



Health Innovation Cluster

Where health innovation
grows stronger, together.



Who we are

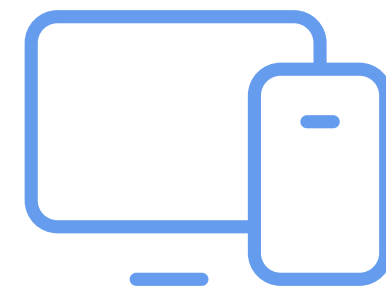
Biovia is the **health innovation cluster for Flanders**, Belgium, uniting human and planetary health into one vibrant ecosystem. It is an industry-driven membership organization for:



Medical Biotech



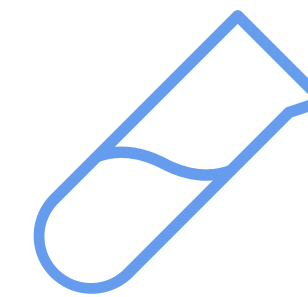
MedTech



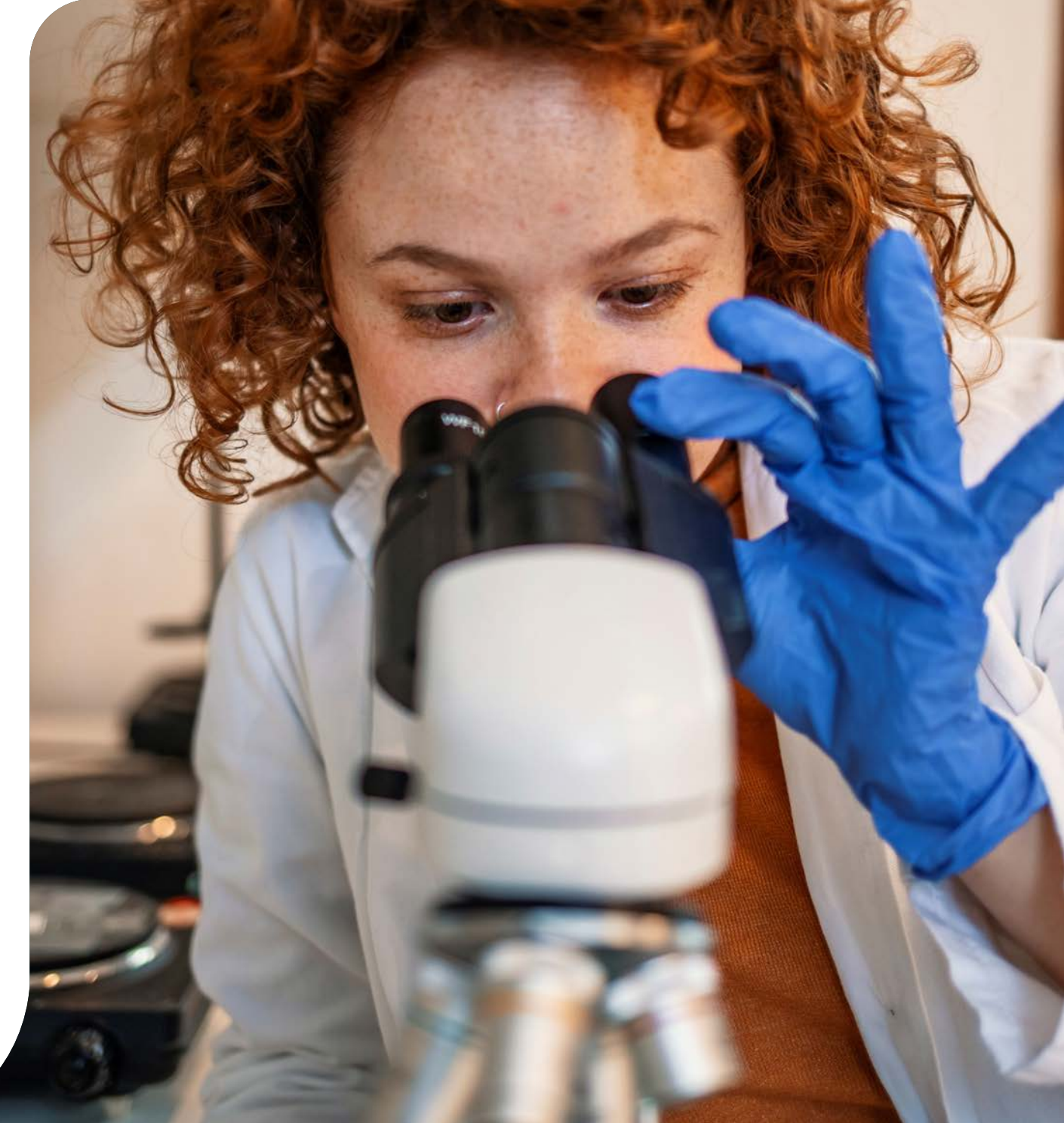
Digital Health



AgTech



Industrial Biotech



Biovia is one of six spearhead clusters supported by the government agency Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO), bringing together more than **400 members** and many partners, including companies, research institutes, universities, hospitals, service providers, investors and government.

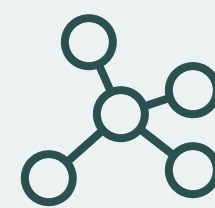
Biovia supports members through:



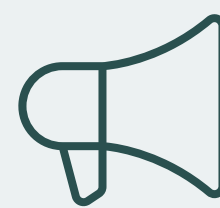
Funding



Education



Connection



Representation

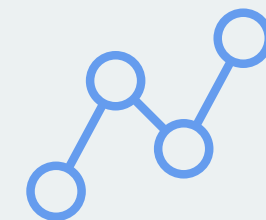


Biovia fosters a **robust environment for health innovation in Flanders** so we can grow **stronger, together** – forging a path to a healthier future for people and planet.

Our mission

Our Mission is to help our members succeed.

Biovia helps Flemish health innovation stakeholders to [bridge the gap between research and market](#), thereby improving outcomes for human and planetary health. [We help members:](#)



Develop their
innovations



Navigate complex
regulations



Reach international
markets

We respond to the needs of our members by providing support that helps them turn cutting-edge science into global business success.

[Uniting human and planetary health](#) for more impactful, sustainable solutions for all.



Our vision

[Our Vision is for Flanders to become a global leader in health innovation.](#)

