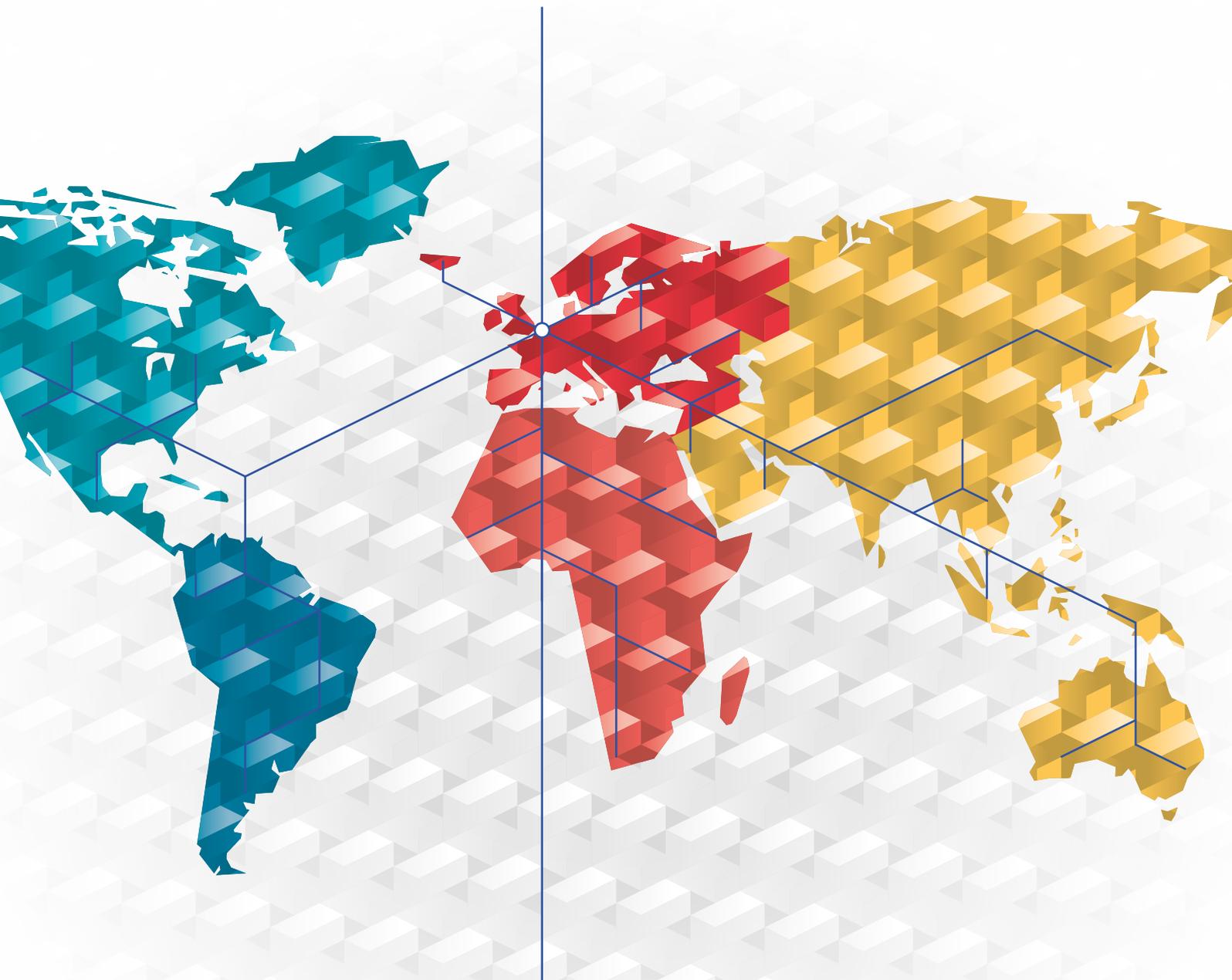


# Belgian Chambers



The Chamber of Commerce

**your gateway  
to business**

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## Federation of Belgian Chambers of Commerce

- The association of Belgian Chambers of Commerce in Belgium and abroad
- Helps Chambers deliver
- Brings the world to your doorstep
- Connects Belgian companies with the world



13 local Chambers of Commerce and Industry defend the interests of their members and strive for an environment that encourages entrepreneurship as a source of social and economic well-being.

33 Belgian-Luxembourg Chambers of Commerce abroad help companies expand their business worldwide and promote economic relations with third countries.



