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Welcome

We, IDLab, the University of Antwerp, and imec, would really like to welcome you to our city. We hope this guide will be helpful to you. Enjoy your stay in Antwerp!



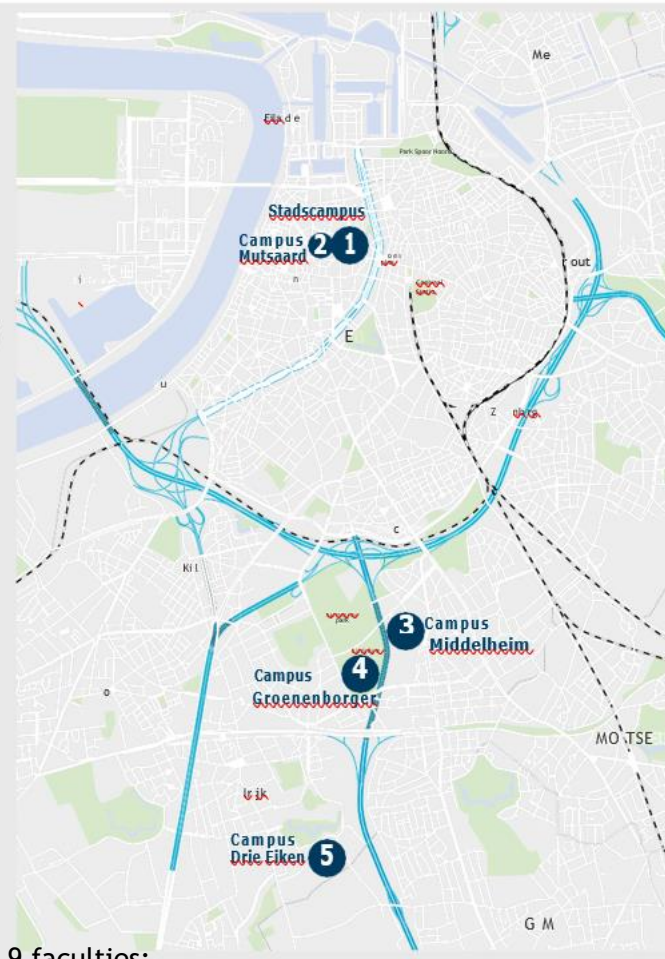
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Introduction to the university of Antwerp

The University of Antwerp has about 20,000 students, making it the third largest university in Flanders. 16% of our students are international students, with 116 nationalities represented. The University of Antwerp is characterised by its high standards in education, its internationally competitive research and its entrepreneurial approach.

We have **5 campuses** spread across the city of Antwerp:

- [1] Stadscampus and Campus Mutsaard
- [2] Campus Mutsaard located in the inner city (2000)
- [3] Campus Middelheim
- [4] Campus Groenenborger located in Antwerp (2020)
- [5] Campus Drie Eiken and located in Wilrijk (2610)



Spread over these campuses are our 9 faculties:

- Faculty of Applied Economics
- Faculty of Applied Engineering
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Design Sciences
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Faculty of Pharmaceutical, Biomedical and Veterinary Sciences
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Faculty of Science

The university also has **20 institutes and 48 related centres** (e.g. Antwerp Research Institute for the Arts (ARIA), Institute of Development Policy (IOB), associated Faculty of Nautical Sciences, etc.)



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Introduction to IDLab

IDLab performs fundamental and applied research on internet technologies and data science. We are a joint research initiative between the University of Antwerp and Ghent University. Within Antwerp, IDLab (85 members) specifically focuses on wireless networking (in collaboration with Ghent) and distributed intelligence. We have a unique research infrastructure used in numerous national and international collaborations.

We collaborate with many universities and research centres worldwide and jointly develops advanced technologies with industry (R&D centers from international companies, Flanders' top innovating large companies and SME's, as well as numerous ambitious startups).

IDLab is a core research group of imec and a significant part of IDLab research activities are embedded in the University of Antwerp. More specifically, the research on wireless networking is a joint activity between the University of Antwerp and Ghent University. IDLab is the integration of the former research groups DSLab, IBCN and MOSAIC and counts about 300 members (40 professors, 50 post docs, 200 researchers, 15 support staff members). The professors teach a wide variety of courses.



