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Flanders’ Chamber of Commerce and Industry
VOKA IS THE BIGGEST NETWORK OF ENTERPRISES IN FLANDERS

Voka, the biggest Flemish network of enterprises, was established in 2004 as an alliance of the then eight Flemish Chambers of Commerce. As a network we unite more than 18,000 businesses representing 65% of the private employment and 70% of the added value in Flanders and Brussels.

As the most influential network of entrepreneurs, our mission is to create an optimal framework for successful entrepreneurship.

Facts and figures

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FLANDERS: DYNAMIC REGION

INNOVATION
When it comes to research and innovation across a wide range of disciplines and a variety of sectors, Flanders is consistent. No less than five Strategic Research Centers are constantly developing cutting-edge technologies and processes that will shape tomorrow’s society.

ANTWERP: LARGEST CHEMICAL CLUSTER IN EUROPE
Centrally located and easily accessible, the Port of Antwerp plays a key role in Flanders’ renowned chemical industry. Antwerp houses, amongst other facilities, five oil refineries and four steam crackers. With a portfolio of 300 different chemicals – the most diverse in the world – and over 500 different chemical companies, Antwerp is the largest chemical cluster in Europe (the second largest worldwide).

THE INS AND OUTS OF FLANDERS
According to the World Trade Report, Belgium – and consequently Flanders – is one of the top 10 exporting countries in the world, and its per capita export figure is among the highest worldwide. Its position as a European hub makes Belgium (Flanders) one of the top importers as well.

THE LOGISTICS HUB OF EUROPE
With nearly 800 European Distribution Centers (EDCs) and an average of over six EDCs per 100 km², Flanders boasts the highest EDC density in Europe. Furthermore, the region is among the world’s best when it comes to the density of road, railway and inland waterway networks. It is, in short, a paradise for any logistics operation.

TOP NOTCH EDUCATION
Belgium, and Flanders as a region is world renowned for its highly qualitative educational system. In the World Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness Report 2018, for instance, the region’s educational system ranks 16th.
We organise a permanent dialogue between the various authorities, governments and politicians. One of the core tasks of Voka consists of bringing politicians and entrepreneurs closer to each other.

Because of the national and European elections, Voka organised several election debates with politicians and entrepreneurs in order to discuss Voka propositions.

Voka Chairman Wouter De Geest welcomes the Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel.

Also internationally Voka is a significant player. Voka regularly organises meetings with international policymakers, diplomats and entrepreneurs.

Voka CEO Hans Maertens joined a high level delegation of Chambers of Commerce representatives to discuss Brexit with the former British 'Brexit' Minister Dominic Raab.

As the largest and most representative employers’ organization in Flanders, Voka is a neutral and reliable partner to the government. Therefore Voka is recognised as a social partner in the official deliberative bodies.

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Voka defends

One of the pillars of Voka’s operations is defending the interests of the Flemish entrepreneurs, both for large and small companies. That is why we keep close contact with several authorities and institutions.
Voka unites

Voka is the largest and most influential network of entrepreneurs in Flanders. With 18,000 members in all fields the Voka members form a representative sample of the economy of the region. Voka unites policymakers and fellow-entrepreneurs and the wide civil society.

Each year, Voka organises traineeships for politicians at our companies. During one or more days politicians are trained at our member companies.

Jan Peumans, the Speaker of the Flemish Parliament, visits one of the Voka members.

Once a year, Flemish companies open their doors to the public. During the Voka Open Bedrijvendag more than 350 companies are open for an exclusive view behind the scenes.

Voka Open Bedrijvendag: every year more than 600,000 interested people visit the Voka enterprises.

Various network activities in Flanders bring entrepreneurs closer to each other.

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Also regionally, Voka is uniting entrepreneurs at different times. During network reception parties and network evenings the entrepreneurs get to know each other better.

The New Year’s Invitito of Voka Limburg mobilises more than 3,000 entrepreneurs each year.
Voka connects

Your Voka, Flanders’ Chambers of Commerce and Industry, is at your service. Thanks to personalized services we help you to start up your business, to make it grow or let it expand.

ONE STOP SHOP
We provide useful advice concerning foreign investment opportunities in Flanders. We also provide tailor-made advice for your company: from tax and legal issues to transport, human resources, tenders, import and export.

START A BUSINESS?
Our internationally awarded starters project Bryo, unites entrepreneurs who want to start a business and gives personalized advice during every stage of the start-up.

TRAININGS
Voka offers a wide range of quality trainings for entrepreneurs and their employees. They help you to make your company even stronger.

LOOKING FOR TALENT THAT FITS YOUR COMPANY?
Voka aims at strong bridges between education and the labour market. By means of traineeship and dual learning, students acquire a taste of business life at an early stage.

You can contact our advisors throughout Flanders for more information.

Do you want to launch a business? We help you from start to realisation.

From the use of social media to the development of a financial plan. Ask an overview of the trainings that fits your business.

Voka is one of the pioneers in bringing education and business life together. Voka connects you.
Voka: your gateway to the world

Voka is your gateway to the world. Our international operation brings you into contact with entrepreneurs all over the world. Thanks to our network of experts we are at your service to advise and assist you in all your international questions and concerns. Moreover, you will get access to trade missions, inspiration tours and other international activities.

BUSINESS CLUBS
Our proactive peer-to-peer learning programmes are a true success. They unite entrepreneurs and experts to exchange knowledge and good practices on doing business abroad.

INTERNATIONAL TOP SPEAKERS
Voka brings the world to Flanders. Top congresses and exclusive meetings are organised to put our region on the map.

TRADE MISSIONS
Voka organises trade missions, inspiration tours and participates in official delegations, together with our entrepreneurs and in close cooperation with the official services.

WEEK OF INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Every year in autumn, Voka organises together with Flanders Investment and Trade the Week of International Entrepreneurship. All over Flanders country workshops are organised. Each time we focus on an other growth market. As a closing act there is a big network event in which entrepreneurs can get in touch with a select group of diplomats.

Voka’s structural partners
In order to defend your interests even better worldwide, Voka has a close cooperation with partner organisations.

Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT) promotes Flanders as a business location to foreign companies and supports Flemish companies in international entrepreneurship. They can make use of FIT’s expertise and its national network.

Voka is a member of Eurochambers and ICC/World Chambers Federation: giving you access to a worldwide network of partners to help you with your international expansion.
Let’s get in touch

Voka is there for you. Thanks to our network throughout Flanders Voka can offer you customised services.

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