



# BlueChem

INCUBATOR FOR SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY





## THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY STARTS AT BLUECHEM

BlueChem is the first incubator for sustainable chemistry in Belgium and **the ideal location for startups and scaleups to innovate, grow and succeed.**

Located in the heart of Europe's largest chemical cluster, BlueChem boosts promising innovations to create the chemistry of the future.

Our focus areas? Finding industrial applications for bio-based materials, making products more reusable and recyclable within a circular economy, converting CO<sub>2</sub> into reusable chemicals and reinventing production processes to produce more efficiently with less energy, less water, and less waste.

**BlueChem offers the ideal formula for ambitious companies to prosper within a truly unique business network and innovative ecosystem.**





# A UNIQUE COLLABORATION, A UNIQUE INCUBATOR

BlueChem is one of the few incubators in Europe that specifically focuses on innovation and entrepreneurship in sustainable chemistry. This unique public-private partnership brings together industry, academia and government with the joint ambition to help promising startups and young companies grow to an industrial scale. Open innovation and the mutual exchange of knowledge make BlueChem the place to be for pioneering innovations and cutting-edge research and development.

BlueChem underlines the belief in sustainable chemistry as the leading 21st century industry and the driver of a circular economy.

Its shareholders include the Belgian sector federation for Chemistry and Life Sciences (**essencia**), the **City of Antwerp**; the Development Authority of the Province of Antwerp (**POM**) and the Flemish Institute for Technological Research (**VITO**). Together with innovation cluster **Catalisti** they make up the board of directors.



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## SETTING YOU UP FOR SUCCESS

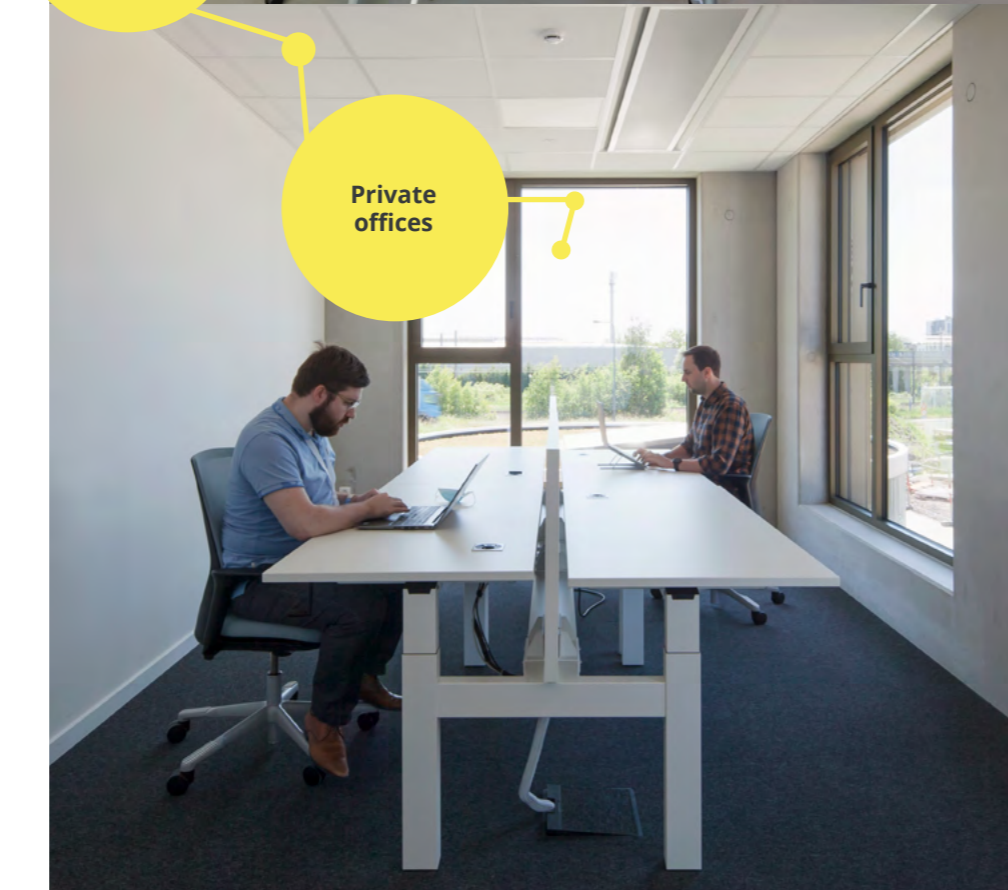
Joining the BlueChem ecosystem means giving yourself a head start.