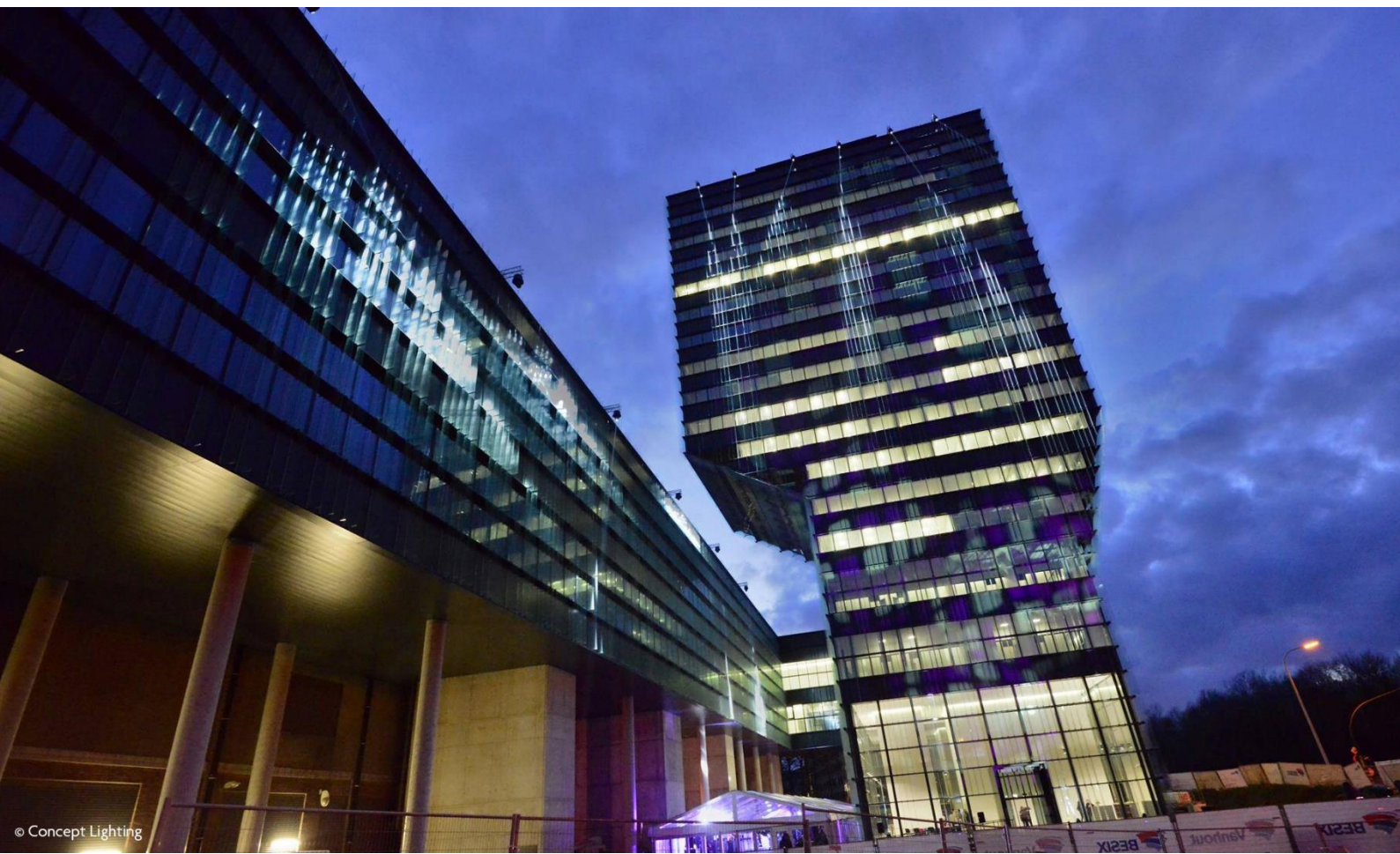
Introduction to imec

As a trusted R&D partner of companies, start-ups and academia, research and innovation are in our DNA.

