

Flanders Technology Tour

Innovation through
(data)collaboration



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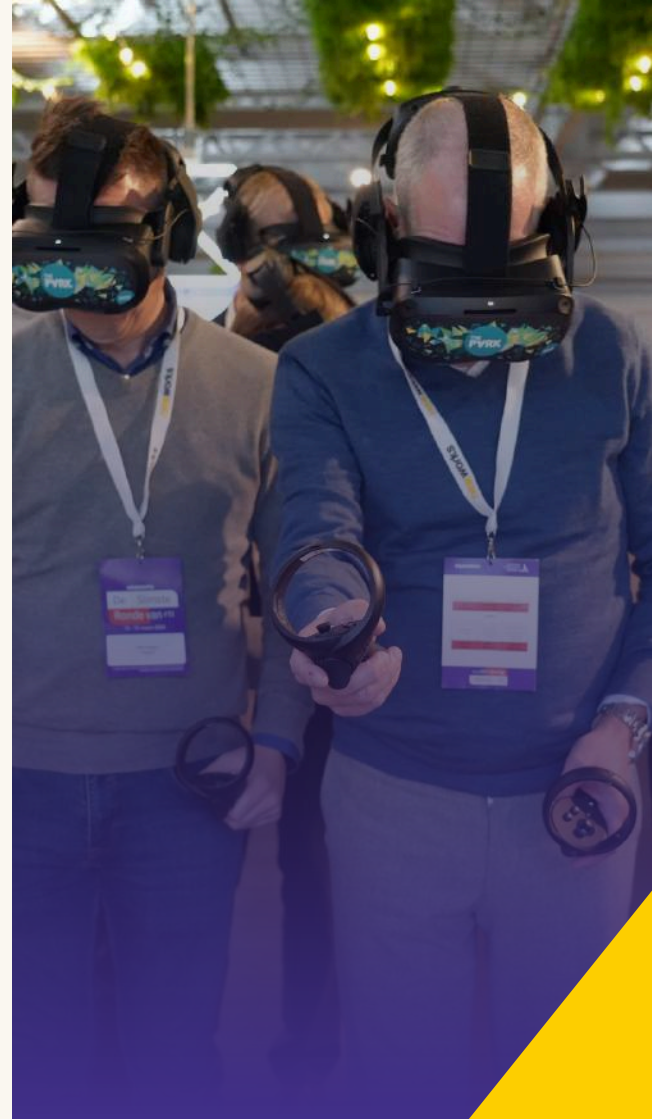
Flanders Technology and Innovation (FTI) and nexxworks invite you to the 2nd Edition of the..

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For three action-packed days, we'll take you on a whirlwind tour of Flanders' most groundbreaking companies, where you'll hear game-changing stories, witness mind-blowing innovations, and experience things you didn't even know were possible.

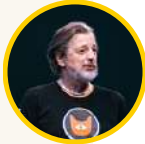
From the bustling streets of Antwerp to the heart of Brussels, and finally, the creative pulse of Ghent, this isn't just a trip—it's a front-row seat to the future.

The next big idea might just be one conversation away.



Experts who'll guide you along

Antwerp



Rik Vera

Rik Vera is a no-nonsense thought leader, bestselling author, and keynote firestarter with 25+ years of C-level battle scars. His game? Extreme customer obsession, digital disruption, and bending business models to the future.



Françoise Chombar

Françoise Chombar, co-founder and Chairwoman of Melexis, turned a bold vision into a semiconductor powerhouse as CEO (2003–2021). Beyond boardroom strategy at Umicore and Soitec, she champions the next-gen tech minds as Chair of the STEM Platform.

Brussels



Ann Caluwaerts

Ann Caluwaerts is a bold strategist and industry trailblazer, turning telecom on its head with innovation, growth, and a relentless drive for excellence.



Tom Braekeleirs

Tom Braekeleirs is a digital health maverick with 25+ years in IT. Ex-CEO of BlueHealth Innovation Center, he now steers Nexxtt Health and deciphers AI-driven healthcare at Ghent University.

Ghent



Peter Hinssen

A serial entrepreneur, advisor, keynote speaker and author, Peter Hinssen is one of the most sought-after thought leaders on radical innovation, leadership and the impact of all things digital on society and business.



Frank Hamerlinck

Frank – CEO of Flanders Technology & Innovation (FTI) – is a high-energy game-changer, turning bold visions into real-world impact. A master of digital transformation and strategy.

Day 1

📍 Antwerp

📅 Wednesday, 15th October

Your adventure starts VIP-style! 🚗⚡

We'll pick you up right from your doorstep—no stress, no hassle, just a smooth ride into a day packed with discovery. Kicking things off in an architectural masterpiece, you'll fuel up on fresh ideas (and a flaky croissant) as Françoise Chombar and Rik Vera set the stage with thought-provoking thought bytes. From there, we'll navigate the cutting edge of AI, data, and sustainability in global trade before diving into breakthrough innovations in energy, mobility, and efficiency. Fasten your seatbelt—this is just the beginning.