Our extensive services and strategic partnerships have been designed to provide you maximum business support and exclusive access to valuable expertise, whilst the building itself is a leading example of sustainable construction.

- **State of the art infrastructure**  
The incubator offers a mix of fully equipped and ready-to-use laboratories as well as labs that can be customised to your own needs, private offices and flexible workplaces. BlueChem meets your needs along every stage of your journey.
- **BlueChem Kickstart Fund**  
Thanks to our shareholder the City of Antwerp, the BlueChem Kickstart Fund offers financial support to equip your lab space.
- **All-in services and support**  
BlueChem provides a variety of supporting services and personalised advice on matters such as business development, intellectual property rights, finance, safety, data science and AI, legal support and much more.
- **Industrial and academic ecosystem**  
Enjoy direct access to knowledge and expertise thanks to our extensive network of international chemical companies, renowned research centres, and all five Flemish universities.
- **Top location**  
BlueChem is located at Blue Gate Antwerp, the first circular, eco-effective and water-bound business park in Belgium. A prime location in the Antwerp port area, home to Europe's largest integrated chemical cluster.







## TAILORED INFRASTRUCTURE

- Fully equipped laboratories
- Fully customisable laboratories
- Private offices
- Flexible workspaces
- Meeting rooms & boardroom
- Specialised storage rooms

## BLUECHEM KICKSTART FUND

Thanks to our flexible plug-and-play model with fully equipped and customisable labs **you can tailor your innovation space to meet your specific needs.**

Even more, as a BlueChem resident, you enjoy exclusive access to the BlueChem Kickstart Fund. This fund was created by the City of Antwerp as part of its ambition to stimulate sustainable innovation in the chemical sector, the economic engine of Antwerp and Flanders.

The BlueChem Kickstart Fund will subsidise up to **80% of the total cost of furnishing your laboratory.** That includes the purchase of cutting edge technologies, state of the art machinery, specialist lab materials, and maybe even getting the flux capacitor you've always dreamed of.

Fully customisable laboratories

Subsidise up to 80% of your lab

Applying for this subsidy couldn't be easier.

Simply settle in BlueChem, rent a customisable laboratory and complete your grant application.



## ALL-IN SERVICES

They say it takes a village to raise a child, and this is no different when your business is your baby. **By taking care of absolutely everything else, we empower you to focus on that which you do best.**

Enjoy the perks of our flexible facilities and the peace of mind our all-in service package entails. From holding your calls while you finetune your formula to professional chemical waste disposal services, we've got you covered.

Enjoy all the perks

Event space

present your latest innovation in style

Free meeting rooms

perfect that PowerPoint first though

General reception services

Yes, we'll keep your packages safe

Maintenance

keeps the lights on

Security

keep your inventions under wraps

Informal meeting areas

for brainstorming or chilling out

Cleaning

though we do encourage a clean desk policy

Bicycle parking

sustainability begins during the commute

Kitchen and cafeteria

keep the inner fire fed

Showers and lockers

pull an all-nighter and feel fresh as a daisy

Free coffee

because coffee equals life

Vibrant community

like-minded spirits, unite!

Free shared lab instruments

get that bunsen burning

Waste management

Waste management

professional chemical waste disposal

Internet access

obviously

Events, workshops and trainings

never stop learning!



## EXPERT PARTNERSHIPS

As the European hotspot for sustainable chemistry, the BlueChem incubator hosts an exciting mix of startups, SMEs, knowledge institutions and international companies. We've joined forces with a number of renowned silver partners and strategic partners to provide additional advice and expertise that will help promising innovators like you to commercialise and grow your activities. Strategic partners are also part of our advisory board and are more proactively involved in the operation of BlueChem. Each of these strategic partners are industry leaders and experts in sustainable business development."

- **BNP Paribas Fortis** will help innovative startups and scaleups get financing, via their extensive network of business angels and investors, and share its expertise on development strategies for sustainable entrepreneurship.
- **Deloitte** is here to provide you with essential strategic and business advice in fields like growth, talent, digital operations, accounting & taxes.
- **Deloitte Legal** is on hand to help you with any legal queries you may have.
- **Port of Antwerp-Bruges** connects BlueChem entrepreneurs with industrial upscaling possibilities and provides pilot and demo opportunities.



