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2023 was for DUO for a JOB first and foremost an anniversary. 10 years ago, we launched our first duo in Brussels with a clear objective: to foster inspiring intergenerational connections between young individuals from immigrant backgrounds who faced inequalities in the job market, together with volunteer mentors aged over 50 with great work experience. The unique idea of an encounter that would enrich and enhance the value of these duos, and that would serve as a great pretext for learning to live together and deconstruct prejudices.

And since then? We have created nearly 7,000 duos, including almost 1,500 duos in 2023, thanks to the commitment and dedication of over 2,000 mentors in Belgium, France and the Netherlands.

Celebrating this milestone together was an opportunity to take stock of the successes, the remarkable stories, the outcomes, but also the pitfalls, the questions and the doubts. It was also **a time to express our deep gratitude** to all the individuals, all the partners, all the institutions who've stood by our side and diligently contributed to create, reflect and find solutions, allowing us to move forward. It was a great party!

Unfortunately, it must be noted that, after a decade, the two observations underpinning our action remain relevant, and that the needs are as great as ever. It is more essential than ever to defend our conviction that a flourishing society is one that embraces diversity, a society founded on dialogue and encounters, a society that offers everyone a place. All of which is driving us to roll out our mentoring programme even more widely.

To achieve these ambitious goals, 2023 was also the year in which we consolidated our structure, by strengthening our support departments and rolling out a number of cross-functional projects. The general management team has also been renewed: Matthieu Le Grelle, co-founder, has stepped down from his executive duties and decided to explore new playing fields after putting his talent and energy at the service of the organisation, and Julie Bodson, deputy director, has been appointed co-CEO alongside Frédéric Simonart. So, DUO for a JOB is a constantly evolving organisation that's looking to the future with ambition!

Today, DUO for a JOB's ambition is to create as many duos in the next three years as we have in the first ten years. This will enable us to double our impact in the regions where we are present. At the same time, we will be continuing our geographical expansion into other cities and countries in Europe, to create a Europe-wide network of solidarity and mutual learning.

To get there, we will need more than ever to rely on our community, on all those who have seen the fabulous effects of mentoring. Like us, they know that it's not just about a duo for a job...







2023 highlights

10 years of DUO

The 10th anniversary of our association gave us the perfect excuse to invite our community and partners to celebrate. **Over 600 people gathered in Brussels** to talk about mentoring, listen to moving testimonials from our duos, and watch musical performances by super-talented mentees! It was an emotional evening. This anniversary has also given us great coverage in the media throughout the year. It was a useful way of raising our profile with the general public and, above all, with future mentors and mentees!





DUO Connect

In 2023, we focused on the quality of mentoring: how can we ensure that mentors and mentees have access to accurate, up-to-date and comprehensive information to give them the best possible support? This led to **the creation of our knowledge management platform: DUO Connect**. An easy-to-use digital space, updated daily, which centralises partner information, duo tools and resources linked to ongoing training and the various workshops offered by DUO for a JOB.



Being a new resident in a country isn't always easy. My mentor has really guided me through the whole journey, from zero to becoming more familiar with the local job market and culture.

Bellarika | mentee

DUO for a JOB x Benjamin Ferré

Since May 2022, young skipper Benjamin Ferré has been offering us incredible free visibility on his IMOCA boat Monnoyeur-DUO for a JOB. He will be sailing alone in the legendary Vendée Globe race in November 2024. He is not alone in preparing for this adventure, however, as he is being coached by sailing legend Jean Le Cam. An intergenerational duo who share DUO's passion and values: on the water as in the job search, **it's better to be two and well accompanied**! In 2023, Benjamin took part in the Transat Jacques Vabre, a two-handed race from Le Havre to Martinique.





I might have thought that mentoring was just about helping a young person take their first steps in the world of work. It's much more than that!

