Join The Beacon

Innovation for industry, logistics and smart cities
The Beacon is so much more than a physical space. It is all about what our community is doing in the building and beyond: we have built an epicenter for brains and resources to come together around IoT and AI.

Wim De Waele general manager The Beacon
The Beacon is a dynamic ecosystem, blending a workplace and a hub into a thriving community. It’s a place where Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence, the city and the port, researchers and citizens come together to work on projects that become more than the sum of their parts.

Entering the new decade, The Beacon is the leading hotspot for collaboration, matchmaking and realization of concepts and projects. With its home right in between the city center of Antwerp and its port, this is where all progressive ideas about smart industry, cities, logistics and mobility are born and brought to life.

Our role? We’re more than a building: we’re an active matchmaker. We build bridges and create outstanding partnerships between companies. All necessary knowledge and references to assist your company is present at the Beacon, including support for funding and grants. Your next business partner is waiting for you!
home to teamwork

The quadruple helix model of innovation is the foundation of what happens inside The Beacon, and our active management team assists in coordinating and sustaining this. We actively link people and boost collaboration by inspiring companies. Also, we help them pick up ideas, bounce off plans and accomplish projects together, thanks to our support for quotes and grants. Synergy is key!
The Beacon acts as a catalyst in realising our innovation objectives

Erwin Verstraelen Port of Antwerp
In an open innovation ecosystem approach we want to create value for industry and society by jointly developing multidisciplinary solutions

Silvia Lenaerts University of Antwerp
life at The Beacon community

We offer more than just flex desks or office space. The Beacon is the leading business network in the contemporary world of IoT and AI. Are you a startup or scale-up? Or an already established corporation? Both are perfect, because as a member of The Beacon you access the cluster that covers the entire IoT/AI value chain.

Our active management team will help you in matchmaking and co-creation of IoT end-to-end solutions. By entering into these partnerships for co-creation, all partners increase the value of their business.

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smart industry

smart city
smart port

smart mobility
Smart Port

In one of the largest ports of Europe, Smart Port technology implementations are vital for the future. The Beacon community is developing smart logistics, asset management and track & trace solutions that are transforming The Port of Antwerp.

Case NxtPort

NxtPort’s main goal in Antwerp is to unlock the potential of sharing existing data amongst the port’s players. The NxtPort Data Utility Platform allows faster, more cost-effective, as well as more efficient transfers of data between the different companies.

Steven Schutter  NxtPort

There wasn’t a better location within a technical hub, with a view on the port, to use as our main office
The Beacon’s ecosystem creates a collaborative environment that gives us the opportunity to boost our large-scale projects.

Rudy De Smedt, Atos

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**Smart Industry**

The Beacon is where the digital future of the industry is being written. From intelligent planning applications to energy-efficiency software, The Beacon brings you in touch with new partners and their experience.

**Case Atos**

Atos delivers, manages and secures the full IoT value chain from connected devices to edge computing to the datacenter. A core team of four people from Atos is active in The Beacon. They are supported by additional data scientists, architects and business analysts. The Atos team works on a variety of IoT related projects, from entry level proof of concepts all the way to industrial scale systems.
At the Beacon, everything is very collaborative and interdisciplinary. That's why we support this and that's why we'll stay here.

Jan Adriaenssens imec

**Smart city**

By 2050, 70% of the world’s population will be living in urban areas. That means we have to work on sustainability, liveability, safety and urban design now. The citizens of Antwerp are already getting a taste of life in a smart city in our very own Smart Zone.

**Case imec**

Imec is the leading global R&D and innovation hub in nanoelectronics and digital technologies. The Beacon is co-founded by them and serves as their operational headquarter to create Europe’s largest IoT Living Lab. By working centrally from Antwerp, they can gather a wealth of data in the wide range of smart city domains.
Smart mobility

In a city of almost half a million residents, mobility has a huge influence on all their lives. Many cooperations are active in The Beacon, to innovate city and industry mobility towards a safer and sustainable model.

Case Seafar

SEAFAR develops technology to remotely operate automated barges for inland shipping. The mission is to unlock the potential of inland waterways and provide a smart, green and safe transport mode.

For Smart Mobility, we rely greatly on the collaborations in The Beacon to accelerate and innovate our operations, which has already been proven in the imec partnership.

Louis-Robert Cool Seafar
Ecosystem

It is clear: The Beacon is booming. As the host for this thriving ecosystem, we bring incubation and collaboration to the next level. By stimulating co-creation, we accelerate projects and also dynamically build added value for companies. We are your next step towards the future!

The Beacon hosts multiple events each month to support its community and to bring together relevant players from Belgium, Flanders, and beyond. Inspirational lectures or professional network events on IoT and AI in smart cities, industry, smart ports and mobility provide another way to get in touch with your future business partner!

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Modern flex desks
Fully facilitated office space
More than 50 active companies
Active management support for matchmaking
Vast experience in European funding and grants
The leading hotspot for innovation, IoT and AI
Get in touch

Our dynamic ecosystem is open for new influences and fresh insights. Want to be part of a vibrant atmosphere, where IoT and co-creation go hand in hand? We’re more than ready for your visit.

With one of the best views at the banks of the Schelde and right near the iconic MAS, The Beacon is a very accessible location, reachable by all means of transport.

Sail in, fly in, drive in, bike in or just take the train and tram and walk in!

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