From Idea to Impact Inspiring Innovation in Education



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Connecting the EdTech community nationwide

to accelerate learning and education innovation





Who We Are – Dutch EdTech



Dutch EdTech is a foundation empowering EdTech entrepreneurs in the Netherlands to make a significant impact in education & learning.

Through a vibrant community of **140+ EdTech entrepreneurs** and **ecosystem building efforts** with relevant stakeholders, we aim to make the Netherlands a global leader in impactful EdTech innovation. Our Mission

Empower EdTech entrepreneurs to make a significant impact in education & learning.

Our Vision statement

By 2030, the Netherlands will stand as the global leader in impactful Edtech innovation.

The Dutch Edtech sector is divided into 11 segments. Solutions that use AR, VR, gamification and other frontier tech to educate people **Immersive Tech** Solutions that support education Administrative administratively like calendar Management Platforms for finding tutors and helping management & staff planning **Tutoring &** Systems materials for home studying Homework Help Companies that attract and improve access to talent Jobs & Internships A digital platform to create, manage, deliver and track educational courses for Management training or programs System (LMS) Dutch **Edtech** Solutions helping with testing and Assessment & assessment of skills and certification Tech-enabled solutions for learning Verification Language languages Educational materials and technology for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and **STEAM & Coding** Solutions teaching new skills to people Mathematics switching careers and/or industries Reskilling Platforms that create educational Learning Content resources (courses, videos, interactive Solutions teaching new skills with own Platforms materials) for specific audiences platform and/or content, aimed at Upskilling workforce transformation % of companies represented in each category Dutch Edtech Supportive Content Learning application Training 18% 17% 45% 20% Source: Dutch Edtech database

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Observations in the Ecosystem





Significant Growth

- → Number of Dutch EdTech companies grew from 407 to 475 in just three years
- → Total sector valuation increased from \$1.33B to \$1.75B
- → Workforce exploded: from 2,500 to over 11,000 FTEs

💡 Key Trends

- → Dominance of the Lifelong Learning segment: 211 companies
- Upskilling and Immersive Tech are the top-funded verticals in 2023
- Strong focus on AI, personalized learning, and adaptive technologies

🚹 Challenges

- Most investments are still concentrated in pre-seed and seed rounds
- Scaling remains difficult: lack of later-stage funding may limit international growth
- Struggles with system integration, proof of effectiveness, and adoption at scale

The Netherlands has reclaimed the #5 spot in European EdTech funding — ...but long-term competitiveness depends on larger investments and scaling capacity







The Phases of Scaling



Reminder: *You can't skip stages. Scaling without validation = chaos.* Each phase builds on the last — and skipping ahead usually means going back later.

Key Phases

🧠 Ideation

→ Understand real challenges in education

 \rightarrow Talk to learners, educators, institutions

→ Sketch early concepts and map assumptions What's the actual problem? Who are we solving it for?

🚀 Startup Phase

- \rightarrow Test assumptions with real users
- → Build and pilot a **proof of concept**
- \rightarrow Look for problem-solution fit and early product-market fit
- \rightarrow Align with curriculum and pedagogy
- \rightarrow Collect early evidence and iterate quickly

📈 Scale-Up Phase

- → Develop a scalable business model
- \rightarrow Focus on distribution, pricing, and onboarding
- \rightarrow Prove long-term effectiveness with real data
- \rightarrow Build a team, secure funding, and scale operations
- \rightarrow Expand from a few classrooms to institutions, regions, or countries

Why Problem First? Always!

Stilstaan bij het oplossen van een probleem helpt om:



Root-cause te ontdekken



Behoeften te begrijpen



Duurzame oplossingen te vinden



From Problem to Prototype Know Your MVP & USP

What's Your **MVP?**

Minimum Viable Product



What's Your USP?

Unique Selling Proposition



Build your MVP

Keep it simple, but testable.Focus on your core value.

What's your USP

– what makes your idea different and valuable?







Primary and Secondary Education (PO/VO) Examples & Solutions I



Myndr

Problem: Teachers often struggle to manage students' internet access during class, leading to distractions and exposure to inappropriate content.

Solution: Myndr provides a simple, physical switch that allows teachers to control internet access in the classroom easily. With five adjustable settings, it enables educators to regulate online availability, ensuring students stay

focused and safe online



Educatieve video, beschikbaar in stand 3. De switch gaat in stand 1 en de leerlingen kunnen alleen bij de lesmethode. Werken aan werkstuk Informatie opzoeken kan veilig in stand 3: veilige bronnen. **Tijd voor ontspanning** In stand 4 kunnen de leerlingen even chillen op YouTube.

Secondary Education (VO) Examples & Solutions II



Snappet

Problem: Lack of real-time insight into student performance.

Solution: An adaptive learning platform that provides immediate feedback to both students and teachers.





Secondary Education (VO) Examples & Solutions III



LessonUp

Problem: Teachers spend too much time creating interactive lessons.

Solution: A platform that enables teachers to easily create and share interactive, multimedia lessons.





Secondary Education (VO) Examples & Solutions IIII

Supercharge Your Homework with Al

Get instant help, explanations, and guidance for any subject. Your 24/7 Al tutor is here to boost your learning.



Brainboost Al

Problem: Students often get stuck with homework when no one is available to help, delaying learning and creating frustration.

Solution: BrainBoost AI offers an always-available, AI-powered homework assistant that gives clear explanations and instant support — like having a virtual tutor in your pocket.



Vocational Education (MBO) Examples & Solutions I



MetaChef

Problem: It's hard for students to connect theory with real-world practice.

Solution: MetaChef creates interactive 3D and VR learning tools that help students better understand and apply what they learn.





Vocational Education (MBO) **Examples & Solutions II**



Kurve - Numo

Problem: Many students struggle to keep up with basic skills like math and language, especially in diverse classrooms with different levels.

Solution: Numo is an adaptive learning platform that helps students practice core skills at their own level and pace. It provides direct feedback and progress insights for both students and teachers.





Higher Education (HBO & WO) Examples & Solutions I



FeedbackFruits

Problem: Students don't get enough feedback or opportunities to learn from each other.

Solution: A platform that makes it easy to give and receive feedback, work together, and improve learning outcomes.





Higher Education (HBO & WO) Examples & Solutions II



Scorion

Problem: In medical education, it's hard to track student progress during internships and practical training, and to align assessments with real-life skills.

Solution: Scorion offers a flexible digital portfolio that helps students and supervisors log, assess, and reflect on clinical learning moments — making personalized, workplace-based learning easier to manage.



Higher Education (HBO & WO) Examples & Solutions III



Anywise

Problem: Many students with ADHD or dyslexia struggle to focus and retain information using traditional study methods.

Solution: Anywyse turns study material into short, podcast-style audio summaries that help students stay focused and r**emember more.**





Your Turn – Let's Build the Future of Learning

Think big — but stay close to the problem.

Be bold — but test it in the real world.

Go creative — but always design for impact.

What would make a difference in your school, your class, your students' lives?

Now's the time to build it.

Let's hack!



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