



# EOS PROJECT

Support, guidance and training of immigrant entrepreneurs



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# CURRENT SITUATION(1)

- Many city governments, employers' associations and other organizations are actively **promoting entrepreneurship** among immigrants and take actions to better **support** and **integrate** (new) entrepreneurs of foreign origin
- These actions are largely **independent** of each other: organizations don't share their knowledge, or continue best practices
- **Efficient use of public funds** is mostly **absent**
- Few projects try to **capture** and **pass on their knowledge**

## CURRENT SITUATION (2)

- Beginning entrepreneurs are often driven **from pillar to post**. They are not or poorly informed about which organization can help them with specific problems.
- Organizations are often **unaware** of initiatives, services and strengths of other organizations.
- **Services** for certain, specific problems and needs of immigrant entrepreneurs are sometimes **missing**.

# EOS

- The EOS project wants to tackle all previously described problems in all Flemish provinces
- Duration: 01/06/2010 – 31/05/2012
- Project leader: Voka – Chamber of Commerce East Flanders
- Partners:
  - Gusto (West Flanders)
  - Uniekon (East Flanders)
  - Syntra Vlaanderen (Antwerp)
  - NFTE (Flemish Brabant)
  - Stebo (Limburg)
- EOS wants to be the Flemish platform where all organisations can discuss all issues related to immigrant entrepreneurship (also organisations who are not a partner in this project)

# OBJECTIVES OF EOS (1)

- We want to realise a **broad overview of all existing organisations and initiatives** that encourage and guide immigrants to entrepreneurship
- We want **to map all needs** of (future) immigrant entrepreneurs with regard to support and guidance
- In every Flemish province we will **match** the current supply and demand – do the current services fulfill the needs of the (future) immigrant entrepreneurs?
- Determine **existing gaps** in the services and capture the most efficient services for immigrant entrepreneurs; also we want to create an **adequate flow** through the different organisations

## OBJECTIVES OF EOS (2)

- Determine **Best Practices** that encourage and guide immigrants to entrepreneurship and implement those in **pilot projects** (minimum one per province)
- Formulating **conclusions and recommendations** to the government for an optimal support and integration of (wannabe) immigrant entrepreneurs.

# EOS - VOORONDERZOEK

- Currently we are mapping the needs on training, support and guidance of pre-starters, starters and existing entrepreneurs
- Based on this information we will develop and launch different pilot projects in all Flemish provinces
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