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Antwerp Integration Centre



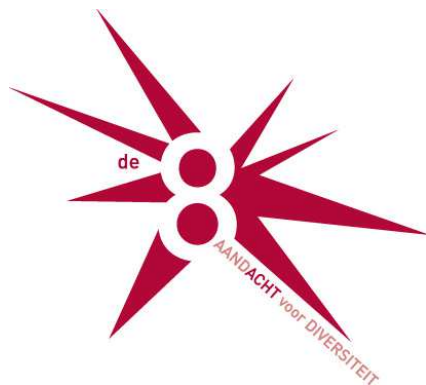
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- Part of a network of integration centers
- +/- 55 colleagues
- Subsidized mainly by the Flemish government
- History of 40 years in different incarnations



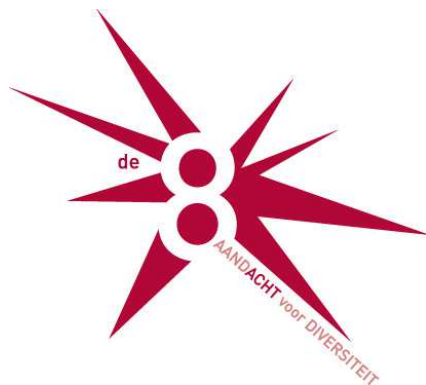
History

- 1970: volunteers
- 1972: association without lucrative purpose: Centre for foreign workers
- 80's and 90's: beginning of policy on migration
- 1992: 7 local integration centers in Antwerp
- 2000: De8



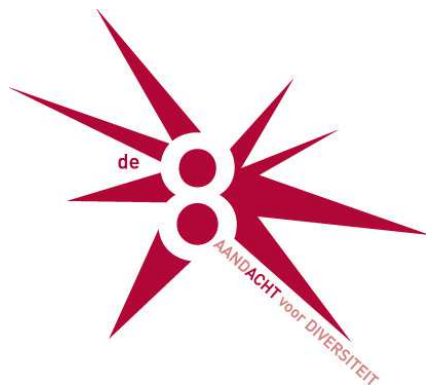
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	Policy	Belgian/ Flemish implementation	City of Antwerp implementation	De8
60-70	None	Attract 'guest workers' 1974: stop on migration	Ad hoc	Volunteers Low-level activities Services for individuals Little influence of government
Jaren '80 - '90		Commissar on migrant policy	Ad Hoc	Influence of government rises More subsidies



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1998	<p>Flemish law on minorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Definition of target groups -Refugees -Travelling groups - increase in scale -Focus on working with organizations 	<p>Equal opportunities</p> <p>Well-being</p> <p>Position in education, labour market</p> <p>discrimination</p>	<p>Seperate office for integration</p>	<p>Centre for foreign workers and local integration centres become De8</p> <p>Working with organisations</p> <p>More professionals, less volunteers</p> <p>2000: de8 starts</p>



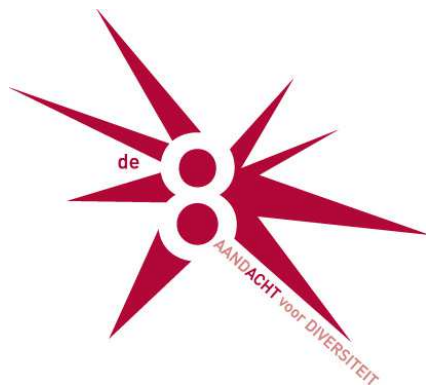
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1998-2009	Several failed attempts in adapting 1998 law			Anticipating probable changes in policy
2004 - 2009	Flemish law on minorities Flemish law on acquiring citizenship	Development of organisation for acquiring citizenship Focus changes from well-being, discrimination and citizenship	Change to inclusive policy Safety Integration safety and social work	Execution first 6-year plan Development and execution 2nd 6-year plan



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2009	New Flemish law on integration	Partial implementation		Unclear consequences of new Flemish Law
2009 - 2011	Only part of new law in effect	Even more focus on citizenship Language "Norms and morals"	Inclusive Safety reciprocity	More focus on local government



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2011 - ...	<p>Large scale reforms</p> <p>2013: new Flemish law on integration</p> <p>Integration of Flemish laws on integration and acquiring citizenship</p>	<p>Acquiring citizenship</p> <p>Secondary trajectory for newcomers</p> <p>'implementation of policy'</p>	Municipal election	Very unclear consequences of new Flemish law



De 8 today

Our Mission

'Antwerps integratiecentrum de8' is expert and innovator in a positive approach of ethnic-cultural diversity.

The most important touchstones for our work are the need and experiences of ethnic-cultural minorities



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De8 works hard for a society that regards diversity as a surplus value, a society in which discrimination is not tolerated, which assures an equal participation of ethnic-cultural minorities and guarantees social basic rights

We work in partnership with ethnic-cultural minorities, with organizations and with governments



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De8 works on intercultural issues by setting up, organizing and supporting projects, intercultural paths and social service with the aim of structural change in organizations, social services and the society.

Our expertise is based on concrete and participative work with ethnic-cultural minorities and a wide social network



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- 4 teams, 5 themes
 - Well-being
 - Employment
 - Education
 - Leisure
 - Social fundamental right