We combine our longstanding leadership in microchip technology with in-depth expertise in software and ICT to lay the foundation of a more personalized healthcare, smarter cities, cleaner energy and more efficient mobility, logistics and manufacturing solutions.

We are a single point of contact for innovators and entrepreneurs who want to explore the potential of advanced technologies.

We are imec. We shape the future.



Nine reasons to visit Antwerp

Antwerp knows how to turn on the charm. Just when you think that you've seen it all, you're in for another surprise. That's because the city and its residents are anything but followers. They are trendsetters, with the belief that things could always be different and better. You're in for a very special treat.

- Easy to take in

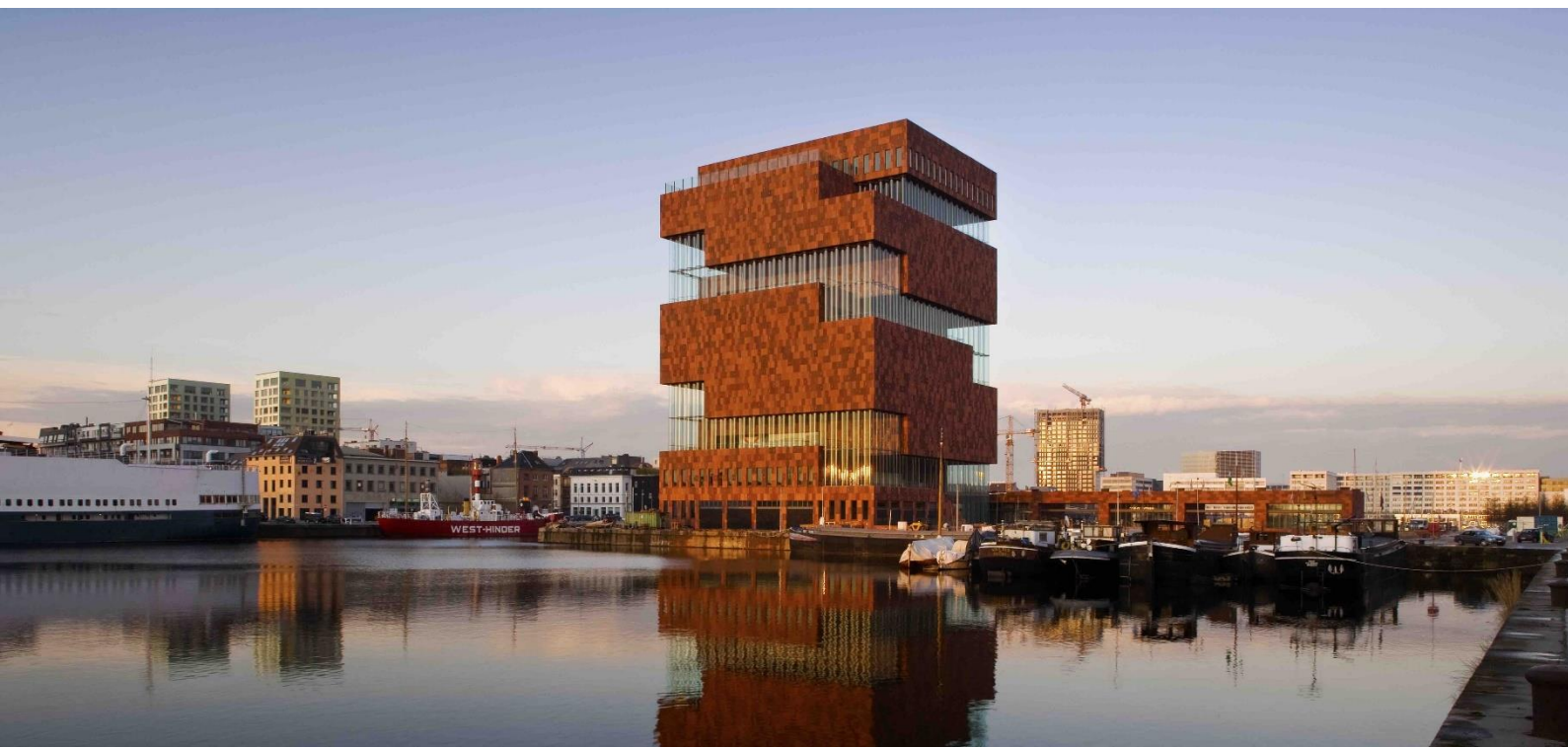
The best view of the historic city is ... away from the city centre. Cross the river Scheldt– not via the bridge but the impressive [underpass](#) (Mark, during your descent, the magnificent wooden escalator) – and admire the Antwerp skyline from the Left Bank.