First and foremost, you receive as much as you give, and it's a wonderful human encounter between someone who needs help and someone who is willing to lend a hand. All with a great team behind you!

That's DUO for a JOB.

Christine | mentor







DUO in a nutshell



3 COUNTRIES



90 EMPLOYEES



1890 ACTIVE MENTORS



254FINANCIAL PARTNERS



17 CITIES



200 VOLUNTEERS



6963DUOS CREATED SINCE 2013



8 OUT OF 10 MENTORS START A NEW DUO AGAIN



Sometimes we need someone to help us believe in ourselves and get rid of our doubts. DUO provides such a person who can share invaluable experience and support. Once you believe in yourself, you will find your way to your dream and unlock your potential.

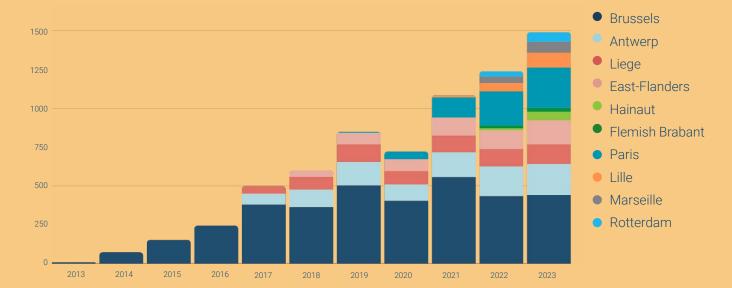
Yulilia | mentee







Evolution of the number of duos / per branch





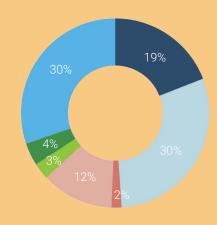
70% mentees
FIND A JOB, AN INTERNSHIP
OR A TRAINING



1 IN 2 YOUNG PEOPLE
FIND STABLE EMPLOYMENT
(minimum 3-month contract)

Positive solutions (since 2013)

- Permanent contract
- Fixed-term contract
- Independant
- Professional training
- Academic training
- Internship
- Still searching





























Our mentees



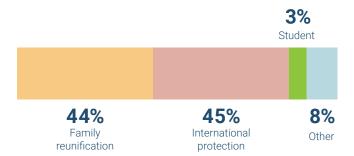
Nationality and residence status



21% BE/FR/NL nationality

79% Foreign nationality

All the mentees accompanied by our association have a residence permit allowing them to work legally in the country they live in.



Age







< 20

20-24 25-29 30-33

Gender





Origins

Whatever their nationality, the mentees accompanied by DUO for a JOB all have a foreign origin outside the EU.

Top 5 origins most represented among our mentees in 2023:









Morocco Afghanistan

Ukraine

Guinea

Syria





No diploma



6%

UpperSecondaryEducation

21%

Upper Secondary Education



14%

13%

Bachelor

Master

Business sectors

1 out of 4 young people start their coaching at DUO for a JOB without having a precise professional project in mind, only the desire to work. A mentor with a fairly «generalist» profile will be able to help them define their professional project and implement a short/medium/long term action plan.



- To be determined
- IT & Telecoms
- Administration
- Retail & Sales
- Transport & Logistics
- Healthcare
- Communication, Marketing & Advertising
- Accountancy & Auditing
- Social Work
- Other sectors (Hospitality, Education, Cleaning...)

What's in it for them?

Regardless of gender, education level, or origins, the **individualised support provided by a mentor significantly increases access to employment.**

But beyond the employment results, mentoring also allows these young people to develop many skills that will serve them throughout their lives. After 6 months as a duo, it is estimated that:













Our mentors

1890 active mentors in 2023

Working with a mentee is a new experience every time, an opening to the world, but also an obstacle course that requires perseverance from both mentee and mentor.

Philippe | mentor

Age





50-60 60-70 years

>70 years

Gender





Professional status





54% working

46% (pre)retired

Business sectors

The fact that our mentors are or have been active in more than 50 different fields is an undeniable asset in providing each mentee with a mentor who has experience in her/his preferred sector.