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Legal advice

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Strategy, leadership and operations

Quality, environment, health and safety

## GET THE ADVICE YOU NEED

- **Financial expertise** from ideation to realisation
- **Legal advice** on patents, permits, pensions, EU regulations, and more
- **Strategy, leadership and operations** for truly sustainable growth
- **Upscaling, piloting and demos** industrial upscaling made easy
- **Advanced analytics and data science** because numbers speak volumes



# BLUECHEM CONNECTS

Moving into BlueChem means taking your place at the heart of a **strongly connected international business network and a unique academic ecosystem.**

Thanks to our innovation partners **Catalisti**, the spearhead cluster for innovation in chemistry and plastics, and **VITO**, the Flemish institute for technological research, you have direct access to **renowned research centres, all five Flemish universities and many innovative companies** from the chemical industry and related sectors.

The close collaboration with world leading chemical companies like **Air Liquide, BASF, Borealis, ExxonMobil, INEOS and Vopak** offers you a head start to take your business to the next level.

This closely intertwined network will enable BlueChem to develop into a global reference as the breeding ground for pioneering innovations in sustainable chemistry. And you can be a part of it.

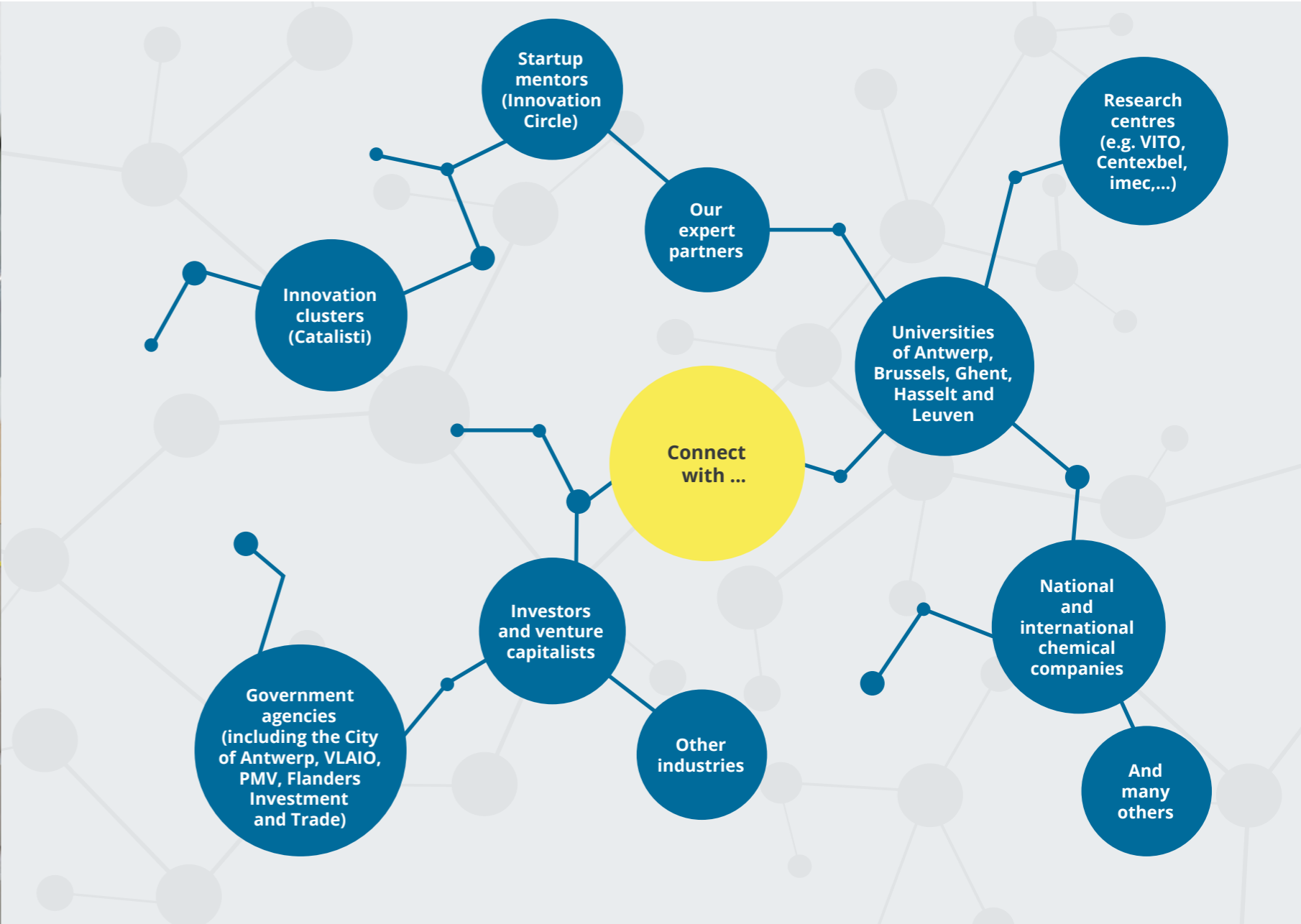
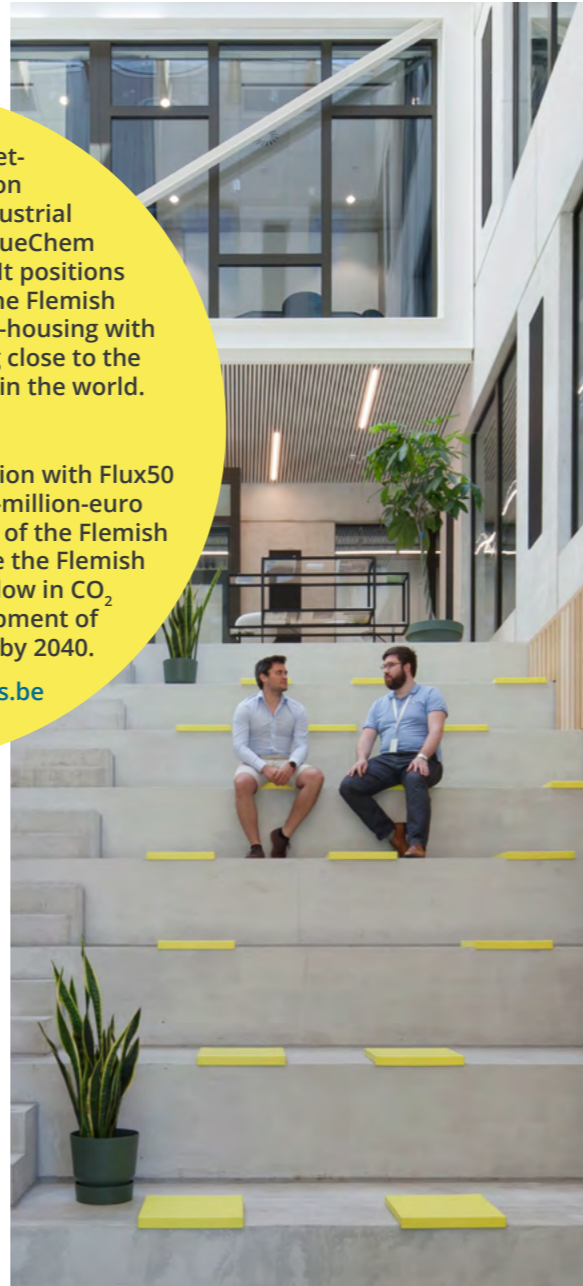