## ICC – World Chambers Federation

- The voice of business on the global scene
- The only private business organisation with official observer status at the United Nations
- Founded based on the creed of ‘business for peace’, believing in open, fair and free trade as the source of prosperity and peace
- Unites and connects 12,000 Chambers of Commerce across the world



## EUROCHAMBRES

- Represents the interests of 20 million European businesses with the EU decision makers in Brussels
- Unites 1,700 national, regional and local Chambers of Commerce in 43 European countries



## Conférence Permanente des Chambres Consulaires Africaines et Francophones

- Unites 600 Chambers in Africa, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Canada
- Contributes to the private sector development in Africa
- Encourages capacity building of business associations through joint projects, exchanges and coaching programmes

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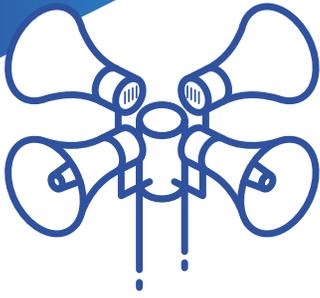
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## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Your talent is designing, manufacturing, selling ... but what do you do if you find obstacles along your way? Your trucks are constantly stuck in traffic, getting an environmental permit is a headache, finding the right competences on the labour market seems impossible. Your Chamber is your best advocate. Its experts lobby for a business environment in which your company can thrive. They make sure that your voice is heard by the decision makers at local, regional, national and European level.

### This is what our Chambers say...



Our Chamber stimulates better cooperation between the different regional employment agencies in order for job seekers from other regions and even from across the border to find their way into our province much faster.

In the run-up to the local elections our Chamber asked entrepreneurs to assess their municipality through a poll. This resulted in a report for every municipality with a number of urgent actions to be taken, points of concern and recommendations.



Fewer cars and more companies in Brussels, that is what our Chamber wants to achieve with its mobility plan. Concrete actions to fight congestion, ranging from the creation of transit car parks to the introduction of an intelligent pricing system for road use.

A key focus of our Chambers has been, and always will be, cutting red tape. That is what companies need to be better prepared for growth in line with their realities and needs.



## START YOUR BUSINESS

From idea to launch... Your Chamber brings you in contact with the right partners, gives you advice, offers you a sounding board and helps you with all the formalities to start your business.

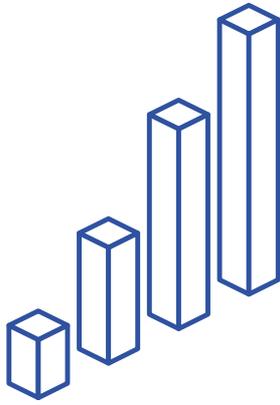
### Our programmes:

- **Bryo StandUp**
- **Bryo StartUp**
- **Single point of contact**
- **Go Start**

*"Your coach gives you access to an endless network of meaningful contacts. No formal discussions, just the steps you need to grow."*

*(Bram Van Peteghem, CEO of Labophar)*

**Become  
a member  
and use our services  
on every step of your  
journey!**



## GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Setting up your business is a dream, growing it is hard work: finding and retaining talented staff, getting access to additional financing, channelling innovative ideas into marketable products, managing a company... For every challenge, you can find an answer at your Chamber through training, coaching or personal advice.

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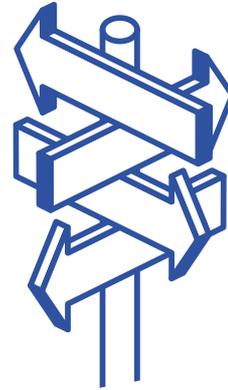
- **Accelero**
- **Familio**
- **Transitio**
- **Bryo ScaleUp**
- **Hub Transmission**
- **CNN**

*"It's interesting to see you are not alone in facing certain problems or bottlenecks."*

*(Sofie Anthony, Manager of Anthony Cranes)*

*"The interactions with the other participants often allowed me to head back with fully-fledged solutions in hand."*

*(Marcel Leroux, Prevention Advisor at Depairon)*



## GO INTERNATIONAL

Discover opportunities in Thailand, get inspired by new ideas in the United States, find an agent in Germany, get help with your export formalities for Saudi Arabia. Your Chamber can assist you in every single step of your international journey.

### Our programmes:

- **Be.connected**
- **Trade missions and inspiration trips**
- **Meet the Ambassador**
- **International business clubs**
- **Starters à l'international**

*"We regularly face new issues or situations related to transport, import and export for which we can get professional advice from the Chamber's international trade team. They assist us in getting information about legislation and new markets we want to approach."*

*(Nathalie Haepers, Distribution Supervisor & Inventory Controller Process Gases at Praxair)*



# BUILD A SUSTAINABLE COMPANY

Can you grow your business and have a positive impact on society? Yes, you can! Societal challenges like climate change, an ageing population, migration, technological disruption, etc. create opportunities. **The UN Sustainable Development Goals** call on companies to come up with solutions. Together with your Chamber, discover what social innovation and shared value mean for your company, explore how to develop your business model, and how to reconcile societal impacts and your financial bottom line.

#### Our programmes:

- **Businext**
- **Partnership with CIFAL**
- **Sustainable Entrepreneurship Charter**

*"When we signed the Voka charter for sustainable entrepreneurship, we gave our CSR efforts a clear framework. The link between the charter and the Sustainable Development Goals also makes our efforts more concrete."*

*(Katrijn Siebens, Circular Economy Facilitator at OVAM Circular Flanders)*

*"The Businext workshops allowed me to identify risks, but particularly opportunities, and to understand how to integrate our operations in an approach that would also benefit society."*

*(Christophe Fruytier, CEO of App & Web)*

# PEER LEARNING

Keen to stay up-to-date when you have a business to run? Or maybe you want to optimise your company's financial structure? How can you comply with the new privacy regulation? How do you start with online sales? Other companies face similar issues. Learn from peer entrepreneurs how they deal with these issues. Share your concerns. Find solutions together.

