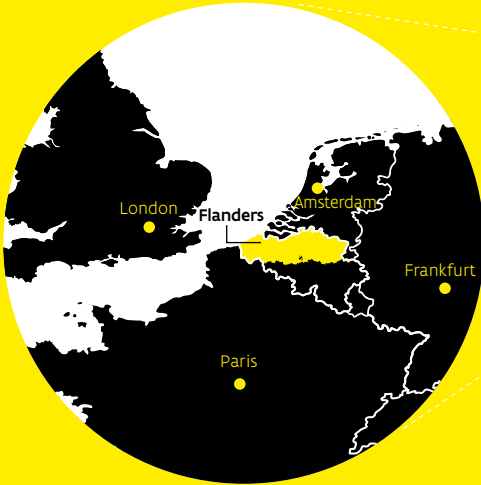


FLANDERS IN A NUTSHELL



Flanders
State of the Art



At the heart of Europe,
Flanders is a highly performing multimodal logistics hub with:

- 60% of the European consumer market within a radius of 500km
- 4 international airports



6.7
million inhabitants
(58% of Belgian population)



60%
of the Belgian
GDP



80%
share of overall
Belgian goods
exports



€43,300
per capita
income
in 2022



Employment rate:
77%
(2022)



47%
of 25-64-year-olds is
high-skilled (2022)



Poverty risk:
11%, among the
lowest in the EU



Life expectancy:
80 years (M)
85 years (F)

Strong
16th
position as a world
goods exporter



Chemistry
and pharma



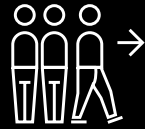
Mineral
products



Machines
and electrical
equipment



Transport
equipment



**1 in 3
jobs**

in Flanders
depends
on export

Record number of foreign
investment in Flanders:

€5.26 billion

in 2022

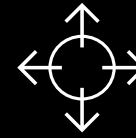
278
new
projects



6,540
new
jobs



Flanders: Institutional dimension



**Flanders is externally
competent for internal
competences**
(economy, trade,
education, culture..)



**Full
treaty-making
power**



**No hierarchy
between Flemish
and federal
legislation**

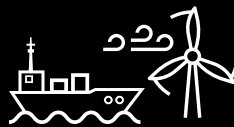
Waterway network of
**1,300 km and
3 sea ports**



**Port of
Antwerp-
Bruges**, largest
petrochemical
cluster and second
largest port
in Europe

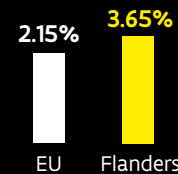


**North Sea Port
Ghent**, one of
Europe's leading
biotech clusters



Port of Ostend,
major hub for
construction and
maintenance of
offshore wind farms
in the North Sea

Flanders:
**a knowledge region
like no other**



**3.65% of GDP
to R&D**
(2021)

**4 world-class
strategic research
centres**

Cleantech
(VITO)

Biotech
(VIB)

Micro-electronics
(Imec)

Productiontech
(Flanders Make)

**High quality
universities
and research**

KU Leuven

Ghent University

University of
Antwerp

Vrije Universiteit
Brussel

Hasselt University

A cultural and touristic hotspot



6 must-see art cities

Antwerp • Bruges
Brussels • Mechelen
Ghent • Leuven



20 million overnight stays

accounting for almost
300 000 jobs in the
tourism sector (2021)



A contemporary culinary hotspot

with a rich tradition

A solid foreign network abroad at the service of Flanders and its partners



13 diplomatic
representations,
active in almost 30
areas of jurisdiction



99 economic
representations
in 70 countries



10 Science &
Technology Offices



VISITFLANDERS (tourism)
active in 30 international
markets (8 offices)



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