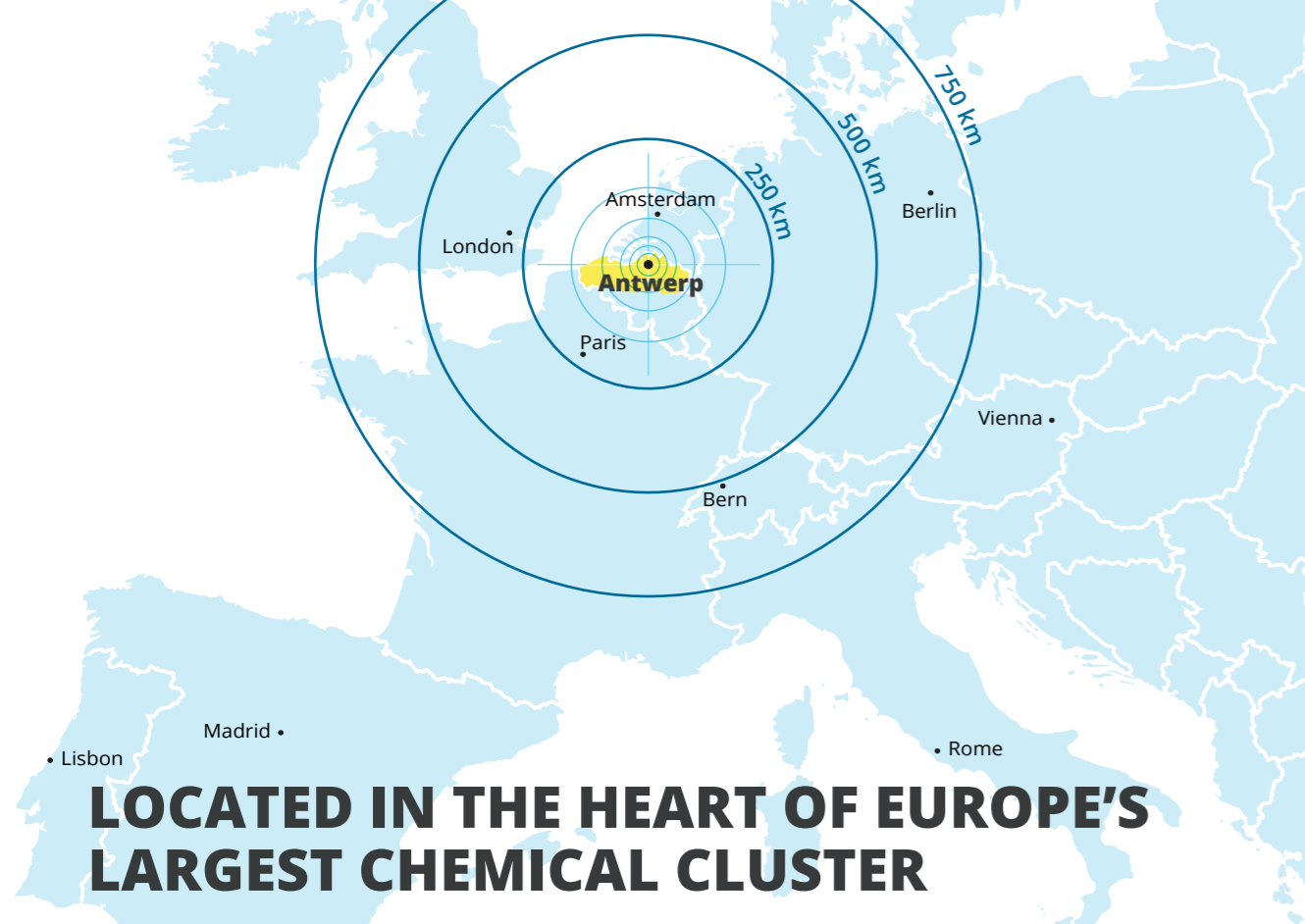
Catalisti fosters market-driven open innovation projects with multiple industrial partners within Flanders. BlueChem serves as an ideal home base. It positions Catalisti within the heart of the Flemish innovation landscape through co-housing with innovative start-ups while being close to the second-largest chemical cluster in the world.

