



Belgian-Danish Business Forum

Sector Seminars Program

29 March 2017

Healthcare

Belgium and Denmark are facing many of the same challenges in healthcare and in both countries initiatives to transform the healthcare system are on the agenda.

Belgian Hospitals are in the forefront adopting IT to support both administrative and clinical activities. Belgium also has a strong life sciences and pharma industry with lots of innovative companies.

Connected Health is a topic for both countries. In Denmark a range of IT-initiatives have resulted in a healthcare sector, which is relying on electronic health records and on a national infrastructure and a national e-health portal, to share health data electronically. The extensive use of electronic data in the healthcare system has also been an enabler for the recently announced Danish Personalized Medicine initiative.

Advanced Belgian healthcare solutions and life science innovation provides an optimal platform for sharing best practices between the Belgian and Danish stakeholders.

Program

10.50 Welcoming remarks

Ms. Mette Rose Skaksen, Director, Confederation of Danish Industry, DI

10.55 Introduction speech by Belgian minister (TBD)

11.05 General Introduction to connected health in the Belgian health care system

Mr. Henk Joos, Managing Director, FlandersBio

11.15 General Introduction to connected health in the Danish health care system

Mr. Hans Erik Henriksen, CEO, Healthcare DENMARK

11.25 Company presentations

12.05 Discussion

12.20 End of meeting

Moderator: Mr. Hans Erik Henriksen, CEO, Healthcare DENMARK

Sustainable Energy and Smart Cities

Belgium and Denmark are undergoing a green transition with focus on resource efficiency, renewable energy supply and smart city solutions, which improve the livability of cities and reduce their carbon footprint.

The aim of the seminar is to inspire further collaboration between Belgian and Danish partners. Several exciting projects are already taking place. In addition, Belgian and Danish partners are working together to foster renewable and efficient energy solutions, promoting district heating, transforming waste into recycled products and energy and building smart cities.

The seminar will address three topics:

Green Energy Supply – highlighting the Belgian expansion in wind power and new developments within district heating.

From Waste to Resources – highlighting the Belgian experience in recycling as well as new waste to energy projects.

Smart Cities – highlighting the Belgian efforts in building smart cities and the partnership with Denmark in this regard.

Program

10.50 Introduction

Opening remarks

Mr. Hans Peter Slente, Senior Advisor, Danish Energy Industries Federation (moderator)

Belgium meeting the climate challenge

Ms. Pascale Delcomminette, CEO, Wallonia Export-Investment Agency, AWEX

11.00 Green Energy Supply

Plans and challenges for wind expansion in Belgium

Mr. Cédric Brüll, Managing Director, Cluster TWEED

Taking part in the Belgian wind expansion

MHI Vestas (tbc)

Siemens Wind Power (tbc)

The potential of district heating in the future Belgian energy system

Mr. Eric De Schutter, Smart Grids Innovation Developer, EnergiVille

The promise of district heating

Mr. Jan Eric Thorsen, Manager, DH Application Centre, Danfoss

11.30 From Waste to Resources

Green economy through recycling

Mr. Frédéric Peigneux, Senior Coordinator, GreenWin

Policy on waste, materials, circular economy, and the business opportunities herein.
Ms. Jiska Verhulst, CEO, Plan C and Transition Manager for the Flemish Government
Mr. Philip Heylen, Chairman, ISVAG

Relevance of Danish waste-to-energy experience in Belgium
Ms. Inger Anette Søndergaard, Head of Department, Rambøll

11.55 Smart Cities

Smart city development in Belgium
Mr. Pieter Ballon, professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Ms. Nathalie Crutzen, professor, Université de Liege

Financing smart city development
Mr. Marc Raisière, CEO, Belfius

Innovation for Smart Cities
Mr. Thibaud van Rooden, International Affairs Manager, Pôle MecaTech

Digital Solutions for Smart Cities
Mr. Jan De Meester, CEO and President, Thanksys

12.20 End of meeting

Moderator: Mr. Hans Peter Slente, Senior Advisor, Danish Energy Industries Federation

Transport and Logistics

The transport and logistic sector in Belgium is essential for the country. Belgium is located in the heart of Europe and considered a logistic hub for Europe, and thus offering interesting opportunities for Danish logistic companies, connecting the central part of Europe with Scandinavia.

Already a large share of the import and export goods to and from Denmark comes via the large Belgian ports and short sea shipping, which makes Belgium an important partner for the Danish maritime sector and terminal operators.

Belgium has a highly developed infrastructure of airports, ports, road and railways. Intermodal transport and high mobility is a well-integrated part of Belgian transport system, which offers great prospects for transport and logistic companies.

Program

10:50 Welcome

Mr. Michael Svane, Director, DI/Danish Transport Federation

10:55 Introduction speech

Ms. Claire Tillekaerts, CEO, Flanders Investment & Trade

11:05 Multimodal transport

Mr. Bernard Piette, General Manager, Logistic in Wallonia

11:20 Logistic and importance of the ports

Dr. Francis Rome, Director, Flanders Institute for Logistic

11.35 Discussion: Multimodal transport, investment, short sea shipping

12:15 Conclusion remarks

Mr. Michael Svane, Director, DI/Danish Transport Federation

12.20 End of meeting

Moderator: Dr. Francis Rome, Director, Flanders Institute for Logistic