At Biovia, we recognize that all health is connected—human, animal, plant and planet. That's why we're breaking out of silos and uniting the whole sector into one powerful, collaborative ecosystem.

One Cluster for One Health

Key challenges

We are tackling the following key challenges faced by our members:

- Access to R&D funding
- Access to capital (early- to late-stage)
- Market access, reimbursement & regulatory hurdles
- Sustainable availability of talent
- Visibility for the ecosystem and region
- Digitalization, AI and data
- Loss of leading position in clinical trials



What we do

Biovia creates value for members through four core activities:



Fund

We help members obtain capital and non-dilutive funding



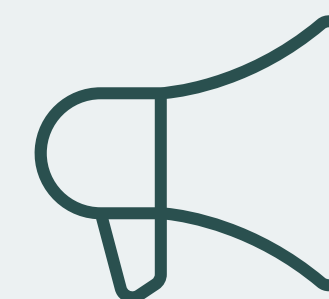
Educate

We develop and run workshops, trainings & webinars



Connect

We organize events, international missions and projects



Represent

We advocate for the needs of our members



We help members obtain R&D funding and capital to scale both innovations and business.

VLAIO funding

- Biovia provides access to **non-dilutive funding** – made available by Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO) – to consortia developing disruptive solutions for medical needs
- **€8 million** earmarked for Biovia-led project calls each year
- **Over 25 projects** approved to date, involving more than 70 members
- Our **innovation experts** help set up consortia and coach members towards application success



European funding

We take part in **EU projects** that provide our members with **non-dilutive funding opportunities** (e.g. HealthChain)



Capital

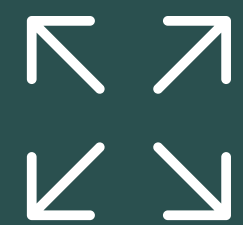
Biovia connects members with investors via **events and our international network** (e.g. HealthTech Investor Summit)



We Educate

We provide members with the information and skills they need to grow both talent and company.