[www.catalisti.be](http://www.catalisti.be)

In addition, Catalisti – in collaboration with Flux50 – hosts and coordinates the 400-million-euro Moonshot innovation programme of the Flemish government which aims to make the Flemish industry carbon circular and low in CO<sub>2</sub> by 2050 through the development of breakthrough technologies by 2040.

[www.moonshotflanders.be](http://www.moonshotflanders.be)





## LOCATED IN THE HEART OF EUROPE'S LARGEST CHEMICAL CLUSTER

If you're looking for an **international and vibrant community** where innovation and creativity underpin the urban fabric, then look no further. **Antwerp** is a multicultural melting pot, where the city's historic urge to innovate has made it the gateway to one of the world's most prosperous regions.

This friendly (and fashionable!) place is home to highly innovative businesses, more than 170 nationalities and a thriving cultural scene. Today, the city is stepping up its game with digital innovation, circularity and creativity forming the pillars on which its future economy is built.

No wonder then that this international metropolis is home to **Europe's second largest port** and the continent's number one integrated chemical cluster. **The largest chemical companies in the world have a production site in Antwerp.** One out of three companies in Belgium that focuses on clean technology is located here, making the city **a frontrunner in sustainable chemistry.** Local government, research institutions and large chemical companies work closely together on sustainable innovation that results in global impact. Antwerp stands for innovation.

