



# Flanders

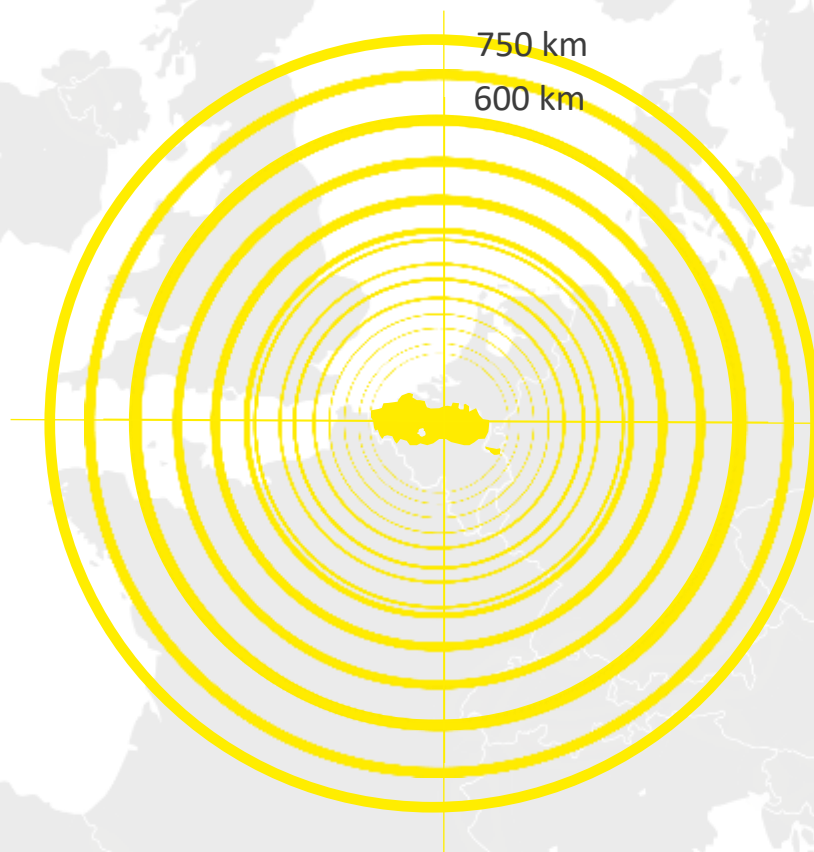
State of the Art

# Flanders

A REGION FUELED BY  
RESEARCH & DEDICATION

# Strategic location in the midst of Europe's main markets


- Main EU markets can be reached within 24 hours
- 60% of EU's purchasing power within 750 km around Flanders
- Brussels: home to the EU, NATO and other decision-making HQs
- Antwerp-Zeebrugge: the world's largest car handling port
- Easy Travel
  - Berlin 1h
  - London 1h50
  - Amsterdam 1h50
  - Paris 1h20



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€9.64 trillion GDP  
(64% of EU total)  
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€78.86 billion PPS  
(59% of EU total)

  
255 million people  
(50% of EU total)

Total EU-28 plus Switzerland

  
517 million

  
€ 15.2 trillion GDP

# An innovative region

## Collaborations through networks

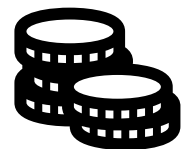
- 2 top 100 academic centers (ARW 2021)
- 4 Strategic Research Centers
- 6 Spearhead clusters
- 12 Innovative Business Networks
- 15+ public research centers
- 50 + business networks/sector organisations



