

## The Wallonia Policy Lab

Policy-making paths for our regions  
and companies



## What is the role of the Wallonia Policy Lab?

The Policy Lab is an innovation laboratory geared towards designing and implementing collective, public and entrepreneurial policies. We prepare, develop, evaluate and test strategic programmes and actions to achieve specific goals.

The Wallonia Policy Lab takes its inspiration from the European network of policy labs, and from the European Commission's Policy Lab (the *EU Joint Research Centre*), which fosters interaction between foresight, behavioural insights and design thinking.

The Wallonia Policy Lab is part of The Destree Institute and is supported by its Independent Regional

Foresight Unit (CiPré). Our aim is to help make initiatives in Wallonia and Europe more effective and relevant at each stage of their strategic implementation. We provide entrepreneurs and policymakers with conceptual, methodological, and operational support so that they can design and implement innovative policies.

We maintain our position as a leading innovator by ensuring that we devote 30% of our time to research and development. In keeping with the non-profit making philosophy of The Destree Institute, our aim is to disseminate a new type of governance culture based on evaluation and anticipation.

## What does the Wallonia Policy Lab have to offer?

The Wallonia Policy Lab brings together a multi-disciplinary team to support your initiatives. Our services include identifying the challenges faced by your organisation and helping you to understand the stakeholder structure within which your project will be rolled out. Our team can also play a facilitating role in this context to help the project run smoothly. The Policy Lab assists you with collective intelligence

activities covering foresight, anticipation, deliberative democracy, policy impact prior analysis and ex-ante or ex-post evaluation. Using economic and regional development tools, we enhance your organisational capacity and help you undertake the necessary steps to complete your project successfully.



## Who would benefit from our services?

- Companies and private organisations involved in their societal environment
- Public organisations and administrations
- Provincial and local authorities
- Governments and ministers
- International organisations



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## Our key projects



Union wallonne des Entreprises (Wallonia Federation of Companies): methodological support and facilitation for the *Odyssee 2068* (2018-2021) foresight initiative



Province of Walloon Brabant, Department of Territorial Development: economic development scenarios (2018-2020)



Government of Wallonia: activating and monitoring the Wallonia Foresight Mission 22; analysing global macro-trends and challenges for Wallonia (2020-2021)



Government of Luxembourg, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Territorial Development: supported the creation of the foresight vision and implemented the operational strategy for the territorial development scheme for the Greater Region (2018-2020)



Wallonia Territorial Intelligence Platform, in partnership with the Territorial Development Department of the Wallonia Public Service: contributed to sustainable and attractive development of the region; investigated new, multilevel, governance practices



Bundesamt für Statistik – Swiss Federal Office for Statistics, Neuchâtel: *Foresight studies: foundations, scenarios, models and data* (2018)



Regional Development Agency IDEA (Cœur du Hainaut): momentum foresight exercise with stakeholders and preparation of impact prior analysis as part of the FEDER programme 2021-2027 (2020-2021)



Public Service of Wallonia: supported two DGO5 departments (Local Authorities and Social Action), co-constructed a vision for 2040 and some strategic priorities for achieving it in order to prepare the future multi-annual administration contract (2017)



NGO SOS Faim: foresight exercise on international cooperation in agriculture and food systems for 2060



Parliament of Wallonia: *support for the foresight citizen panel «Investing in our Youth»*; assisted with the qualitative audiovisual survey and the selection of citizens, and moderated the panel for a consensus conference (2017-2019)



## The Destree Institute

The Destree Institute is an independent research centre and a European think-and-do tank located in Wallonia. The Institute's aim, through its Policy Lab innovation tool, is to foster greater relevance and effectiveness in entrepreneurial, public and collective policy-making by promoting strategic foresight, citizen participation and historical research.

## The Policy Lab Team (2021)



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