

# FLANDERS IN ACTION



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Pact 2020



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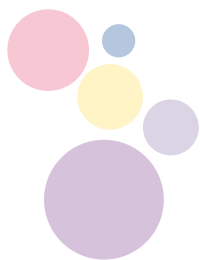
Vlaanderen in Actie" (Flanders in Action) is the Flemish Government's ambitious project for the future. By 2020, Flanders is to be counted among the top five regions of Europe. In 2020, Flanders stands out as an economically sustainable and caring society. Therefore, we must excel at every social level.

This ambition has been made concrete in the Pact 2020. This plan for the future for Flanders contains twenty objectives with concrete target figures in order to lead Flanders to the top regions of Europe. Broad support was created in 2009 by the Pact 2020: it was signed by the Flemish Government, the social partners and the united associations, hereby committing themselves to pursue these objectives.

The realisation of tangible projects and a policy ensuring a breakthrough constitutes the big challenge for this term of office. The authorities, civil society and society as a whole have to take major steps in the direction of the Pact 2020 objectives in the next few years. Together, we must achieve concrete breakthroughs.

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OPEN ENTREPRENEUR

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Flanders needs open entrepreneurs, **more and stronger entrepreneurs**, who are open to the possibilities of growth, the green economy, innovation and internationalisation. In order to realise this open entrepreneurship, we must focus on the spirit of enterprise, the support of starters, a strong policy for successions and take-overs, and knowledge dissemination. By means of the “**Gazellesprong**” (gazelle’s leap), we will encourage entrepreneurs to develop internationally. Businesses and sectors must also be open to transformation. Through large investment projects, we bring about more sustainability and greening. This is how we realise new employment in industry.

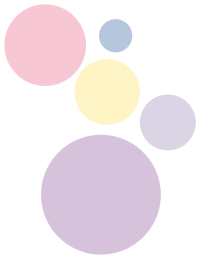
We want to develop a stimulating framework for entrepreneurship, among other things through administrative simplification, shorter procedures and a coherent spatial economic policy, with a new view on shopping in Flanders.

We also attract more foreign investments. In cooperation with the participation company PMV, we allocate capital for growth. A Green Investment Fund is created, in order to accelerate the **greening of the economy**. The agricultural sector will also be given the space and the opportunities to continue developing itself in an economically sustainable way through innovation and internationalisation.

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[vlaandereninactie.be/openondernemer](https://vlaandereninactie.be/openondernemer).

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# FLANDERS LEARN

# FLANDERS LEARNING SOCIETY

Flanders overflows with talent. The competencies of people ensure our prosperity. In order to make even better use of this asset, Flanders invests in actions to reinforce the **talent of every Fleming** and to keep more people longer at work.

Every Fleming should be able to work on his **personal development plan (POP)**, where he can describe his objectives in the field of knowledge, skills and competencies. The POP becomes a tool and a boost for career guidance, competence management, study and career choice.

Businesses, SMEs especially, are also supported in the field of competence development. Everyone must be offered full scope to develop his talents on the labour market, in particular **older employees**, other underprivileged groups and women. We offer a structural provision of well-being and work programmes for people who are most remote from the labour market.

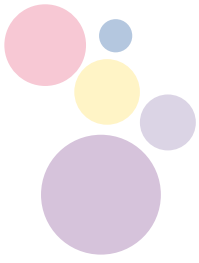
We are working hard on the future of our education system. This includes general and specific competencies, and possibilities for lifelong learning for both **pupils and teachers**. Our education system should provide top quality, both in vocational education and in training courses preparing for further education.

We offer opportunities to every kind of talent. That is why we also reinforce **the social interwovenness of schools** with business, sport and culture, and other networks. Schools should be open and attractive, and that should be expressed by both the school climate and the infrastructure.

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# ARNING SOCIETY





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Innovative solutions to social challenges lead to job creation. They allow our businesses to grow internationally and help Flanders rank among the top regions of Europe. In this way, Flanders becomes a sustainable, knowledge-driven, innovative and competitive economy.

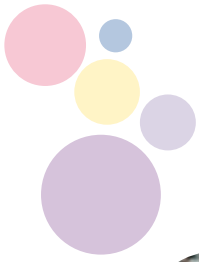
We stir enthusiasm in young people for science and technology, and encourage creativity in businesses. We continue building **top research centres of international renown** and promote cooperation between knowledge centres and SMEs. We improve our innovation instruments for SMEs, so that innovation in the broad sense of the word can be diffused over all sectors, industrial types and layers of society.