We offer **coaching, info sessions, workshops and courses** on topics important to our members:



Internationalization course for healthtech companies



US market access
(e.g. Say Yes to the US)



Regulations and certifications
(e.g. NoBoCap project)



Venture Capital
(e.g. Pitch like a Pro)



Grant writing
(e.g. VLAIO project calls)



We Connect

We cultivate connections in our local and international network, helping our members find the investors, partners and talent they need to succeed.

 International missions, relations and outreach, including with Flanders Investment & Trade (FIT)

- [Belgian Pavilion](#) & economic mission during Expo 2025 Osaka
- [HLTH US](#) (US Mission) & HLTH Europe
- [BIO-International](#) & BIO-Europe
- [Healthtech Mission](#) to China
- [World Agri-Tech](#) Innovation Summit & Future Food-Tech
- [Welcome team](#) for foreign companies coming to Flanders

 Visibility and insights

- [Weekly newsletter](#) and social media
- [Members directory](#) and portal (e.g. company profile, job listings, events and press releases)
- [Introductions](#) (e.g. among companies, hospitals, service providers, incubators and accelerators)
- [BioVox](#): our partner platform for Belgian life sciences news



Our flagship events

Knowledge for Growth

Largest regional conference for biotech and health innovation in Europe

Science for Health

In-depth Belgian conference on a 'Biology meets technology' theme (e.g. Gene Therapy; AI, Data & Digitalization)

Health on Stage.be

Matchmaking event with Belgian hospitals reverse-pitching to innovative companies

HealthTech Investor Summit

Main European event dedicated to connecting healthtech entrepreneurs with investors

We Represent

We keep an eye on the big picture and provide a unified voice for our members, working towards short and long-term improvements in our health innovation ecosystem.

- We organize **strategic exercises** to map the needs and concerns of our members
- We act as an **advocate to the Flemish Government**
- We represent the ecosystem and its interests on the **national and international stage**
- We **collaborate** with other health innovation clusters to **improve regional and international opportunities** for members

We organize and participate in **EU projects** relevant to our members, including:

NoBoCap

Enhancing the efficiency of Notified Bodies and Market Operators

STEP4NAMs

Developing new methodologies to replace animal testing

PRECISEU

Reducing fragmentation in ATMP and health data innovation in Europe

B-Trust

Building public trust in biotechnology for the agri-food and bio-based sectors



Our members & partners

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Our 400+ members

- Innovative companies
- Universities & research institutes
- Hospitals & healthcare providers
- Service providers
- (Bio)incubators
- Investors

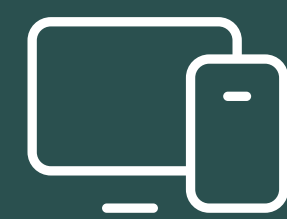
Supporting five domains at the crossroads of health innovation:



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Our Partners

- Non-dilutive funding bodies
- Policymakers
- Industry associations & clusters

Our Supporting Partners



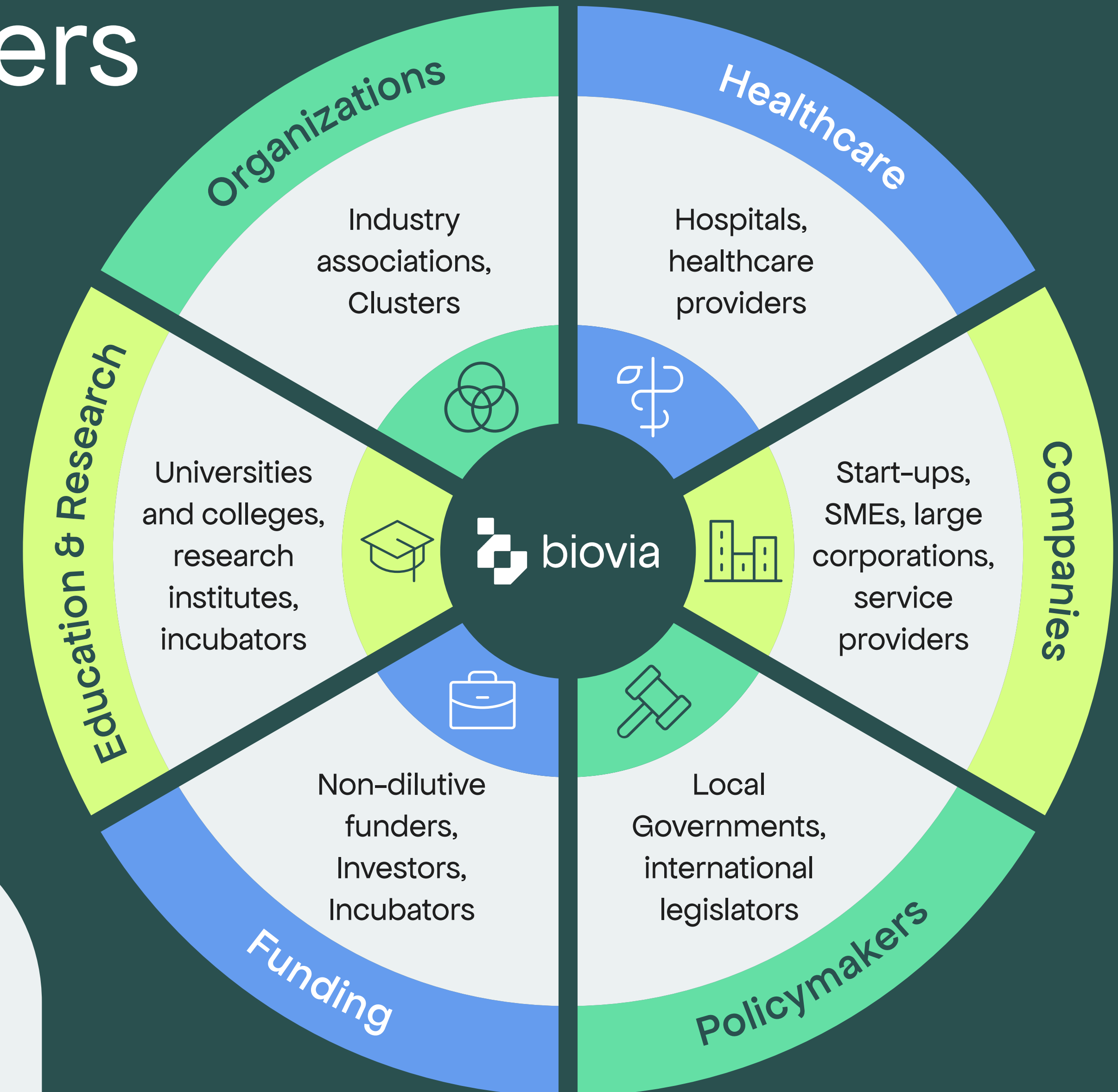
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A K K O D I S



ThermoFisher
SCIENTIFIC



Our ecosystem: Belgium

One of Europe's most dynamic health innovation hubs

#1 biotech market cap
in Europe (Q1 2025)

Well connected in the heart of Europe
(two hours to London/Amsterdam/Paris)

6th most innovative EU
country (EIS 2025)

