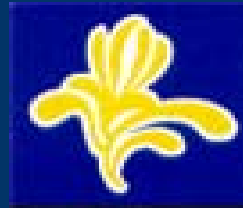


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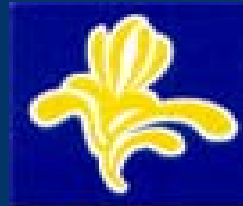
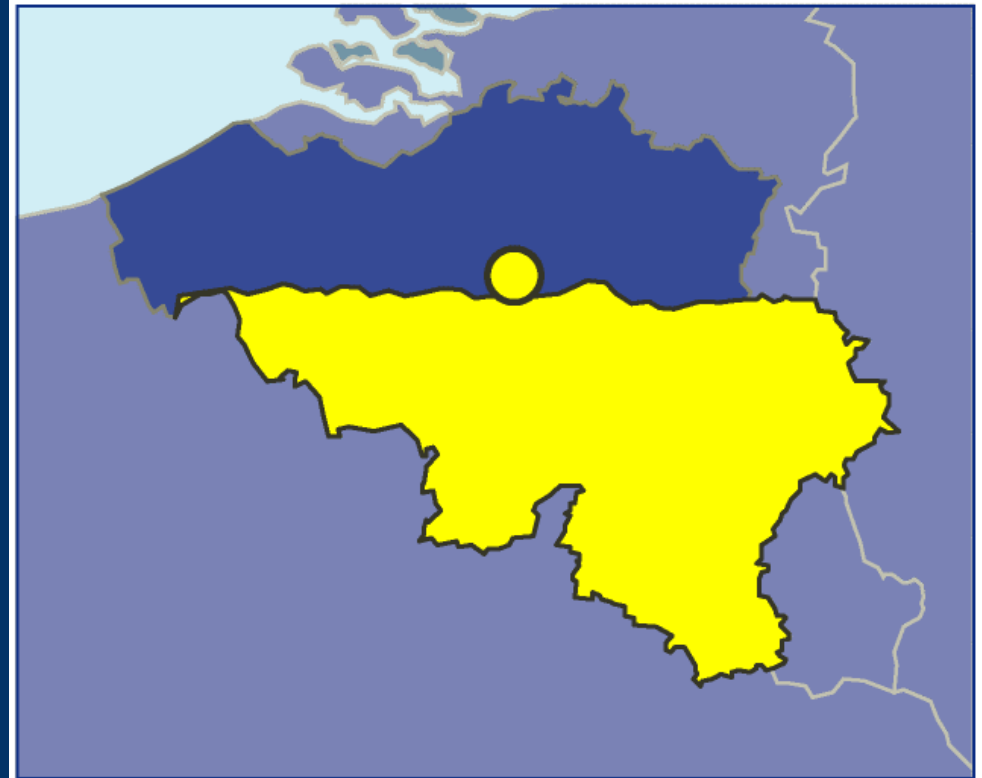
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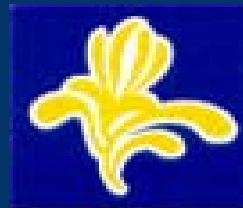
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Keys points about Wallonia

- Central location within Europe – Easy access to the EU market
- High quality, educated, multilingual workforce (We speak the “other” Canadian language)
- Quality infrastructure (Transportation, Telecomm, ...)
- Government action plan :
“The Taste for Entrepreneurship”

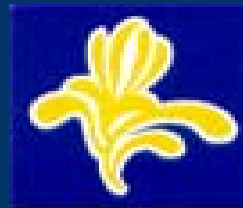


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Key points about R&D in Wallonia :

- 400 companies with strong and ongoing R&D activities
- High level research teams either in universities, research centers and companies – 11,000 researchers
- Identification of key technologies for the future of Wallonia economy
- “Multitech” approach

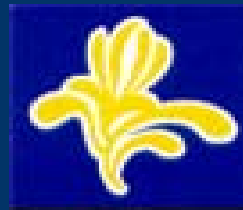
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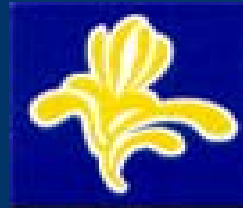
- Increased cooperation between companies, universities and research centers
- Clustering and incubation processes
- Insertion in international networks and in European Research Area
- Dramatic increase of public support (grants and fund raising)
- Promotion of science and technology among young people



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Biotech in Wallonia :

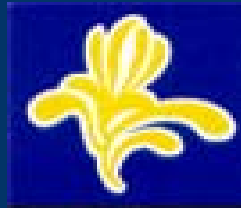
- 50 companies (such as DELPHI GENETICS) and 4900 people
- 2001 global revenue : EUR 1.250 billion
- Activities : biopharmaceutical, medical device & diagnostics, environment, agro-food, bioinformatics
- High level “multitech” research centers and university teams
- Many cooperation projects running for “genomics and proteomics race”



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Nanotechnologies in Wallonia :

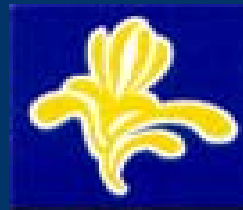
- High level research teams (such as CERMIN) running “crossover” projects (nanotech + electronics / biotech / new materials)
- Government call for proposals (called NANO) : 7 projects supported (worth of EUR 13 million)
- Some University spin-offs planned or created (such as NANOCYL, working on nanotubes)



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Information Technologies in Wallonia :

- Large number of students trained in Information and Communications Technologies
- World class expertise centers in...
 - GIS and Mapping
 - Image Processing (OCR Software, Medical Imaging, ...)
 - Voice synthesis and Voice recognition



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Our delegation :

- Pierre Leclercq and Thomas Bougard, from OFI (Economic Development Agency)
- Speaker Vincent Bayot, from CERMIN (University of Louvain – Micro/Nanotech)
- Philippe Gabant, CEO Delphi Genetics (Biotech Company)
- Antonio Fonseca, Researcher at Nanocyl (Nanotech company)

