

<b>Name</b>	<b>Province of Antwerp</b>	 <b>The province of Antwerp</b>
<b>Country</b>	Belgium	
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## Profile – The Province of Antwerp

The province of Antwerp is a regional authority in the north of Belgium with 1.800.000 inhabitants.

Main policy domains we are active in are Environment, Climate, Mobility, Spatial Planning, Economy, Labour market, Agriculture, Education, Heritage, Leisure & Tourism.

The province of Antwerp has years of experience in EU funded projects, both as partner or coordinator, in programmes H2020, LIFE, COSME, Erasmus+, Interreg, ERDF Flanders and EAFRD. Further, there is a team of EU funding advisors supporting all other departments with their EU project proposals and running projects.



## Profile – Department of Employment

The department of Employment ensures through various initiatives that more people with their talents and the right competences enter the labour market. We mainly focus on the healthcare, construction (energy transformation) and port (logistics) sectors. We are strongly committed to 'hybrid learning environments', where education and companies work together on new learning methods and settings. We encourage local authorities and (social economy) companies to work on a labour market where everyone can participate and social inclusion exists.

We do this by working with our autonomous provincial companies Gouverneur Kinsbergen Centrum, Havencentrum, Kamp C and DocAtlas. We provide counsel, knowledge exchange and good practices platforms, (financial) support to local authorities, SME's and educational institutes and develop initiatives together with other partners, such as the Flemish labour market director VDAB, local authorities, educational institutes and civil society organizations. Hereby we offer innovative solutions for the labour market shortages and involving disadvantaged groups.



## What we look for in EU projects

- Connecting education and the labour market
  - o Focusing on healthcare, construction (energy transition) and port (logistics) sectors
  - o Developing hybrid learning environments for students in vocational education and training (VET), including simulation environments and educational programs for these environments
  - o Developing hybrid learning environments to broaden young teenagers horizons and to get acquainted with a number of key economic sectors and connected study domains
  - o Employer approach to attract young people (e.g. NEET youngsters)
- Technology enhanced learning and work environments
  - o Implementing VR, AR and serious gaming in educational or training programs and/or work environments
  - o Developing technological/digital agility skills for professionals
- Lifelong learning
  - o Focus on the low skilled labour market population
  - o Introducing new educational programs to develop digital competences and related 21st century competences
- Social economy and entrepreneurship
  - o Developing support networks for persons at a distance from the labour market to increase labour market retention
  - o Support companies to work with and create additional social economy workplaces in new (upcoming) economic sectors
  - o Creating additional learning environments in social economy companies
  - o Stimulating social entrepreneurship within the regular economy
- Social inclusion and transformation
  - o Caring villages: Support local authorities in developing and implementing integrated community care; and empowering health professionals and other caregivers to adopt an integrated community care approach
  - o Tackling labour market diversity issues



## What we can offer in EU projects

- A large network of educational and labour market stakeholders in one of the strongest economic regions of Europe.
- Contact and collaboration with several of our 69 municipalities (local authorities)
- Contact, collaboration and expertise with social economy and social entrepreneurship

- Contact and collaboration with organisations and SME's focussing on Healthcare, Construction (energy transition) and Logistics in various initiatives
- Cooperation with research institutes and universities, the Flemish labour market director VDAB, sectoral organisations and civil society organizations
- Various autonomous provincial companies with an education and labour market focus, expertise, network and specific initiatives in our main economic sectors Healthcare, Construction (energy transition) and Logistics
- Experience in co-creation activities and learning networks with stakeholders
- Experience with project development and project management

## Experience

### Interreg / ERDF:

Interreg Nordsea RIGHT Right Skills for the Right Future (<https://northsearegion.eu/right/>)

Interreg 2Seas Empowercare (<https://www.interreg2seas.eu/en/EMPOWERCARE> )

Interreg Vlaanderen – Nederland GHLOBO

Member of the European Social Economy Regions network (ESER)

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