
Eureka Cluster CELTIC-NEXT

Funding in Flanders

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BELGIAN CHAIRSHIP 2026-2027

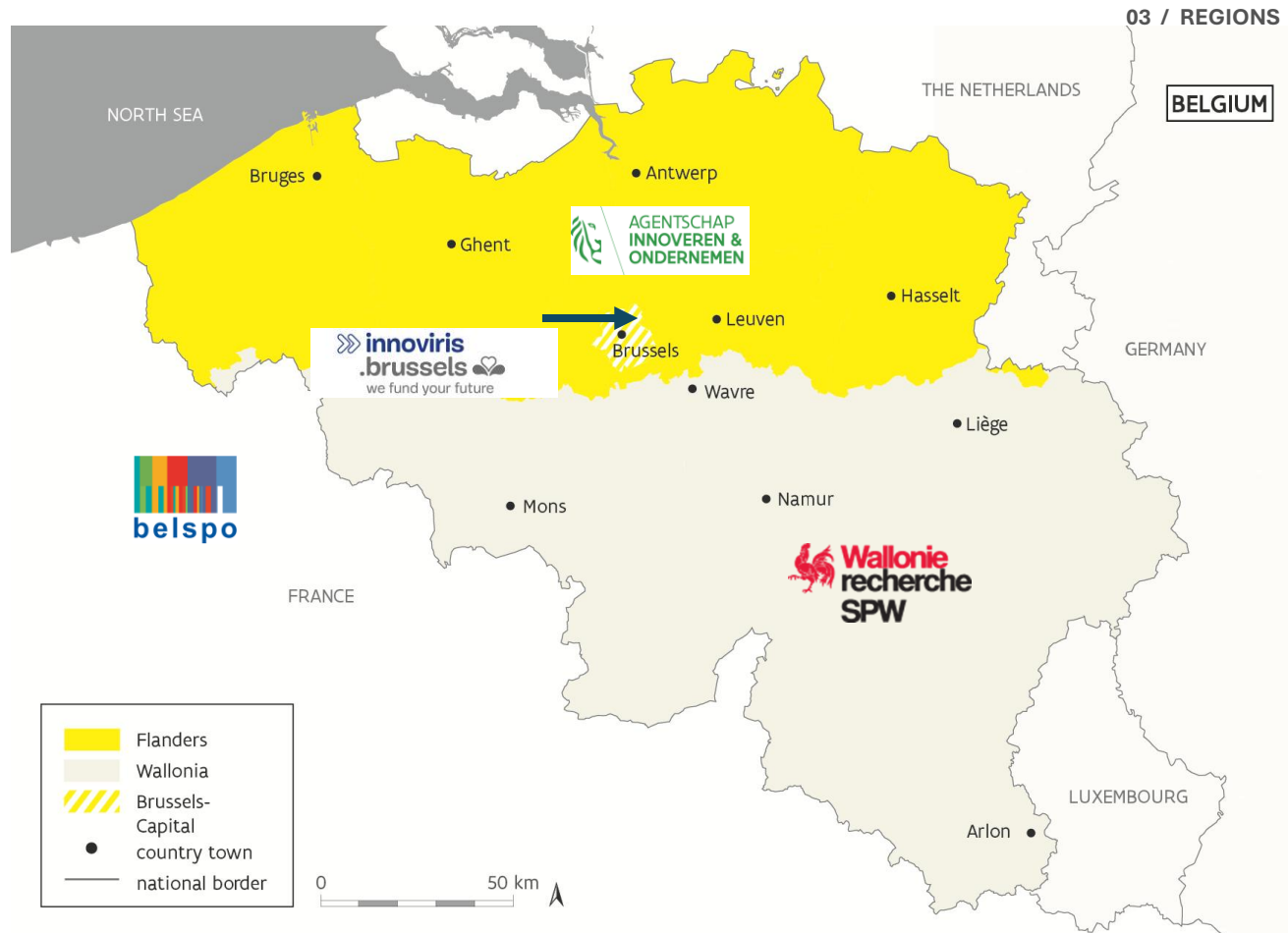


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BELGIUM

Belgian regions in Eureka



Criteria R&D&I funding

WHO:

- Companies based in Flanders (small → large)
- Academic partners or research institutes can be funded in their role as a research partner or subcontractor of a Flemish company

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INNOVATION

- New or improved product, service, process and/or business model
- Complex challenges
- Leads to new knowledge within the company

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VALORISATION

- Substantiated business case leading to an increase in revenue
- Growth of the company in Flanders (in FTEs, investments, or productivity)

3

CO-FUNDING

- And manpower, for project and commercialization

Regular funding instruments

RESEARCH PROJECT

MIN € 100.000 & MAX € 3 MILLION

25 TO 70% OF THE PROJECT BUDGET

- **For whom?**

Enterprises, non-profit organizations and public law organizations

- **For what?**

Groundbreaking research & knowledge building.

