

# New Sustainability Building proposal in Amsterdam Science Park

Would you be interested in setting the office or R&D department of your company/organization in a vibrant environment of high-tech and research? **We are exploring the idea of developing a new Sustainability Building in Amsterdam Science Park** and we want to gauge the interest in this project. The envisioned multi-tenant building would host a dynamic and innovative community of people working in **the energy transition, sustainability and high-tech**. It would offer the tenants direct connections to the existing high-quality research and innovation infrastructure in the Science Park.



## The envisioned building

We are considering the construction of a new building, offering around **10.000 m<sup>2</sup> of office and specially tailored lab space, with a sustainable design**. Other multi-tenant buildings with similar characteristics are already present in Amsterdam Science Park, and they are currently operating at full capacity. The building would **offer space to a large number of tenants**, with various rental options and areas available. A distinctive element would be a **social showroom** to display the products and technologies developed by the tenants. We also aim to design a building that promotes the interaction and collaboration between different tenants, with a large seminar room, fully-equipped meeting rooms, lounge areas, kitchenettes, and the possibility of a café or restaurant. Other amenities, such as arranged cleaning, reception, bicycle storage and parking spots, would also be offered. **The building is preliminarily expected to be available by 2027/2028. Options to rent temporary space until that time can also be discussed.**

## The co-tenants

The first tenant of this building would be **the headquarters of SolarNL, the new research, innovation and investment program** to promote the manufacturing of solar panels in The Netherlands. This offers an excellent opportunity to host and cultivate a strong community of researchers and entrepreneurs who share a common goal of developing **innovative solutions in the field of the energy transition, sustainability and high-tech**. Companies of any size, from early startups to R&D departments or full businesses, as well as other organizations, would be welcome in this new complex. The main focus areas of this community would

be photovoltaics, energy transition, sustainable materials and high-tech solutions for materials fabrication and characterization.

## The location

The new Sustainability Building would be located in [Amsterdam Science Park](#), a vibrant and international campus, combining education, research, and entrepreneurs with a strong focus on innovation and knowledge transfer. The park hosts two universities ([University of Amsterdam](#) and [Amsterdam University College](#)), several research institutes ([AMOLF](#), [ARCNL](#), [Nikhef](#), [CWI](#)) and over 170 companies. There is a rich variety of companies, ranging from early startups based at the [Startup village](#) to medium and large-sized companies and R&D departments. Other facilities, such as [Open Kitchen Labs](#), a [sports center](#), [meeting venues](#), a [permaculture project](#) and several cafés and restaurants, are also available. All companies located in Amsterdam Science Park are automatically part of the [Business Club](#), which provides contact with a broad network of young and established companies, as well as regular meetings and presentations. The park also organizes multiple events, such as the [ACE incubation program](#), [Open days](#), [awards](#) and [more](#), to promote networking and the visibility of the different partners. All these events would be open to the new tenants in the Sustainability Building.

Amsterdam Science Park is located in the east of Amsterdam and can be easily accessed by bike (20 min bike to the city center), train (5 min walk to closest station), bus (every 15 min), car (5 min from A10 motorway exit) and plane (direct train connection to Schiphol Airport).

## The neighbors

The variety of neighboring institutions facilitates the transfer of knowledge between academic and industrial research and the access to the large community of students. Moreover, the rich technical infrastructure (electrical, mechanical, digital, cleanrooms, laser labs) from universities and research institutes can often be accessed by third parties. In particular, [AMOLF](#), as a direct neighbor, can offer full access to the newly renovated [NanoLab Amsterdam](#). As one of the nodes of the NanoLabNL, the NanoLab serves as a user facility offering a wide range of micro- and nanoscale fabrication and characterization techniques. The NanoLab includes a cleanroom with several **lithography systems** (UV, e-beam, 3D laser writing), **thin-film production equipment** (sputter coater, physical and chemical vapor deposition), **wet benches** and **plasma etchers**, among others. Extensive equipment for material characterization is also offered, with **optical** and **electron microscopes** (TEM and several SEMs equipped with focused-ion beam, energy dispersive X-ray, time-resolved and cathodoluminescence capabilities), **atomic force microscopes** and **ellipsometers**, along with other techniques. AMOLF also has a successful track record of past and ongoing collaborations with industry and aims to continue strengthening its links with industry.

## Interested?

Are you interested in learning more about this project? We are currently in the initial stages and we want to gauge the interest. For this, we are organizing a **workshop on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2024** to present this exciting project, answer your questions and potentially shape the new building together. This is also a great opportunity to meet other companies working in sustainability that become co-tenants.

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 (15 – 17h)

**Location:** AMOLF (Science Park 104, Amsterdam)

[Register here](#) before 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Can't make it?

If you can't make it to the workshop but are interested in this project, we are still happy to hear from you at [m.sola@amolf.nl](mailto:m.sola@amolf.nl). This helps us assess the interest in this project and evaluate its continuity.