

# Live from Brussels...

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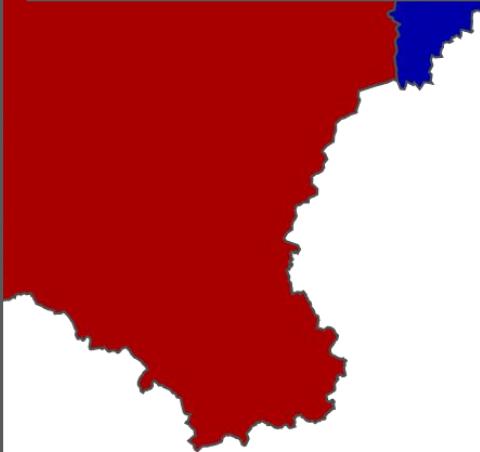
“

You go to Brussels ...  
it's like living in a  
hellhole right now.”

**DONALD TRUMP**  
REPUBLICAN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

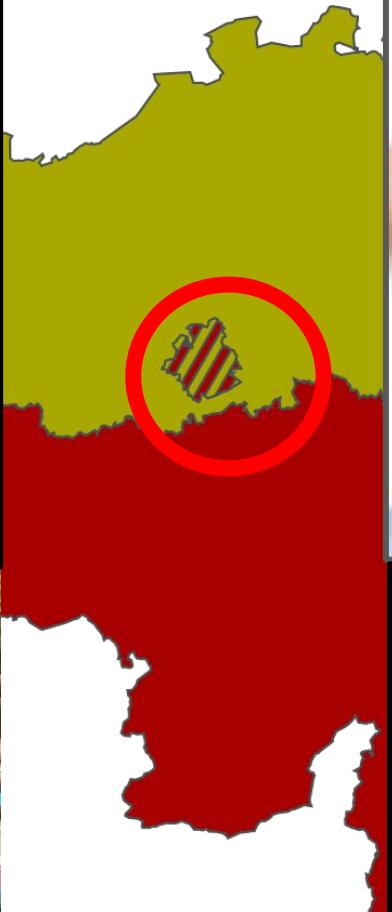


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- 161 km<sup>2</sup>
- 1.208.542 inhabitants
- 183 nationalities → most diverse city after Dubai



- Officially bilingual French + Dutch
- Unofficially trilingual: + English (EU)
- De facto multilingual: over 104 home languages

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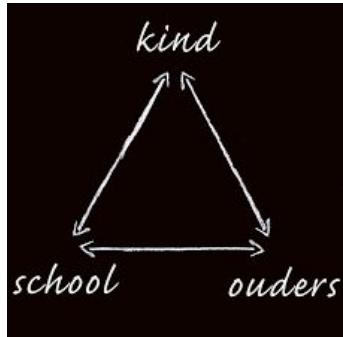
= Flemish Centre for Basic Education

- Dutch-speaking organisation
- Target group: illiterate and low skilled adults living in Brussels
- Themes: literacy on all levels (reading, writing, mathematics, ICT, financial, awareness campaigns, tailor-made projects...)
- About 120 teachers
- About 3.000 students every school year
- Special project: School Project

# School Project

- Dutch classes for parents in Dutch-speaking primary schools
- Since 1998 - every school year about 20 schools
- Focus on supporting parents in the school career of their children
- New project since 2018: **Welcome in the Classroom = WiC**

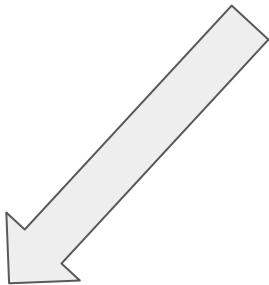




language stimulation



# Welcome in the Classroom



February 2018: conference with Martine van der Pluijm (researcher at Hogeschool Rotterdam / The Netherlands) in Brussels



Methodology 'At Home in Languages'



September 2018: start of Welcome in the Classroom in Brussels

# Methodology At Home in Languages = Welcome in the Classroom

- Once a week at the same day
- all parents are invited in the classroom (only kindergarten: 3 - 4 - 5 years old)
- for a short activity (maximum 20 minutes)
- together with his / her child
- the activity is simple + language stimulating (all languages are allowed)



# Results?

- 75% attendance every week
- 100% attendance between September - June
- Better contact between parents and teachers
- Parents learn more about what their children are doing in the classroom
- Teachers learn more about the children (mother language)
- Teachers learn more about the context of some children (for instance illiterate parents)
- Fathers!



# Partnership?



- Cooperation with Martine through ETEN and Erasmus+, Rein jobshadowing 1 month Rotterdam => 'Welcome in the Classroom'-project
- Rotterdam and Brussels want to collaborate more in a new, extended partnership



# Partnership?

- Looking for organisations working in a similar (metropolitan) context to **exchange practices**
- Working together on parent involvement, with the aim of
  - **supporting low-literacy parents** to stimulate the **language development** of their children
  - **training (future) teachers** in building partnerships with low-literacy parents



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How? in Erasmus+ **small-scale partnership**:

- 2 or more Programme Countries
- small grant, simple administrative requirements
- development of transnational network
- apply by 3 November 2021



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