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a social networking and employment platform

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The new website offers companies opportunities to find German-speaking employees and gives German speakers a home feeling in the Netherlands.

**“Online platform finds German employees and helps them on their way.”**

**Four years after the founding of *Meet the Germans* - a network group for Germans in the Netherlands - the organization launches a large website project. "The website will become a gateway for German-speaking people who want to come to the Netherlands or are already there. In addition, the platform is ideal for companies looking for German-speaking employees," explains founder Thomas Klimeck.**

Due to the ever-growing economy in Germany and the Netherlands, Dutch companies find it difficult to find German-speaking employees. Unemployment in Germany has not been so low since German reunification - that means for more than 25 years. It is, therefore, less attractive for Germans to go abroad. Moreover, fewer and fewer Dutch people speak enough German to make a difference in a business environment. In fact, there is a shortage of German-speaking employees.

The new platform that is now being launched tackles this topic. There is not only a vacancy database, but there is also information about life, work, and leisure in the Netherlands. This makes German-speaking people find it a bit easier to get started here. "We are more than a headhunter who mainly looks at his profit. We also want to ensure that German-speaking employees feel at home quickly and can find friends. This is partly due to my own experience as a German in the Netherlands," Klimeck concludes proudly.

The idea to set up *Meet the Germans* stems from the need of German expats and students to meet each other. On top of that came the great interest of the Dutch in their close European neighbors. Klimeck devised a concept to bring these two together in a network group and *Meet the Germans* was born. "It is my goal to bring people with an interest in Germany together," says Klimeck, who moved to Utrecht more than ten years ago from the German town of Moers. The new platform will support and facilitate this.

More information about *Meet the Germans*, the launch of the new platform, upcoming events and activities can be found at [www.meetthegermans.info](http://www.meetthegermans.info).

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