- City inland with sea port

Antwerp has, besides a wide river, a deep sea port 80 kilometres inland. Not only do cruise ships have the exceptional opportunity to moor close to the city, the port also attracts many domestic and seagoing vessels. Interested to find out more about the port? There are several bus, boat and bicycle [tours](#) that take you past the ships, quays, cranes and terminals.

- Enjoy the heights

The [Cathedral of Our Lady](#) is a striking feature in the Antwerp skyline: it is the highest church tower in the Low Lands and features on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Quite an achievement, if you consider that one of the Cathedral's towers remained unfinished. Slightly further up is another attractive tower, that of the MAS. A top collection awaits you at the [Museum aan de Stroom](#) (museum at the river): about the world in Antwerp and Antwerp in the world. But the most beautiful work of art lies at your feet: from the rooftop, 60 meters above the ground, you can admire the whole city.



- Culture with a bonus

Antwerp boasts quite a few special museums. In addition to their fine collections, they always offer a remarkable extra: the [Middelheim Museum](#) is a park full of sculptures; [Plantin-Moretus](#) was the first museum to feature on the World Heritage List; in The [Rubens House](#), you walk through the house of the famous master. And then there are the museum-grade buildings, like the Neoclassical (shopping) [Stadsfeestzaal](#) where you 'just' go for a spot of shopping, or the listed buildings of the [Antwerp Zoo](#) – one of Europe's oldest and most beautiful city zoos – where many animals live.

- Gastronomy revisited



Since appearances also count, the eatery settings in Antwerp are special – ranging from a former chapel, which now houses Michelin-star restaurant The Jane, to the Palace in Meir, which once belonged to Napoleon and where you can now have lunch or catapult cocoa up your nose when you order a chocolate shooter. Antwerp thrives on innovation, something to which your taste buds will be able to testify: thanks to the port's international influence, all cuisines are represented

and continue to reinvent themselves. For example, Antwerp boasts a Michelin-star Chinese restaurant and a pita shop which was the first to feature in the Gault Millau gastronomy guide.

- Most diamonds in the world

International diamond hallmarks, such as 'Cut in Antwerp', were born in Antwerp. A visit to the Diamond Square Mile should, therefore, not be missing from your itinerary. There are more diamonds in one square mile than in the rest of the world. Peppered across the city, there are plenty of dazzling window displays of goldsmiths and jewellery designers. Their treasures carry the Antwerp Most Brilliant-label, which guarantees quality.



- Cradle of fashion

Antwerp residents are trendsetters. Something which is noticeable from the many innovative pop-ups and fledgling start-ups that you come across while shopping, and which also comes to life, of course, in the fashion district. Here, haute couture is not only in the many boutiques, but also on the streets, in the museum (MoMu) and at college. The fashion department of the Royal Academy is one of the world's most influential: the Six of Antwerp, Martin Margiela, Bruno Pieters ... they all graduated here. Even today, many of the great promises, who come to study here, often use the city as their testing ground to launch their label. Here, you can be the first to buy from the designers of tomorrow.

- XL range at an XS distance

Locals proudly refer to their city as cosmopolitan with a village atmosphere: here, you will find countless shops, museums, squares, architectural delights and terraces, all within walking distance from each other. Or at least within cycling distance, and that's where Antwerp's city bikes (Velos) come in.

- Always nearby:

Located in the heart of Flanders, in the centre of Europe, Antwerp is easily accessible. From the regional, but even from the national, airport you reach the city in no time. Alternatively, you can take the train - a must, because Antwerp Central railway station has won many beauty awards and has been dubbed Europe's most romantic station. That majestic setting is bound to dull the pain to some extent when it's time to leave.



