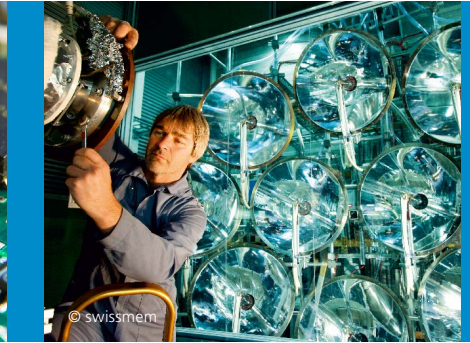
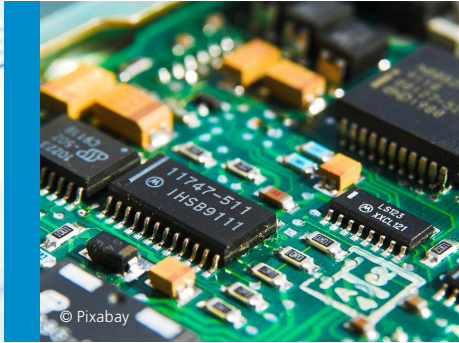


Electronics in the Canton of Aargau

The choice of location – an important success factor



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Perfect conditions:

- large potential customer base thanks to the central location in Switzerland and Europe (40 % of the Swiss GDP within one hour's drive)
- Aargau is the largest exporter of electronics products in Switzerland
- excellent accessibility due to its outstanding transport infrastructure and proximity to Zurich airport
- approximately 10 % lower wage costs than in the surrounding economic centers
- political stability, legal security, liberal labor legislation

Your advantage: You will benefit from broad-based electronics expertise for the development and production of your products.

Key Figures Electronics Industry

- 220 electronics businesses active in Aargau
- almost 5 % of employees in Aargau work in the electronics industry (CH: 1.9 %)
- highly motivated and well-trained professionals (3.2 % of trainees in Aargau are learning an electronics trade; CH: 2.6 %)

Swiss Electronics Associations and Organizations

- VSE, Association of Swiss Electricity Companies: www.strom.ch
- Swissmem, Association of the Swiss Engineering, Electrical and Metal Industries: www.swissmem.ch

You will find in the Canton of Aargau

- Hightech Zentrum Aargau AG: Provide advice on innovative solutions for SMEs, focusing chiefly on electronics: www.hightechzentrum.ch
- leading international research and development institutes working in the field of energy technology, including the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI)
- high level of energy supply security
- experienced specialists across the value chain of electronics products

Training, Research and Development Facilities

- Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI): www.psi.ch
- ABB Corporate Research Center, including smart grid simulator and ABB semiconductor production: www.abb.ch
- Varian Medical Systems: www.varian.com
- University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW), with specialist courses in electronics: www.fhnw.ch/technik
- libs Industrial Apprenticeships Switzerland: www.libs.ch

- VSEI, Swiss Association of Electrical Installers: www.vsei.ch

Testimonials

ANTRIMON Group AG

«Within a few years the ANTRIMON Group, which has its headquarters in Muri, has become an established player in the field of drive technology and mechatronics. We rely on a positive environment and good connections to sustain the highest standards of mechanical engineering, electronics and software – from development to production – in the fields of medical engineering and e-mobility as well as building automation. Thanks to the FHNW, the Hightech Zentrum Aargau, the economic promotion organization, and a business-friendly government, the canton of Aargau offers excellent opportunities for cooperation and networking. The availability of specialists and professionals, ease of access to the airport, moderate land prices, and the attractive location are all beneficial to us.»

Stefan T. Schimon, Chairman of the Board,
www.antrimon.com

Camille Bauer Metrawatt AG

«The canton of Aargau is the hotspot for the Swiss energy generation and distribution industry. Proximity to these product users is very important to us. After all, we have only survived for 70 years on the market by maintaining an intensive dialog with our customers. We value the highly diverse, well-established and ambitious educational facilities of Aargau as well as the Hightech Zentrum Aargau. Both are cornerstones of our staffing and innovation management. Outstanding transport links are another key reason why we expect to remain as a strong export-oriented business in Aargau.»

Max Ulrich, Managing Director, www.camillebauer.com

Hightech Zentrum Aargau AG

«Hightech Zentrum Aargau assists SMEs in the canton of Aargau with questions relating to innovation and technology. Companies can turn to our experts as sparring partners, while applied R&D projects are made possible in partnership with the best higher education institutions in Switzerland. Basic services are even free of charge for Aargau companies. Other focal points are nanotechnology and energy technology. We are always amazed by the wealth of innovative business in the canton, and by the valuable contacts we make among companies. The canton of Aargau is not just about innovation – it also offers businesses considerable support.»

Martin A. Bopp, CEO, www.hightechzentrum.ch

Kabelwerke Brugg AG Holding

«The BRUGG Group has had its headquarters in Aargau ever since 1896. Here we reap the benefits of the advanced transport network, the central position between international airports and the functioning energy supply. Its proximity to international energy and electrical engineering companies, to the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW) and the Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI) makes the canton of Aargau a real energy center in the heart of Europe. This environment forms one of the keys to operating at the very highest international level in this technical field. An additional factor is the availability of highly-qualified employees who value the attractive leisure opportunities and top-quality housing that is on offer in Aargau.»

Urs Schnell, CEO, www.brugg.com