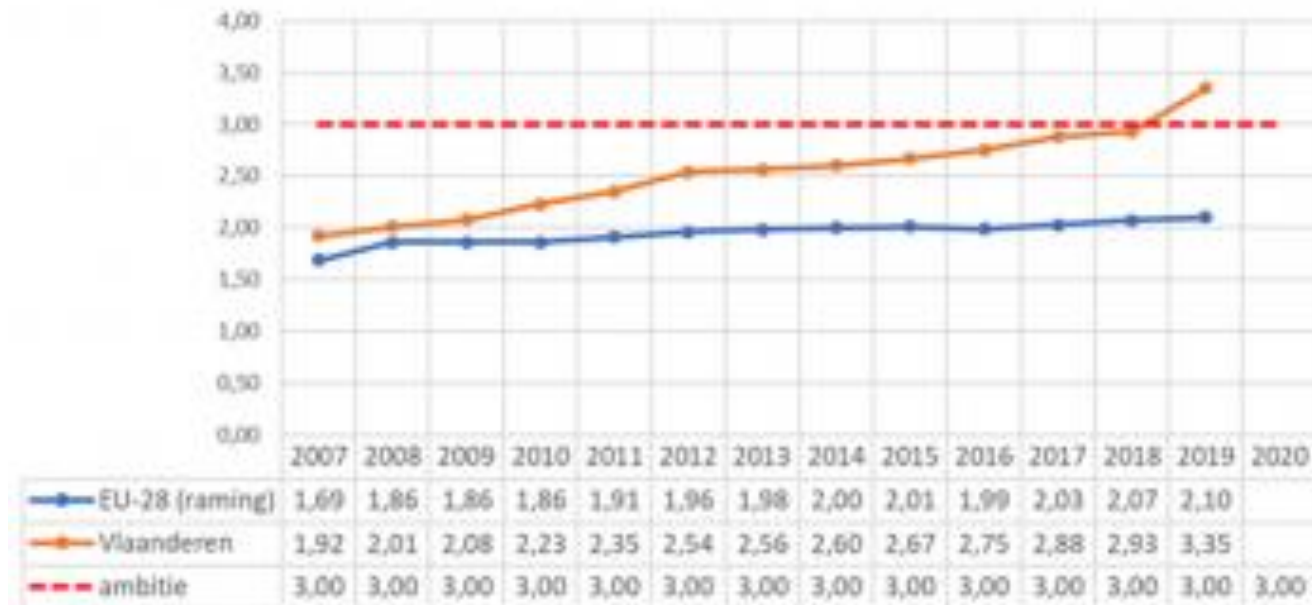
# An innovative region



60.000+



9.35 BEUR





# An innovative region

## LEUVEN IS EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION



iCapital 2020  
EUROPEAN  
CAPITAL OF  
INNOVATION  
LEUVEN



Leuven can call itself 'European Capital of Innovation' (iCapital) for one year and receives the accompanying prize of 1 million euros. The European Commission awarded this prize to the city that makes the best use of innovation to improve the quality of life of its inhabitants. Leuven competed in the final against other cities such as Valencia, Vienna and Helsingborg. "This is a great recognition of the cooperation model that Leuven

