prize for physics** for the discovery of anomalies in nickel steel alloys and his contribution to precision measurements.

1943

The University of Neuchâtel was the first in Switzerland to award a full professorship to a woman, the mathematician Sophie Piccard.

1957

Neuchâtel born Daniel Bovet received the **Nobel prize for medicine** for his research on antihistamines.

1959

First Swiss canton to grant the right to vote to women.

1960

Neuchâtel born Hélène Dubied-Chollet was the first woman elected to a general council in Switzerland.

1966

First Swiss canton to enact a law for the protection of natural heritage and biodiversity.

1999

First Swiss canton to provide education for children without legal status.¹

2011

Anticipated 2020 Swiss tax reforms for legal entities, introducing cantonal changes to the benefit of companies.

2014

Implemented minimum wage legislation in the canton.

2019

Implemented a switch to organic farming for all state agricultural areas in the canton.

¹ www.reiso.org/articles/themes/migrations/1629-la-politique-interculturelle-a-l-echelle-cantonale



A high-tech manufacturing canton, a leading exporter, a creator of wealth and innovation

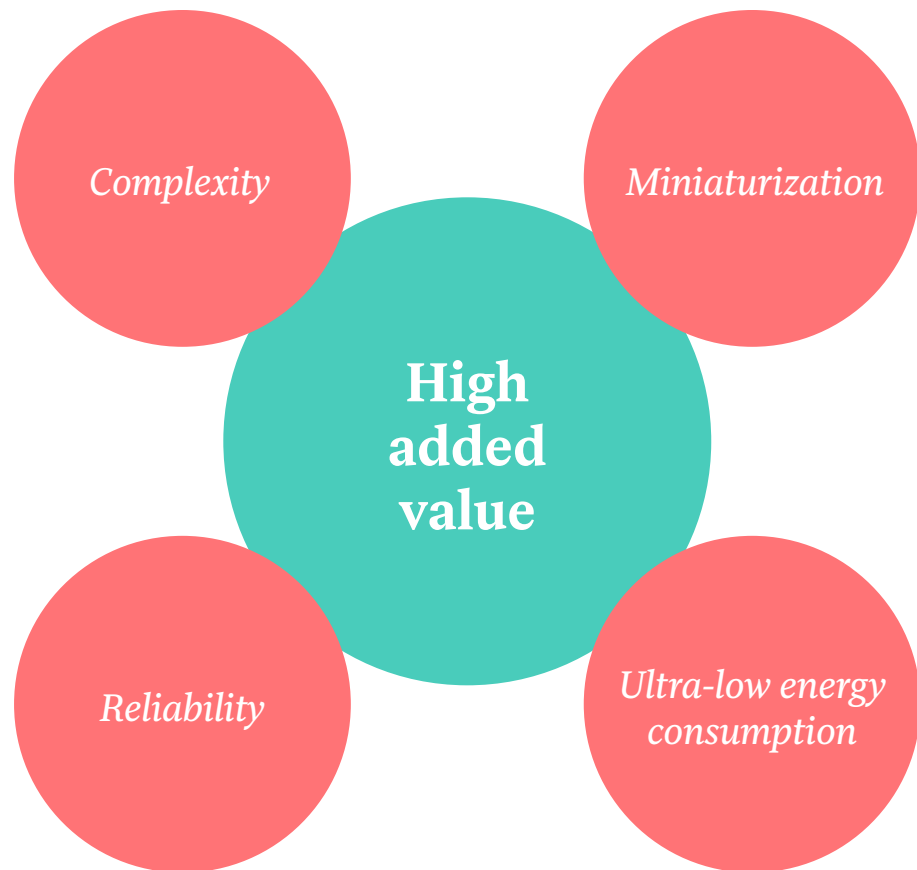
- *44% of the cantonal GDP comes from high-tech manufacturing.*
- *One of the most outward-looking cantons, delivering 6% of national exports from 2% of the population.**
- *Neuchâtel's balance of trade per capita is CHF 95,665 compared with a Swiss average of CHF 4,500.*
- *Neuchâtel is the leading canton in terms of patents filed per capita in Switzerland.***

* 2019 figures: cantonal exports + cantonal imports / Swiss exports + Swiss imports, i.e. CHF 22 + 5 billion / CHF 242 + 205 billion = 0.06, or 6%.

** Source: Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI), 2018 figures.



A heritage of watchmaking, unique expertise, Swiss quality



A deep pool of core skills within a 30 km radius

- *Advanced Manufacturing*
- *Microelectronics*
- *Micromechanics*



A resilient and agile ecosystem with the following expertise:

- *Blockchain*
- *Sensors, actuators and microsystems*
- *Wireless communication*
- *Ultra-low energy electronics*
- *Industrial engineering*
- *Watchmaking and precision measurement*
- *Materials engineering*
- *Optics and photonics*
- *Biopharmaceutical production*





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Neuchâtel Inside

Many products sold worldwide contain high value-added components, designed, developed and manufactured in Neuchâtel, a specialist in the miniature, the precise, the complex, the reliable and in ultra-low energy microsystems.

Neuchâtel Open

A high-tech manufacturing canton, an export leader, an international pioneer.

Neuchâtel Friendly

Offering an outstanding quality of life in an exceptional setting, at the heart of Europe.



The Service of the Economy, your gateway to the canton

- *Tailored support*
- *Funding*
- *Individual approach*
- *Premises and land search*
- *Human Resources Support*



Our cantonal services, ready to help

I Evaluation and planning

- Consulting
- Tax
- Legal processes & forms
- Guidance

II Company set-up

- Lawyers
- Banks
- Fiduciaries
- Notaries
- Commercial register
- Guidance

III Structure & start-up

- Recruitment agencies
- Relocation advisors
- Real-estate agencies
- Immigration
- Accounting firms
- Guidance

IV Business development

- Suppliers
- Investors
- Financial partners
- R&D
- Subcontractors
- Guidance

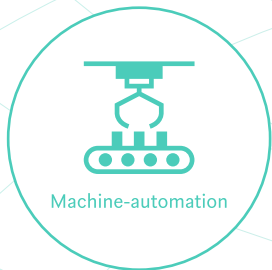
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Our unique selling points

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Machine-automation



Photovoltaics



Strategic services



Complexity



Reliability

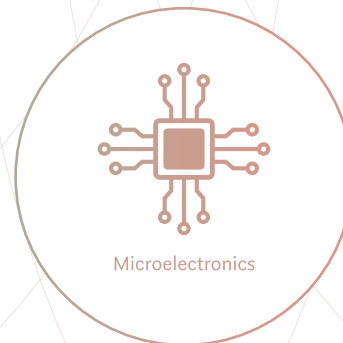


Micromechanics



**High
added
value**

**Core skills
of the canton**



Microelectronics



Advanced Manufacturing

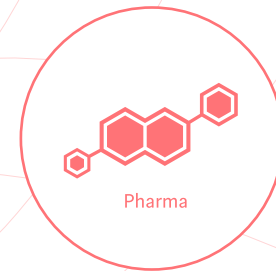


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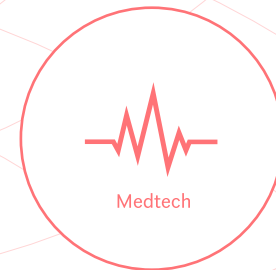


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