23 incubators

A global pharma hub

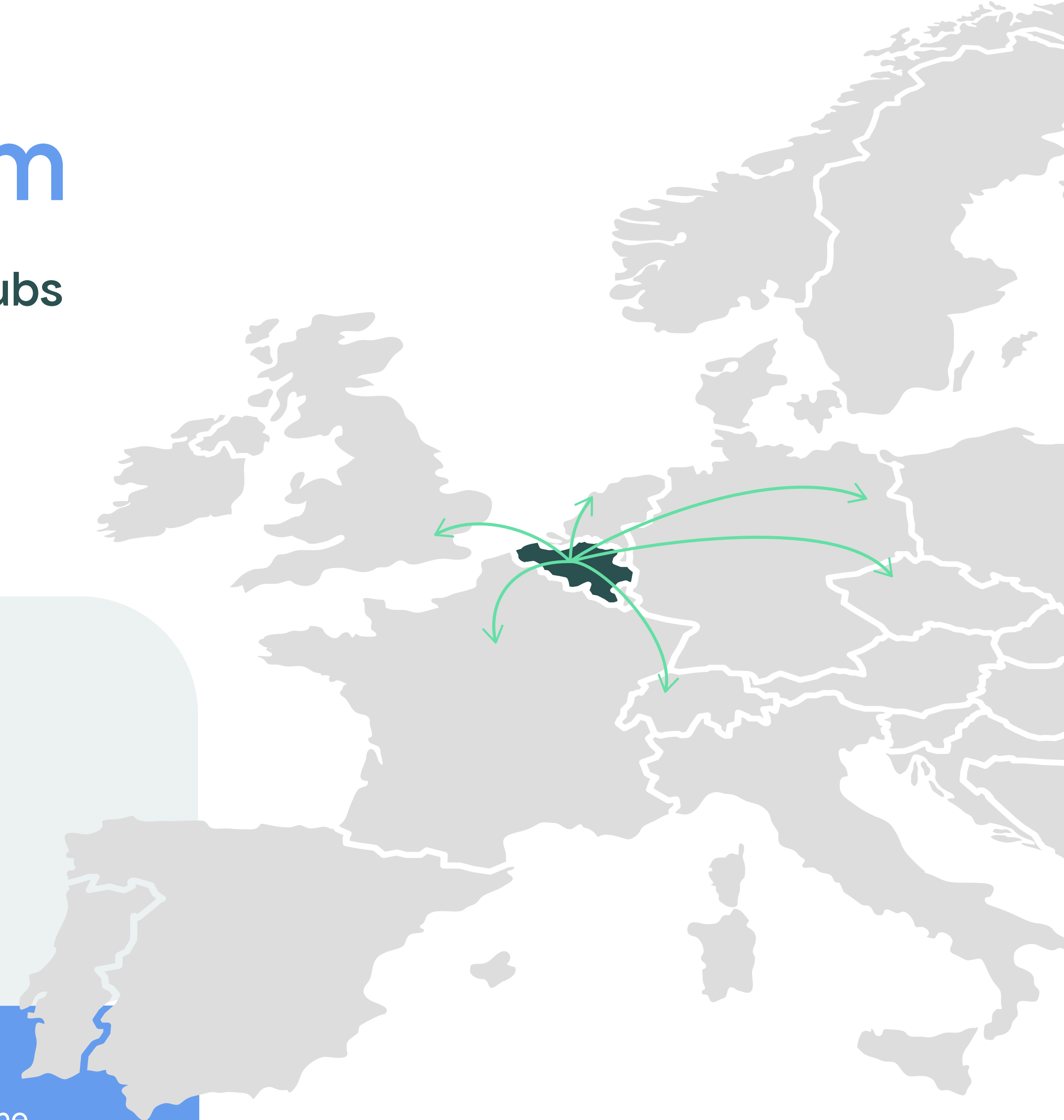
- The **fourth-largest exporter** of pharmaceutical goods in the world
- **World's largest logistics hub** for biopharmaceuticals (Brussels Airport)
- Presence of 29 of the world's 30 **largest global pharmaceutical companies** (e.g. Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Novartis, GSK, UCB)



State-of-the-art pilot facility for industrial biotech (Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant)