Meeting venue: Hof van Liere

The central building of the City Campus of the University of Antwerp, Hof van Liere, is part of Antwerp's cultural-historical heritage. The beautiful 16th century Hof van Liere and the adjacent historic buildings, erected by the Jesuits in the 17th century, are an oasis of peace in the noisy city center. This 'fugitive home' was built in 1516 by order of the then mayor of Antwerp, Arnold van Liere. Antwerp was then at the beginning of the golden 16th century, and this can be seen in this beautiful building in Brabant Gothic style. The Prinsenhof is attributed to architect Dominicus de Waghemaekere, but in fact came about in different phases. The most original place is the western courtyard. It has a gallery with five three-lobed arches and slender columns.

Today, eight different convention halls are available here as well as the University club, the exclusive restaurant of the University of Antwerp.



Full address:

Hof van Liere
Prinsstraat 13
2000 Antwerpen

Getting there

Antwerp is centrally-located in Europe and easy to reach. You can get here by train, plane, bus or car. Your hassle-free city trip starts here.



By plane

[Brussels International Airport](#) (Zaventem) is located about 45 km (30 min.) from Antwerp city centre.

Bus transfer: Take the [Airport Express Bus](#), a direct coach service from the airport to the centre of Antwerp. Coaches operate every hour. The journey to Antwerp Central station takes around 45 min and costs €10.

[Train transfer](#): the station is at floor -1 in Brussels airport and the ticket can be purchased at a ticket vending machine by credit card. Antwerp Central Station (35 min. from Brussels Airport Zaventem by train) is situated at the heart of the city.

If you fly to [Charleroi \(Brussels South\) Airport](#), on arrival, you can buy a public transport ticket to Antwerp (bus + train ride), which takes less than 2 hours. From Charleroi Airport, you need to buy a combi-ticket at the square outside the airport for +/- € 20. This includes the bus ride from the airport to the station and the train to Antwerp.

Another option is to fly to [Amsterdam Airport \(Schiphol\)](#) or [Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport](#) and continue your trip to Antwerp Central station with [Thalys](#).



By train

Antwerp is really easy to get to by train. National and international trains, such as the Thalys, stop at Antwerp Central Station and/or Antwerp-Berchem. There are fifteen trains to and from Antwerp every hour. You can take one of several bus and tram lines into the city centre from Antwerp-Central and Antwerp-Berchem.

Take the time to look up and around you if you arrive in Antwerp's Central Station as it is widely considered one of the most beautiful stations of the world.



By bus

You can easily get to Antwerp by bus with one of many city links. Book a ticket with one of the [many bus companies](#).



By car

Are you planning to travel to Antwerp by car? Please bear in mind that Antwerp's city centre is a [low emission zone](#). Register your car before entering Antwerp and check whether you may enter the zone.

Also bear in mind that Antwerp's Ring road is often very busy and that several major road works and construction projects are planned in the city until 2022, which will cause substantial traffic nuisance. Check the website of [Slim naar Antwerpen](#) for all information about how to get to Antwerp and about smart alternatives to travel into the city.





Getting around in Antwerp

To get around in Antwerp, you can walk, take a bike, a bus or tram, take a taxi or drive your car.

Public transport (bus/trams)

All information regarding trams and buses (lines, timetables, stops, etc.) can be obtained via the website of [De Lijn](#). Please note that public transport in Belgium is not 24/7; at night, you will not find any services and during weekends at lesser frequencies.



Taxi

The Antwerp taxis can transport up to four passengers while taxi buses can transport seven to eight passengers for the same price. The official taxis, with a permit from the City of Antwerp, all have an illuminated taxi sign on the roof and a red plate on the front of the car. You pay a uniform tariff, which is controlled by the city. The tariff is always shown on the taximeter in the car. When you arrive at your destination the taximeter will automatically print out a ticket with the taxi company's name and phone number as well as the phone number of the local police, for any questions or complaints you may have.

Order a taxi by calling the phone numbers of the main taxi companies or use the Apple and Android app, which can be downloaded at <http://www.taxi.eu/en>



Bike

Antwerp has a lot of traffic and many one-way streets, so using a bike is often a faster way to get from A to Z. There are bicycle lanes in almost every street, distances are not too large and with the right gear, you can cycle all year round.

When parking on the street, you can find designated bike racks on the street in various locations across the city. You may also park your bike on the pavement if people can still get by and it is not an obstacle.