- Human Resources
- Accountancy, Auditing & Business
- Retail & Sales
- Education & Training
- Finance, Banking & Insurance
- Administration
- Communication, Marketing & Advertising
- IT & Telecoms
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What's in it for them?

86%

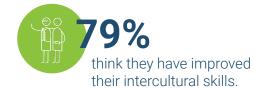
feel they were able to use their experience and professional skills.



34%

improved their coaching skills (active listening, empathy, patience...).

96% feel more useful as an active member of society.



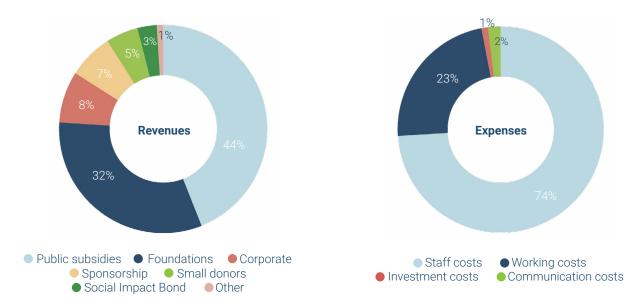
And more than one in two mentors who are still active find that the DUO experience adds value to their professional life!

DUO has been a fantastic experience with a highly professional team and organisation. A big thank you to my mentee who taught me so much and helped me grow!

Sophie | mentor

Income & expenses

In 2023, we were again fortunate to be able to count on a number of financial partners to support us in expanding our activities.



The heart of our activities lies in the creation, follow-up and coaching of duos. This is why the remuneration of our staff constitutes the major part of our annual expenses.

Strict finance management

In order for the DUO for a JOB project to continue to evolve and grow, we make every effort to ensure that our finances are well managed. Although much of the accounting is now done in-house, we continue to work directly with a fiduciary company to benefit from their expertise. We have also put procedures in place to ensure that our accounts are well maintained and that the organisation is financially stable, including regular monitoring of expenses, budget updates when necessary, and cost accounting.

Financial transparency

At DUO for a JOB's request, the association's accounts are certified each year and in each country by an external auditor. After a detailed examination of the accounts and internal procedures, a report is produced through which we receive an unqualified certification of our compliance with accounting standards.







BELGIUM

Detailed financial report 2023

Compte de résultat			
CHARGES Rémunération du personnel Frais de fonctionnement Frais d'investissement (amortissements) Communication Evènements & activités Charges financières diverses Autres charges TOTAL		3,405,615 713,744 111,643 175,444 59,337 6,503 10,930 4,483,216	2023 3,613,878 800,554 26,669 92,072 74,938 3,382 79 4,611,572
PRODUITS Dons de particuliers Entreprises Mecenats Transfert vers subsides en capital Amortissement subside en capital Subsides Fondations Autres produits TOTAL		30,327 472,500 506,100 0 11,684 2,071,714 1,349,784 54,657 4,496,767	35,454 463,917 455,000 0 9,622 2,310,363 1,318,923 61,446 4,654,726
RÉSULTAT AVANT AFFECTATION Affectation aux fonds Prélèvements aux fonds		13,552 0 0	43,154 0 0
RÉSULTAT APRÈS AFFECTATION		13,552	43,154
Bilan 2023 ACTIF		PASSIF	
ACTIFS IMMOBILISÉS	71,315	FONDS PROPRES	683,819
Immobilisations Incorporelles Immobilisations Corporelles Mobilier - Matériel roulant	46,024 36,836	Fonds social Fonds affectés Bénéfices reportés	3,826 0 675,603