Internal and external costs linked to the technological/scientific research of an innovation

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

MIN € 25.000 & MAX € 3 MILLION

25 TO 60 % OF THE PROJECT BUDGET

- **For whom?**

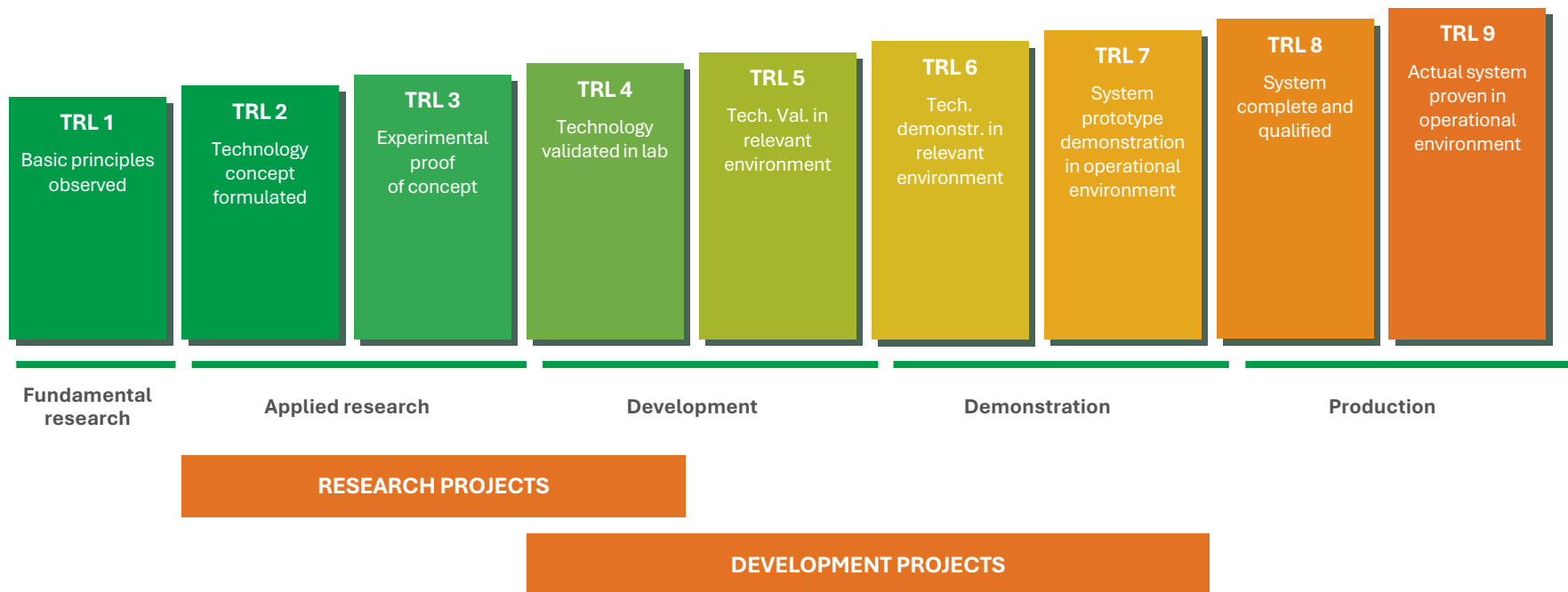
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- **For what?**

Development towards a solution, working prototype, proof of concept.

Internal and external costs related to the development of an innovation.

Innovation funnel: research versus development



Research and development — at a glance

	Research project	Development project
Application document – full proposal	40 p.	20 p.
Subsidy	• Research: 50% basis • S: +20% • M: +10% • L: 50% = basis • International collaboration: +15% • Cut off on max 70%	• Development: 25% basis • S: +20% • M: +10% • L: 25% = basis • International collaboration: +15% • Cut off on max 60%
Maximal support	€ 3 million	€ 3 million
Minimal support	€ 100.000	€ 25.000
Maximal project duration	36 months	36 months
Lead time	4-6 months	3-4 months

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