#### Our programmes:

- **Plato**
- **Alter Ego**

*"The Plato sessions are my monthly networking moment with peers!"*

*(Evy Dubois, HR Manager at Perrigo Medgenix)*

*"At Mölnlycke we are convinced that sharing experiences really offers added value."*

*(Danielle Bartholomé, HR Advisor at Mölnlycke Health Care)*

# GAIN VISIBILITY

No matter how good your product or service, it will rarely sell itself. So get out, tell your story. Your Chamber organises countless events where you can meet potential customers and get new ideas. Or why not use your Chamber's magazine to promote your business? It is, after all the most read business paper in your region.

#### Our programmes:

- **Networking events,**
- **Magazines**

*"It's nice to have a magazine that inspires with its testimonials, that is pragmatic with its thematic dossiers, including suggestions to be put in place, and this without drowning in advertising."*

*(Christian Bettendorf - Icoms Detection)*

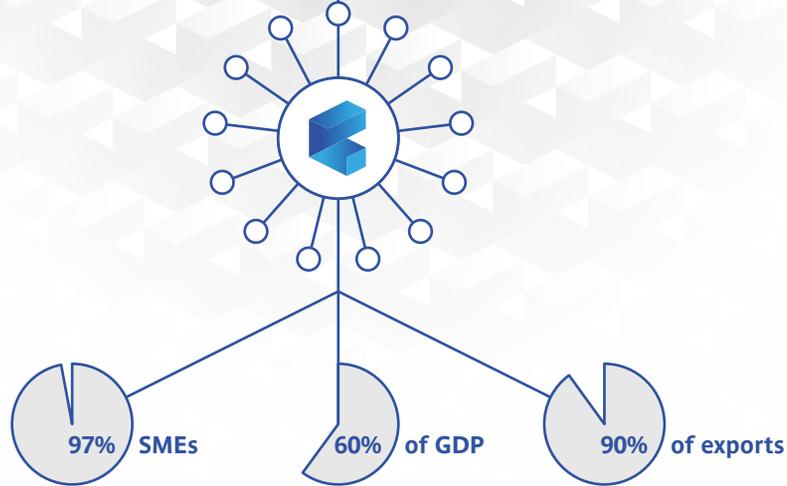


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28,000 members

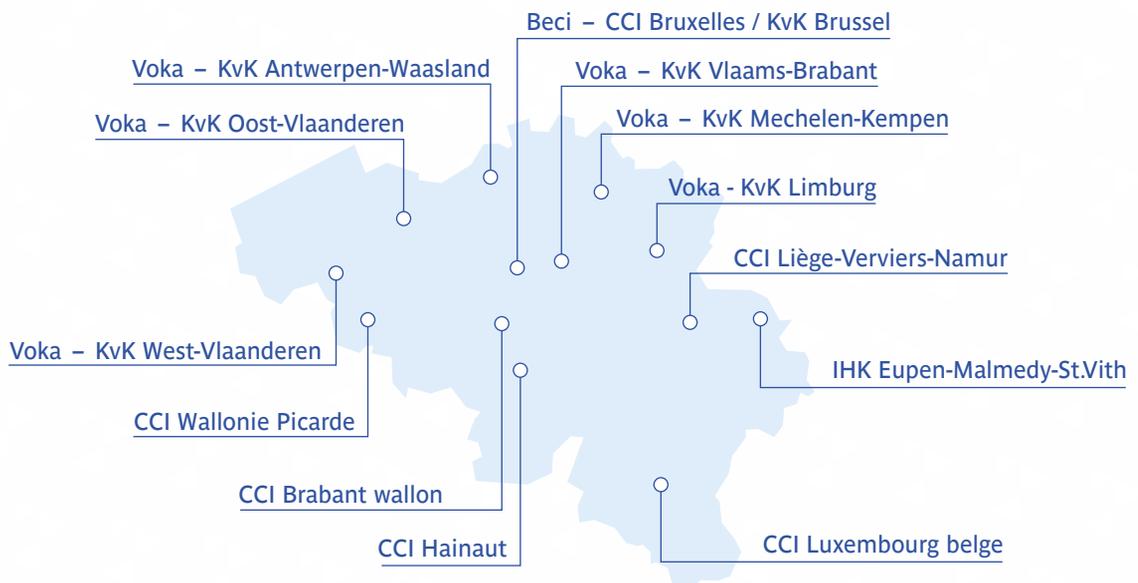


370,374 certificates of origin

75,000 participants in training & events

1,660 ATA carnets

160,000 magazine readers



*Because strong Chambers result in strong businesses*