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Immobilisations Incorporelles Immobilisations Corporelles Mobilier - Matériel roulant Autres Immob. Corp. Immobilisations financières	46,024 36,836	Fonds social Fonds affectés Bénéfices reportés Subsides en Capital PROVISIONS	3,826 0 675,603 4,390
		risques - charges	9,000
ACTIFS CIRCULANTS	4,801,990	DETTES	4,180,485
Créances Valeurs disponibles Comptes de régularisation	947,777	Dettes à un an au plus Dettes Financières Dettes Commerciales Dettes Fisc. Sal. Soc. Autres Dettes Comptes Régularisation Produits à reporter	478,889 0 33,754 445,135 0 3,701,595 3,701,595
TOTAL ACTIF	4,873,304	TOTAL PASSIF	4,873,304

FRANCE

Detailed financial report 2023

Compte de résultat

		2022	2023
CHARGES Rémunération du personnel Frais de fonctionnement Frais d'investissement (amortissements) Communication Evènements & activités Charges financières diverses Autres charges		1,181,351 830,174 286,198 15,333 39,441 9,107 870 228	1,944,655 1,254,823 592,480 25,224 29,350 25,119 1,678 15,982
PRODUITS Dons de particuliers / Divers Entreprises Mecenats Transfert vers subsides en capital Amortissement subside en capital Subventions d'exploitation Fondations Contrat à impact social Autres produits RÉSULTAT AVANT AFFECTATION Affectation aux fonds Prélèvements aux fonds		1,242,724 31,280 73,000 5,000 0 340,009 792,832 0 503 61,373 0 0	1,964,029 2,159 59,000 0 0 632,154 721,245 542,085 7,387 19,374 0 0
RÉSULTAT APRÈS AFFECTATION		61,373	19,374
Bilan 2023 ACTIF ACTIFS IMMOBILISÉS		PASSIF RESULTAT DE L'EXERCICE	19,374
Immobilisations Incorporelles Immobilisations Corporelles Mobilier - Matériel roulant Autres Immob. Corp. Immobilisations financières	49,673	FONDS PROPRES Fonds social Fonds affectés Autres réserves Subsides en Capital	108,563 0 0 108,563 0
ACTIFS CIRCULANTS	1,657,264	DETTES	1,593,249
Créances Valeurs disponibles Comptes de régularisation	874,096	Dettes à un an au plus Dettes Commerciales Dettes Fisc. Sal. Soc. Autres Dettes Produits constatés d'avance	214,534 0 201,745 794,470 382,500
TOTAL ACTIF	1,721,186	TOTAL PASSIF	1,721,186

NETHERLANDS

Detailed financial report 2023

Resultatenrekening

UITGAVEN	2022	2023
Personeelskosten	142,845	211,085
Operationele kosten	19,286	41,914
Investeringskosten (afschrijvingen)	19,200	41,914
Communicatie	3,639	2,866
Evenementen & activiteiten	3,684	9,047
Overige financiële kosten	201	425
Andere kosten	0	120
TOTAAL	169,656	265,336
INKOMSTEN		
Giften van particulieren	0	0
Giften van bedrijven	31,000	0
Sponsoring	0	0
Overdracht naar kapitaalsubsidies	0	0
Afschrijving kapitaalsubsidies	0	0
Subsidies	13,500	75,000
Stichtingen	126,500	196,303
Overige inkomsten	0	0
TOTAAL	171,000	271,303
RESULTAAT VOOR TOEWIJZING	1,344	5,967
Toewijzing aan fondsen	0	0
Fonds onttrekking	0	0
RESULTAAT NA TOEWIJZING	1,344	5,967







Partners and donors

Our warmest thanks to all our partners and donors! Thanks to their invaluable support, our association can continue to offer more and more young people a high-quality programme that is completely free of charge.

For our teams, their generosity and commitment are also a constant source of motivation, confirming that there are many of us who want to move in the same direction.

Without naming them individually we certainly can't forget the many donors, philanthropists and patrons who also enable us to make a difference, and all the other operational partners with whom we work on a daily basis.

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