

bon | AGENTSCHAP INTEGRATIE EN INBURGERING Brussels Welcoming Agency for integration

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History

Flemish Government

- **1998** – Decree on Minorities
- **2000** – Experimental Policy “Inburgering” FL & Bruxelles
- **2003** – FL Parlement approve decree
“Inburgering”
- **2004** – Regional fusion of Welcome Offices
- **2013** – Flemish Decree Policy Integration and
“inburgering”
- **2015** – Creation 3 EVA's:
1 Flemish (Bxl) & 2 cities Gent and Antwerp
Goal: efficiëncy + equal regional services

History

Welcoming offices

Integration Centers

Social interpreter
and translation
services

House of Dutch

Kruispunt
Migration-
Integration

Agentschap
Integratie &
Inburgering

- ° 1st of january 2015
- EVA = Extern verzelfstandigd Agentschap
- Fusion operation of more than 20 different entities

Objectives of the Flemish integration policy

Addressing the situations and dynamics associated with the consequences of migration with the aim of:

- 1 ° the independent and proportional *participation*
- 2 ° the *accessibility of all facilities* for all
- 3 ° an active and shared *citizenship* of everyone
- 4 ° strengthening *social cohesion*

In the meanwhile in Brussels

- 2004 : bon vzw
- 2007 : “Inburgering” = Compulsary in Flanders, not in Brussels
- 2015: Agentschap Integratie **en** Inburgering Regio Brussel aka ‘bon’
→ ‘Integration’ ≠ ‘Innovation’

(integratie)

(Inburgering)

Accessibility & Participation Integration towards ‘citizenship’

Dealing with diversity

Social cohesion

Figures 2016

	Flanders & Bxl	Bxl	%
IB-contracts	18075	3567	20%
Participants Civic Integration course	12573	2772	22%
IB-attestation	10713	1671	16%

Brussels ≠ Flanders (+ ≠ Wallonia)

- Language
- Labor Market
- Policies

concerned authorities: COCOF, VGC, Brussels Region, Municipalities, COCOM/ GGC

- Super Diversity

In the meanwhile on the Frenchspeaking side of Brussels

- 2016 Start-up of Via asbl
(Bapa Schaarbeek – Molenbeek)
- 2016 Start –up Bapa Bxl

Similar offer of services, different approach

Target Groups

‘BON AgII’

- = Foreigner or Belgian of foreign origin
- = Domiciled in a Brussels municipality
- = 18 years of age or older

‘BAPA’

New- and ‘Oldcomers’
Asylum seekers after
3 months of procedure

less then 3 years legal stay in
Belgium with a legal residence
document older then 3 months

CAPACITY

4000+

2000 + 2000

Means

- **BON**

Till 2014 : 5/6 million euros

- **BAPA**

2016: 5.1 million:

- 3 million for the Bapa's
- 2.1 million for the 'FLE';

(providers for the French Language courses)

2017 Brussels Cooperation agreement on obligation of the newcomers “parcours”

- **Challenges**
 - Definition of target audience : “newcomer” vs “inburgeraar”
 - Neutral orientation of public
 - Certification different systems :
 - testing vs presence
 - Course 10+50h vs 60h
 - Total package?
 - Compulsory covered - financial means?

Inspiration to/by others?

- Throughout the years many national & international delegations received by bon
- Strength =
 - Personal accompaniment
 - Civic orientation course in contact language

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