First companies confirmed:



Havenhuis

Our Starting point

Kick off your adventure in an architectural masterpiece, where a flaky croissant meets fresh ideas! Françoise and Rik will set the stage with inspiring keynotes, fueling both your mind and your appetite for exploration.



Port of Antwerp-Bruges

Port of the Future

Next, set sail through the Port of Antwerp-Bruges with Erwin Verstraelen, Chief Digital & Innovation Officer, on an exclusive boat tour revealing how AI, data, and sustainability are reshaping global trade.



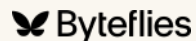
Golazo Energy

Energising visit

Here, we'll delve into groundbreaking advancements in sports science and personalized coaching, experiencing firsthand how Golazo Energy is revolutionizing athletic performance and well-being.



..... we're in talks with these exciting companies:



Day 2

 **Brussels**

 **Thursday, 16th October**

Cracking the code of data collaboration

Data is the new gold—but only if you know how to mine it. With Tom Braekeleirs and Ann Caluwaerts keeping us sharp, we'll tackle the biggest questions in data collaboration and explore how it's transforming mobility, entertainment, and healthcare in Flanders.



Expect a power-packed day of discovery, inspiration, and hands-on innovation.

The first companies confirmed:

Brussels Airport.



Smarter travel, Powered by Data

Fasten your seatbelts for a ride into the future! From high-tech transport systems to next-gen drones, see how data-driven innovation is rewriting the rules of mobility—making travel faster, smarter, and downright futuristic.



CM



Our final content-rich stop

Finally, we visit CM, a pioneer in healthcare innovation, to discover how even the oldest institutions are leveraging data in unexpected ways—yes, even collaborations with platforms like OnlyFans!



As the day draws to a close, we'll indulge in a culinary experience at **Belga Queen**, we will step into a world of elegance and history, where luxury meets intimacy.



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STUDIO100

Day 3

 Ghent

 Friday, 17th October

The grand finale: Innovation with a twist

The day kicks off with Frank Hamelink, CEO of FTI, setting the stage for a deep dive into game-changing breakthroughs. We wrap up this exhilarating journey with an exclusive closing dinner, shrouded in mystery but guaranteed to be unforgettable.

Then, sit back and relax as we ensure a smooth ride home, leaving you with a head full of ideas and a network buzzing with new connections.

Companies confirmed:



Orsi Academy



The Future of Surgery

Step into a cutting-edge hub where robotics and precision redefine the operating room. Here, technology isn't just assisting surgeons—it's revolutionizing medical training and elevating patient care to the next level.



Agristo



Reinventing the Food Industry

At Agristo, the future of food is crispy, clever, and cutting-edge. Discover how this global potato powerhouse is shaking up the industry—leveraging startup collaborations, slashing waste, and optimizing processes to make sustainability more than just a buzzword.



Wintercircuit

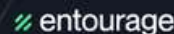


Big Ideas in a Historic Venue

Step into the legendary Wintercircuit, where history meets the future. Louis Jonckheere sets the stage in this iconic space before we dive into a bold panel on the future of innovation—capped off with a powerhouse keynote by Peter Hinssen on what's next in tech. Buckle up.



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FAQ:



Hotels

Antwerp: Sapphire – modern luxury with a cozy touch.
Brussels: The Hoxton – lively vibes and chic design.

Brainfuel, aka culinary experiences

We'll take care of you from the moment you arrive till the time we have to say goodbye. You'll be well fed with innovative food and even more innovative stories.

delicious!



From your porch and back

We 'll take care of the transport - we will pick you up and bring you back home

Wait...when and how long?

You'll be picked up at approx 7.30 on Wednesday Oct 15th and we'll drop you off at approx 10PM on Friday Oct 17th. During the trip, we'll start daily at 8.30 until 10PM.



Can I join for just one day?

If you're unable to attend all days, you're welcome to designate a colleague to attend on your behalf.

A glimpse into last year's tour ...



We don't just say goodbye after the tour ends.

We like to stay in touch and offer ongoing support to our participants.

A few months after the tour, we organize a **reunion** where we reflect on our learnings and experiences.

And have some fun while we're at it :)

It was truly an eye-opening experience that both enriched my network with amazing people and **helped me shape the further direction of my career.**

Peter Vindevogel
CEO Telenet The Park
Playground



It's the LA CX Tour
reunion 🐼



Why join a nexxworks program?

- ✓ **Unmatched program curation**
You'll feel like a fly on the wall in the offices of the most successful companies, sitting at the table with startup founders, all while guided by our moderators.
- ✓ **Everything taken care of**
As soon as you arrive at the location we take care of it all. No worries about food, travel, or entertainment. Just focus on soaking up the amazing content.
- ✓ **Incredible community**
The community you'll be joining consists of the BeNeLux's (and beyond) brightest minds. You'll be amazed at the connections and relationships you'll build.
- Been there, done that**
✓ We've been curating and managing tours like this for over 9 years with +40 under our belt. Our NPS scores are higher than Snoop Dogg on a Sunday night.

You'll leave feeling inspired, rejuvenated, and ready to take on the world!

We'd love to stay in touch!
Whether you have questions or just want to
share your thoughts & challenges, don't
hesitate to reach out!