[Velo](#) is Antwerp's metropolitan bike sharing. You can pick up and drop off bicycles at various points, whenever you like. You can buy an annual pass online or rent the bikes for shorter periods of time.

[Bird scooters](#) are also a convenient and affordable way to get around the city. Download their app and get rollin' or check out their [website](#) if you need more information.



Hotels

The University of Antwerp has a partnership with ACB (Antwerp Convention Bureau) and together we developed a bookingtool which allows you to reserve hotels in the neighborhood at a special rate.

There are about 40 hotels in the range, in all price categories, inside and outside the city. The rates are based on availability and give the "Best Available Rate BAR" -10%.

The two hotels closest to Hof van Liere (our meetingvenue) are 'Hotel Rubens' and 'De Witte Lelie'.

How to book your hotel (please follow the steps in the right order)

1. Go to the [online booking tool](#)
2. First enter the discount code UAACB18 and click on 'Validate'
3. Then enter the arrival and departure dates and click on 'Search'
4. You'll see an overview of all available hotels and their Best Available Rate -10%, at that moment, including any cancellation conditions
5. Choose a hotel and book your room

With thanks to the Antwerp Convention Bureau (ACB)





Important telephonenumber numbers

Fire | Accidents | Care

Crime | Nuisance



First ▶

 **112** Fire brigade and ambulance

 **101** Police (or 112)

The emergency numbers 100, 101 and 112 can be dialled on all phones on campus without the prefix '0'

After ▶

 **(03 265) 6666** University of Antwerp emergency number for internal support

If you are on the premises of the University of Antwerp during an incident, please remember to call the internal number 6666 (short for 032656666) after you have alerted the emergency services. This is the emergency number for internal support.

Card stop (bank card or credit card lost or stolen)	+32 (0)70 344 344
Fire brigade/ambulance	112 (free)
Police (Non-emergency (Blauwe Lijn))	101 (free) 0800 123 12 (free)
Belgian poisoncentre	+32 (0)70 245 245
Telephone Directory Assistance Service	1207
Doctor on call	1733 (not operable in all provinces yet)
Pharmacy on call	+32 (0)903 99 000

Pharmacies



You can find many pharmacies in and around Antwerp. Pharmacies are usually open on weekdays during office hours (until 18:30 in the evening). If you urgently need medication after office hours, you can go to a pharmacy on duty tel.: +32 903 99 000. Please note that this after hours service is more expensive.



Hospitals

Antwerp has several excellent hospitals. Some of them are located near the campuses. You can see almost any specialist at these hospitals with an appointment, but to avoid any additional costs or long waiting periods you need a referral letter from your general practitioner. Usually the fee for a specialist consultation is € 50-90. Sometimes the administrative procedure and payment in hospitals takes longer than at a private doctor's practice, so calculate extra time for this visit.

i When going to the hospital, you should bring the following documentation with you:

- *Identity card*
- *Insurance documents:*
 - *European Health Insurance card or documents from the private or public health insurance affiliation*
 - *Affiliation card or information on the hospitalisation insurance*
- *Referral letter of the doctor (if you have one)*
- *A current list of medications*

Introduction to Dutch

Belgium is a small country but we have three official languages: Dutch, French and German! In Flanders, Dutch is spoken, but most Belgians speak English and French quite fluently as well. Still, it might be helpful to know a few words:

Greetings

Hello	Hallo
Goodbye	Tot ziens
Welcome	Welkom
Have a nice day!	Nog een prettige dag!

Asking how someone is doing

How are you?	Hoe gaat het?
I'm fine, thanks	Alles goed, dank je
Not so well	Niet zo goed
And you?	En met jou?

General responses

Yes	Ja
No	Nee
Please	Alstublieft
Thanks	Dank je
You're welcome	Graag gedaan
Sorry	Sorry
No problem	Geen probleem

Personal data

First Name	Voornaam
Surname/Family name	Familienaam
Date of birth	Geboortedatum
Place of birth	Geboorteplaats
ID/passport	Identiteitskaart/paspoort
Country	Land
City	Stad
Street	Straat
Nationality	Nationaliteit
Address	Adres





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