**Are you ready to innovate with us?**

**ANTWERP won the specialism award for chemicals at the fDi Strategy Award 2020 referring to the strong focus on sustainable chemistry.**



Together we nurture the future of sustainable chemistry

Join BlueChem and be part of our ecosystem

**BlueChem operates in a highly specialised ecosystem on sustainable chemistry**

- **BlueApp**  
Pre-incubator of the University of Antwerp and our friendly neighbour.
- **Blue Gate Antwerp**  
The newly developed industrial site focused on circular economy, where BlueChem is located. Also the ideal spot for scaleups in sustainable chemistry.
- **NextGen District**  
Ready to take the next step? NextGen District offers support and space for companies ready to demonstrate or scale-up their technologies.

**Join BlueChem and be part of our ecosystem on sustainable chemistry**

- Innovative business park
- Unique geographical position
- Chemical cluster #1 in Europe
- Port of Antwerp-Bruges #2 in Europe
- High level scientific research
- Highly qualified employees





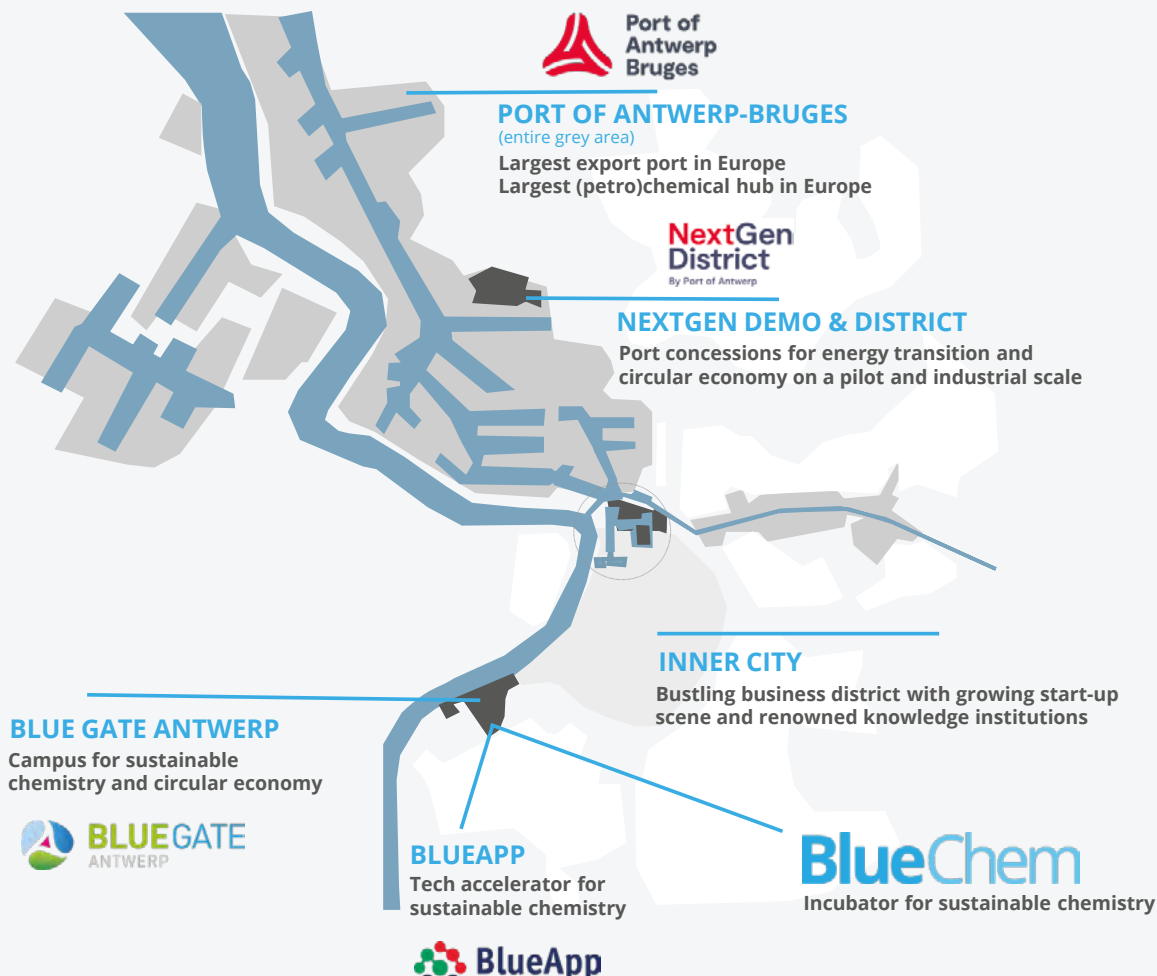
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