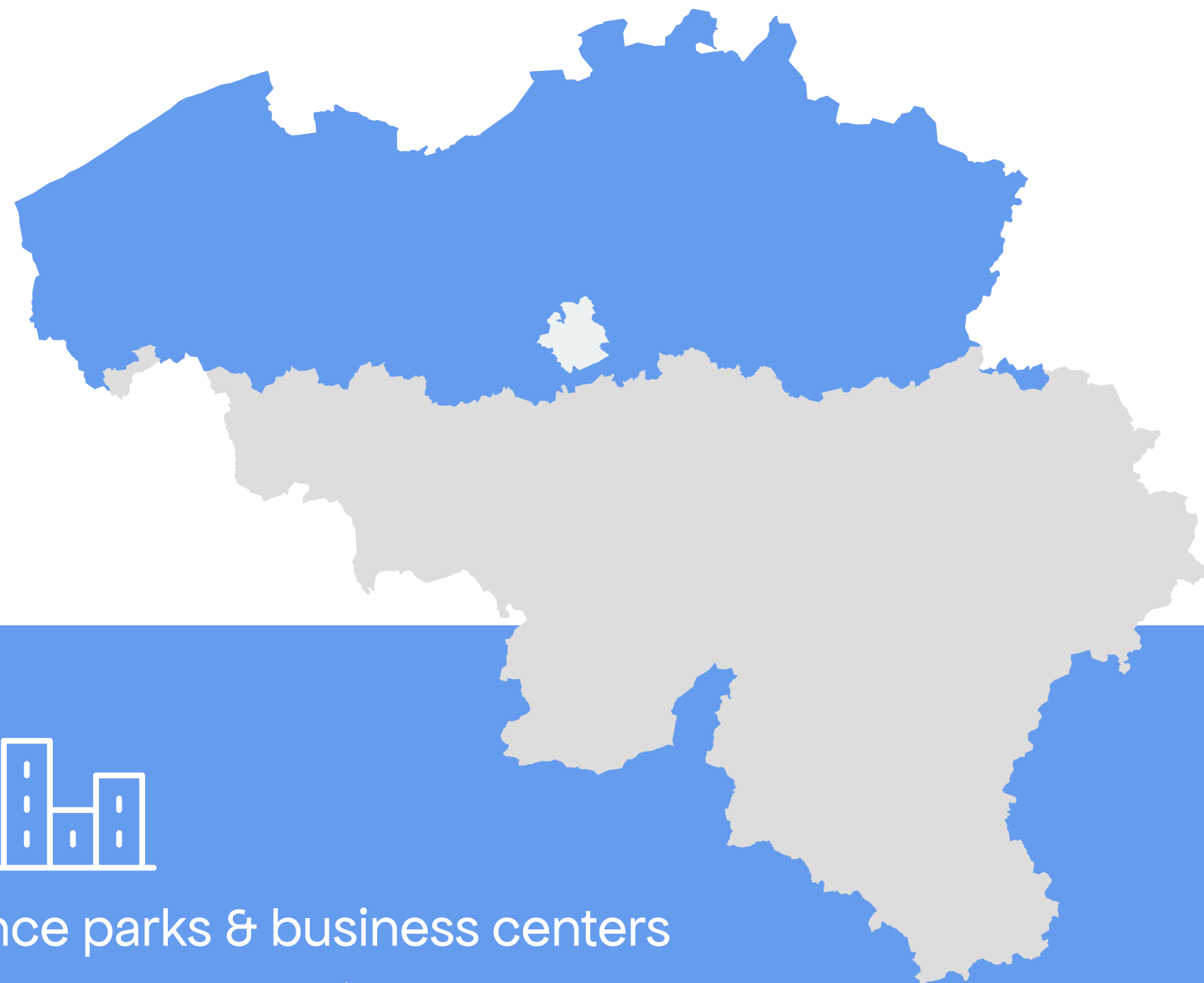


Global agtech hotspot, rooted in pioneering plant genetics. Now home to multi-national leaders and a thriving wave of agri-innovators



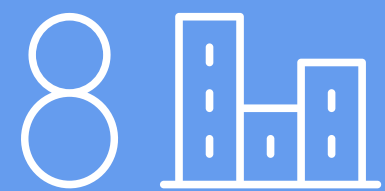
Our ecosystem: Flanders

The northern region of Belgium – One of Europe's most active health innovation regions



7th
in Europe for R&D
expenditure per capita

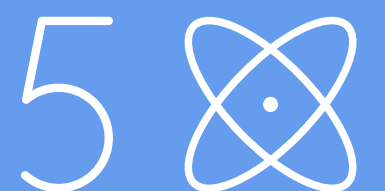
164
top-tier hospitals with
150,000 beds



8
science parks & business centers
(Tech Lane Ghent, Science Park UAntwerp...)



5
Universities
(UGent, KU Leuven, VUB...)



5
innovative research institutes
(VIB, imec, VITO...)



4
University hospitals
(UZ Gent, UZ Leuven...)

- Excellent support for **spin-out creation**
(Tech transfer offices, bioincubators)
- **Dense network** of researchers and industry
in key health topics
(Biotech, cell and gene therapies, vaccines,
medtech diagnostics, robotics, nanotech,
bio-based materials)
- Support for **R&D and company growth**
(Public grants & tax incentives)
- **Healthcare system facilitating innovation**
(high clinical trial capacity and strong digital
public infrastructure)
- **Strong export orientation**
(including specialized infrastructure for
pharmaceuticals, e.g. Port of Antwerp)

Get involved



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