

FLEMISH RESILIENCE: THE AMBITIOUS RECOVERY PLAN OF THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS

COVID-19 has caused an unprecedented crisis. The Government of Flanders is responding to this with its ambitious **Flemish Resilience recovery plan**. An investment worth **4.3 billion euros** and intended to turn the corona crisis into an opportunity. An opportunity bringing societal and economic gains and making Flanders one of Europe's frontrunners. The **European Union** has also set up a recovery fund to emerge from this crisis, from which it is allocating **2.25 billion euros** to Flanders.



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7 key focal points, 180 projects

Flemish Resilience features **7 key focal points** that are being implemented via **180 projects**, **55** of which are EU-funded. These projects are expected to propel Flanders **to the forefront** of the digital revolution and help it shift gear to a more **sustainable economy**.

THE 7 KEY FOCAL POINTS OF FLEMISH RESILIENCE



- Investing in climate and innovation and making the economy and society more sustainable
- Investing in infrastructure and major mobility works
- Transforming Flanders digitally
- Promoting lifelong learning and digitalisation in education and on the labour market
- Strengthening Flanders' care and welfare system
- Emerging from the corona crisis and Brexit
- Decreasing red tape and increasing government efficiency

From the digital leap to cycling infrastructure

With **180 Flemish Resilience projects**, the Government of Flanders wants to help Flanders recover from the corona crisis.

PROJECTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Government of Flanders is turning the backlog in digital education into a lead by making a **digital leap** ('**digisprong**'). It is investing in laptops and computers as well as in ICT training and digital learning tools. Recovery funds totalling 385 million euros will be spent on ICT infrastructure in schools.

The Government of Flanders wants to make Flanders a leading hydrogen region and is investing 125 million euros in the **hydrogen economy** to support the transition to a sustainable hydrogen industry. After all, hydrogen is an energy carrier that can store energy from renewable sources and is also used in industrial processes and for transport.

The Government of Flanders has earmarked 60 million euros of Flemish Resilience funds for **edusprong**, a plan for making an educational leap to quality adult education. Thanks to this investment, even more disadvantaged groups will find their way into adult education. Furthermore, the training offer will be improved and a broad ICT offer with open modules will be developed.

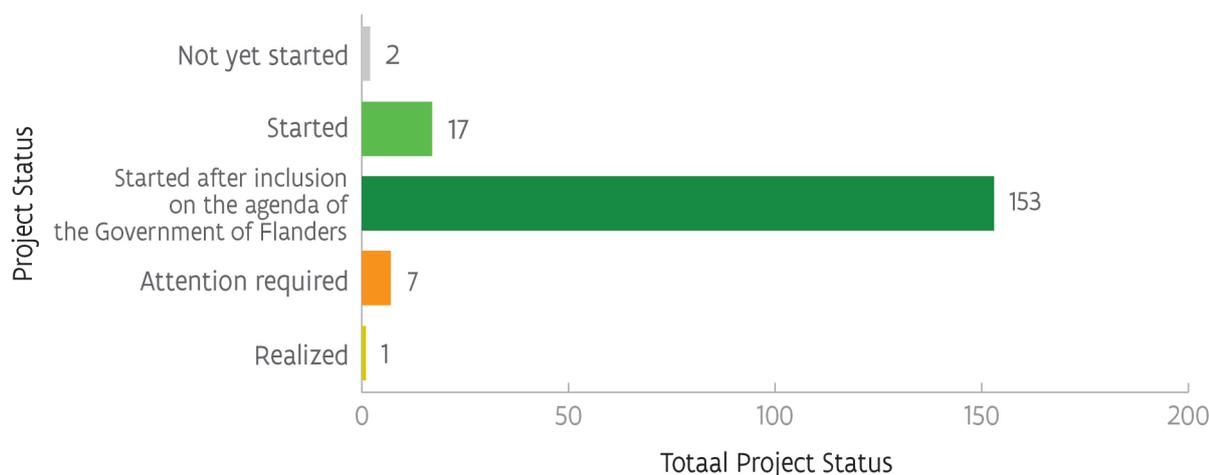
The Government of Flanders is investing 4.8 million euros in the **OverKop houses**. These are accessible meeting places where under-25s can take part in leisure activities, find a listening ear and receive well-being support without being stigmatised.



The Government of Flanders is stimulating bicycle use and making investments in **cycling infrastructure** on municipal roads by contributing 1 euro for every 2 euros invested by local authorities. The Government of Flanders has appropriated an amount of 150 million euros for this purpose. In this way, it wants to invest at least 450 million euros in cycling infrastructure on municipal roads.

The Government of Flanders is simplifying the subsidy landscape by bundling as many subsidies as possible into one online desk. For this reason it is transforming the existing renovation grant and energy grants into a **unified home renovation grant**. The Government of Flanders aims to make the subsidy landscape more customer-friendly and encourage more people to renovate their homes.

Monitoring and reporting: 2 times a year



In 2021 the Government of Flanders **monitored and reported** on the progress of the 180 recovery projects three times a year. A third report on the progress of the 180 recovery projects was submitted in December 2021. This third measurement paints a positive picture. 171 of the 180 recovery projects (95%) have been started on 31 December 2021. **In 2022 there will be reports in June and December.**

The progress of the projects is measured by **output indicators**. They indicate for each project what the **Government of Flanders wants to achieve with the 4.3 billion in recovery funds.**

EXAMPLES OF OUTPUT INDICATORS

- (Re)constructing 1,498 kilometres of cycling paths
- Installing 35,000 charging points
- Organising 300,000 online training courses
- Awarding 225,000 grants for better management of our energy output

More ambition than ever! 5-metre-high square brackets

Flanders is the first region in Europe to communicate the results of its investments and bring the recovery plan to life for its citizens. With a public campaign, the Government of Flanders wants to show citizens that it creates employment, boosts the economy and supports societal recovery.

The slogan of the public campaign is [More ambition than ever]. It should give the people of Flanders confidence in the recovery plan and in the future. On the dike in Ostend, 5-metre-high square brackets attracted attention. The side façade of Flanders' research centre IMEC was also made an eye-catcher with metres-high brackets. The public campaign also showcases the Flemish Resilience investments by means of advertisements, social media and posters.

