

Name	The Port Centre Antwerp Autonomous organisation within the province of Antwerp	
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Profile – The Port Centre

About the Port Centre

The Port Center brings the port closer to young people. We open up the port as an authentic learning context for young people and give them an insight into the port in all its diversity. In this way we make young people aware of the importance and innovative capacity of the port, and we make them enthusiastic about study options and jobs linked to the port.

In several experience-oriented programmes tailored to their needs, their profile and the framework of required learning outcomes, our team of coaches guides them through the unknown world of the port of Antwerp. We take them behind the scenes of companies, introduce them to people who work there, inspire them with stories, challenge them with hybrid learning assignments (at school, digital and on-site) and show them the variety of job opportunities. By letting young people fully experience the port, we build a bridge between education and employment.

Our team of educational experts continues to optimise our current programmes and to develop new ones, with special attention attributed to a new target audience (i.e. 17- to 26-year-olds looking for a job).

Facts and figures:

- Educational programmes for 10- to 25-year-olds
- Tailormade programme for higher education and adult education
- Team of 9 employees
- Approximately 15.000 visitors a year
- Current location: Lillo (port of Antwerp)
- Location from June 2025: city of Antwerp, Eilandje, Droogdokkenweg



Profile – The Province of Antwerp

An autonomous organisation within 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, 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 Economics, Regional Policy and Europe

Within the department of Economics, Regional Policy and Europe

In collaboration with local authorities and associations, the department of Economics, Regional Policy and Europe aims to:

- Investigate supralocal challenges and needs in terms of economics, innovation, agricultural policy;
- Promote (intersectoral) collaboration;
- Look for opportunities to improve public service for citizens, entrepreneurs and local authorities;
- Inform them about European funds.



What we look for in EU projects

We want to develop these 2 projects from September 2023.

We are open to partnerships for developing these projects together.

Spatial awareness program

Target group: pupils 14-16 year olds

What: A new educational day program for schools on spatial awareness

By implementing this new program, we want to spark the enthusiasm of young people (14-16 years old) in the areas of spatial awareness, STEM and citizenship.

We want to do this by making a unique edutaining program, meeting the needs of educational institutions in these fields, strongly linked with the fields of geography and economy as well. We would like to create an outside edutaining excursion in an industrial landscape, including different assignments students have to carry out. Through the assignments, they gain insight into industrialization and its effect on society and environment, as well as insight into future possible solutions for pollution, energy, waste, and other topics concerning sustainability. The assignments and the field trip have to spark the discussion on these themes.

Within this program we develop a range of didactic material with which the teacher can prepare and evaluate the excursion in class: video's, training, webpages etc.

Job Discovery Lab

Target group: 17-26 year olds, high school seniors and job seekers

What: half-day workshop that gives participants a better understanding of the diversity of jobs in the port

The aim of the Job Discovery Lab is to give high school seniors and young job seekers a better picture of the diversity of employment opportunities in the port area. We want to do this with an interactive half-day workshop, with which we go to schools and job seeking organisations.

We match 2 needs in this program:

- Companies in the port area experience the need to attract more employees and to make their interesting job opportunities known to a much wider audience.
- Many young people are in search of a broader professional orientation, in order to be able to make better choices in terms of studies, internship, future job, student job, etc.

Job Discovery Lab is a half-day workshop that focuses on broadening horizons and career orientation. During 7 steps and associated assignments, participants gain more insight in themselves and get to know a diverse range of professions.

The concept of the workshop and the assignments within the workshop have been tested with the target audience. The workshop concept can be applied to **any sector or employment region**.

We are looking for a partner to develop this concept in an innovative and affordable mobile format, which makes it easy to go to schools and jobseekers' organizations.



What we can offer in EU projects

We have experience in developing educational programs, games and materials. Therefore we can act as a **sparring partner** for organizations that work with the same target groups and face similar educational challenges.

We have experience in developing:

- educational boat tour (ages 10-12 years),
- educational teaching materials about the port (age 10-12 years),
- application with educational games about international logistics (age 10-12 years),
- LEGO® Haven studio based on software software LEGO® Mindstorms® Education EV3 Class-room (ages 12-16 years),
- 3-day excursion in the port, with overnight stays and varied activities (ages 12-16 years), including:
 - o Phonography game
 - o Pimp my port-game
 - o port tour
 - o team building activities
- Port Xpert Industry, a daytime program to explore industrial processing jobs professions in depth in an interactive way, including a VR experience (ages 16-18),
- Port Xpert Shipping, a daytime program to explore coordinating shipping professions in depth in an interactive way, including a shipping game with supporting application (ages 16-18)

Our main experience is in the field of bringing together the needs of labour market and educational institutions. We create educational programs that fit both needs without losing focus on the target group of each program: young people. Speaking these three languages enables us to reach our goals.



Experience

Interreg / ERDF:

- Interreg Northsea – RIGHT project

LIFE:

Horizon 2020:

ESF

- Innovation through adaptation – Job Discovery Lab (June 2020- June 2022)



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