

Scientific Liaison Officers support your international projects

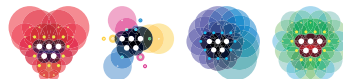
WBI has established a **network of Scientific Liaison Officers (SLO)** who work within innovative ecosystems reputed for their excellence in Brazil, Canada, the United States, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

The missions of the SLO encompass:

- the promotion and facilitation of cooperation between research and innovation stakeholders of Wallonia-Brussels and those from partner countries;
- the organization of a scientific and technological watch on the potential projects which could interest economic operators;
- the identification of industrial and/or financial partners to create bilateral partnerships and joint spin-offs;
- the submission of joint research projects to the regional, national, European or international authorities;
- the assistance in the submission of applications within the existing funding sources of foreign partners;
- the organization of prospecting missions for project promoters of Wallonia-Brussels in its country of assignment;
- the promotion and activation of mobility programs for researchers (excellence grants and specialization scholarships in particular).

The Scientific Liaison Officers Program is an initiative of the Walloon government.

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Giving research and innovation in Wallonia-Brussels a global outlook

The WBI Research and Innovation Platform and the network of Scientific Liaison Officers



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“Connecting research and innovation of Wallonia-Brussels to the rest of the world”

Who are we?

Wallonia-Brussels International (WBI) is the agency in charge of the international relations of Wallonia-Brussels.

WBI aims to foster contacts and to build partnerships between research and innovation actors of Wallonia-Brussels and other countries.

What do we do?

- connect scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs with inspiring partners of excellence;
- facilitate academic programs, global innovation strategies and knowledge exchange;
- support internationalization efforts of Wallonia-Brussels academic institutions and companies, with a special focus on innovative start-ups and spin-offs;
- inform on developments in science, technology and innovation policies.

Who are our partners?

We create and build up international science, technology and innovation networks in an open innovation approach:

- **academia:** the universities and higher education institutions, the funding agency for fundamental research (FNRS)
- **business:** the clusters and competitiveness clusters, the association of science parks of Wallonia (SPoW), the association of 22 applied research centers of Wallonia (WalTech), the National Contact Point for Horizon2020 (NCP-Wallonie)
- **public bodies:** Innovation Agency (AST), Ministry of Research (DGO6), the Walloon Trade & Investment Agency (AWEX)

What are our networks?

WBI operates through a network of Diplomatic representations (Wallonia-Brussels Delegations) and Scientific Liaison Officers. We also work in close cooperation with the AWEX's network of 108 Trade Commissioners based abroad.



The **WBI Research and Innovation Platform** is a multi-stakeholder forum that coordinates international cooperation in the field of science and technology. It enhances the visibility and positioning of the actors from Wallonia-Brussels active in these areas.

The Platform meets 3 times a year, bringing physically the actors of open innovation together around the same table: from basic research to applied research, from knowledge and technology transfer to the promotion of creativity.

By sharing information and identifying common priorities, the Platform makes it possible to define joint or coordinated initiatives that pave the way for synergies and new scientific and technological opportunities in research and innovation.