**BlueChem**  
INCUBATOR FOR SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY



**BLUE**  
ACCELERATOR

**Food Port**  
House of Feed, Food & Health

**corda**  
campus



**umec** istart

**INCUBA THOR**

**WATT**  
— FACTORY —

**PMV**  
DO AND DARE COMPANY

**C>PRICORN**  
INVESTMENTGROUP

business  
angels  
netwerk  
vlaanderen

**Bio  
Ville**

FLANDERS INVESTMENT & TRADE



# FLANDERS INVESTMENT & TRADE'S 10 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY OFFICES



CLIMATE TECH



DIGITAL TECH



HEALTH TECH



10 S&T OFFICES



FIT OFFICES

Advancing health in cities

## Advancing local regulations





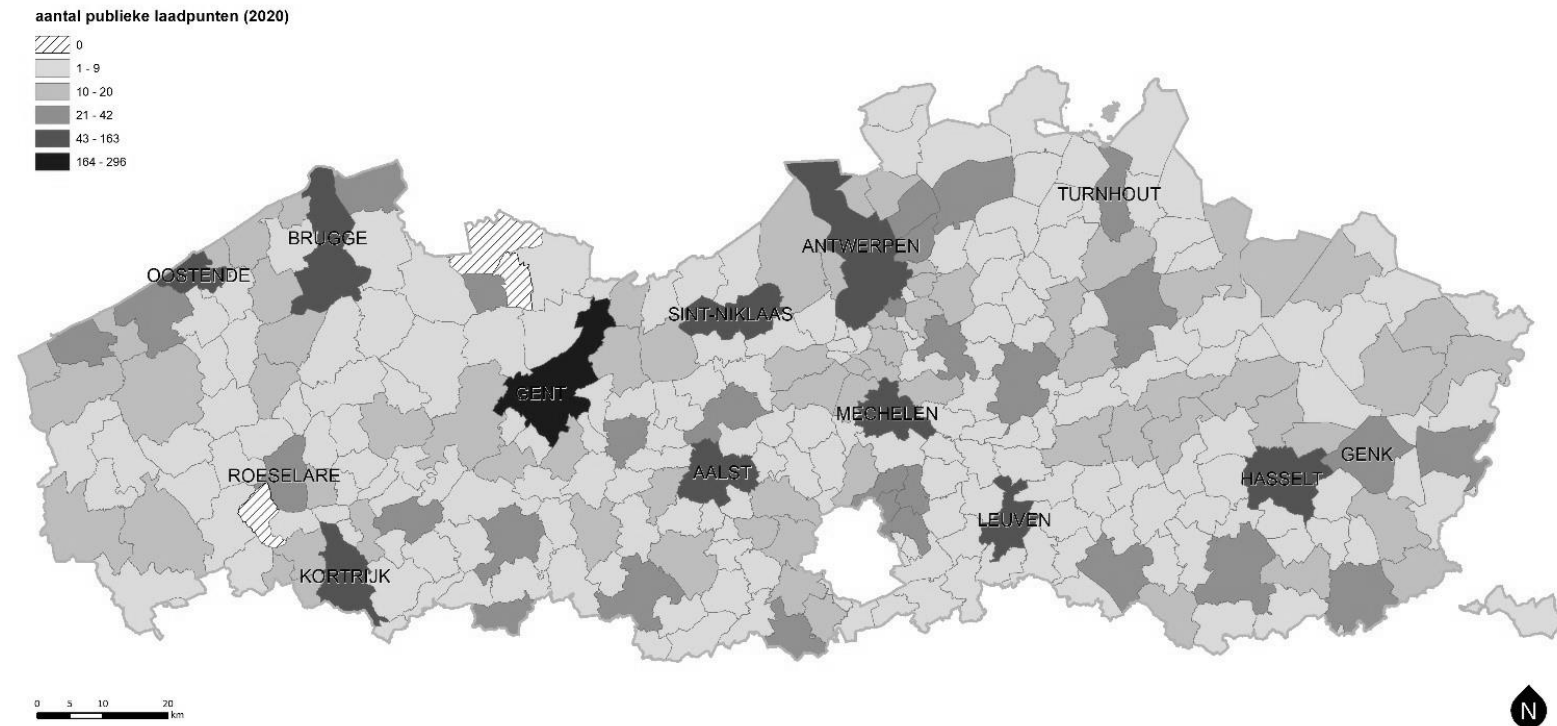


# Infrastructure Flanders: EV charging, today and tomorrow

90 fast  
charging  
stations

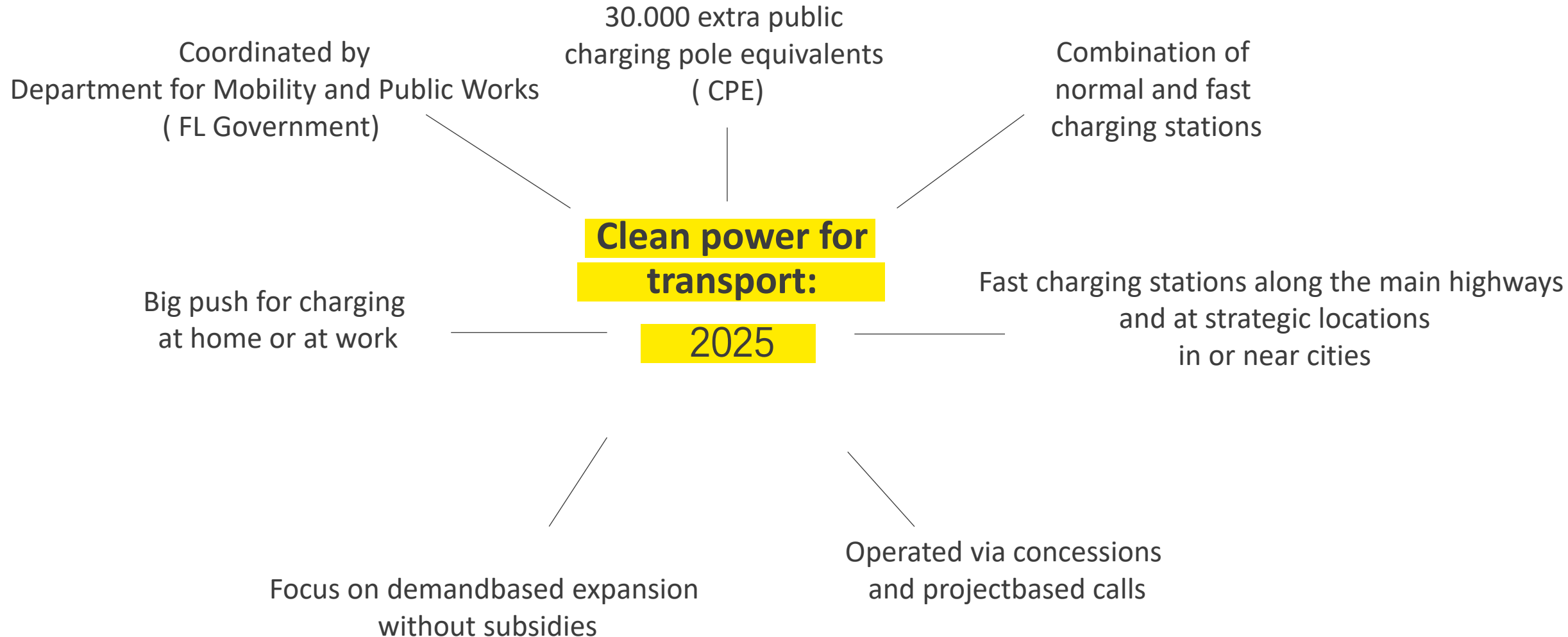
3.274  
normal  
charging  
stations

3.814  
normal  
public  
charging  
stations



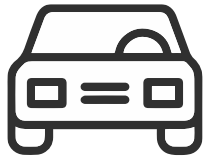
Including semi-public poles, we have 5.902 normal poles and 198 fast charging poles

# Flanders 2021 - 2025: Accelerated expansion of charging infrastructure



# Infrastructure

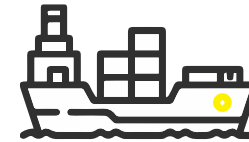
## Flanders: Europe's main car handling hub



>4.3 million  
vehicles  
in 2019



Port of Antwerp Bruges  
is  
the largest vehicle transshipment port  
in Europe



Largest automotive carriers  
call on Flanders' ports



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