We focus on **green vehicles and tomorrow's mobility**. We promote innovation on the shop floor through a more innovative organisation of work. We conclude a new innovation pact between the authorities, knowledge and education institutions and the business world for more investments in R&D. By focusing on spearhead domains, we realise a science policy with **social added value**. We believe in fundamental research, offer opportunities to research talent and invest in research infrastructure.

Read more about this breakthrough and its key projects:  
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# GREEN AND DYNAM

## GREEN AND DYNAMIC URBAN REGION

Flanders is a network of small cities and urban regions: a quarter of all Flemings live in a city. We want to turn Flanders into a green urban region. Our region should develop a dynamic image as a socio-economic, ecological and socially responsible urban region. Combined with its historical heritage, Flanders will hold **great attraction** for international talent, enterprises and tourists. Flemish citizens will be able to live and work in a pleasant, healthy and ecological environment.

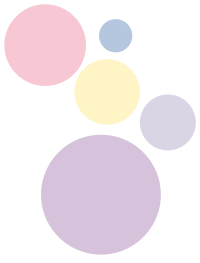
We want to protect the **open space and biodiversity**, and save space, for instance by reusing abandoned industrial sites. Sustainability is central when building, living and consuming. We convert existing electricity networks into **smart grids** and take the necessary measures in order to realise the objectives with regard to energy efficiency, cogeneration and renewable energy.

We aim at green growth. The waste policy is broadened to a sustainable materials policy and we develop an integrated water policy. The impact of air pollution and the nuisance for the Fleming's quality of life is reduced, among other things by focusing attention on environment-friendly mobility and the creation of **more green space near cities**. We do everything within our power to realise the environmental objectives in our Natura 2000 regions.

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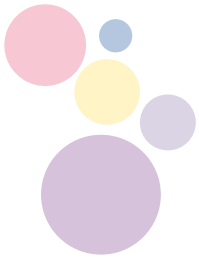
One of Flanders' major assets is its central location, combined with an excellent transportation infrastructure. We must continue to make optimal use of it, but in doing so, we must also take the developments in mobility and the future possibilities to expand our infrastructure into account. This allows us to anticipate the logistic challenges in an intelligent way. To excel in **smart mobility** means that the user has access to high quality, complete and cost efficient public transportation services. In order to ensure smooth and safe traffic, it is essential that the ICT possibilities for **traffic management** are also applied. This will turn the Flemish traveller into an i-traveller: an interactive, intelligent and intermodal traveller.

We also want to drastically improve the transportation system in order to deal with its negative effects on our environment, our health and our economy, while at the same time improving our logistic top position in Western Europe. We must make optimal use of our infrastructure and make it sustainable. The access to our seaports and to other important **logistic nodes** must be improved permanently, encouraging transportation by water or by rail as much as possible. That is why the Flemish Government encourages cooperation between all parties involved in the transportation sector with the Flanders Logistics Project.

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# SMART HUB





CARING SOCIETY

## CARING SOCIETY

Flanders must be a caring, solidarity-based society where everyone gets equal opportunities. All target groups can participate in social life in an equal way. Everyone also has a right to culture, sports and holidays, irrespective of his or her income. The Flemish Government wants to tackle all aspects of poverty and social exclusion. We want to improve the chances of personal development for everyone and reinforce the social ties between people.

All families, but also free initiatives and volunteer work, are invaluable and are therefore supported actively. The Flemish society must be a **solidarity-based society**. In order to meet the increasing demands for care, the Flemish Government has established a multi-annual care plan for a targeted expansion in home care, the sector of persons with a disability and youth care. In order to shape a powerful and innovated social policy, a fundamental Flemish Parliament Act for social protection will be realised.

Flanders also wants to invest in innovative health care in order to provide an answer to the challenges of our changing society. Researchers and entrepreneurs will work together to convert knowledge in technology. Central focus will be on the patient.

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## DECISIVE GOVERNANCE

The Flemish authorities think ahead and are working on the future. **Well-functioning authorities** are essential for a well-functioning economy and society. To this effect, the Flemish authorities have established a multi-annual programme 'Decisive governance', which is founded on a number of strategic objectives and which will be realised through concrete projects. The focus is placed on efficiency, cooperation, quality and effectiveness.

We want to obtain powerful, compact Flemish authorities. Better services by the authorities go hand in hand with **efficiently managing** processes and procedures. In this, the Flemish Government will strongly invest in improving its internal local organisation and in the **partnership** between Flanders and the local administrations. The Flemish Government will pursue an active policy of presence at European and international level. We want to make use of every opportunity to reinforce the reputation of Flanders.

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# GOVERNANCE





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