



West Flanders International Policy





North Atlantic Ocean



Facts & Figures



LOCATION

North West of Belgium

CAPITAL

Bruges

POPULATION

1.159.366
(Belgium: 10.839.905)

SURFACE

3.144 km²
(Belgium: 30.528 km²)

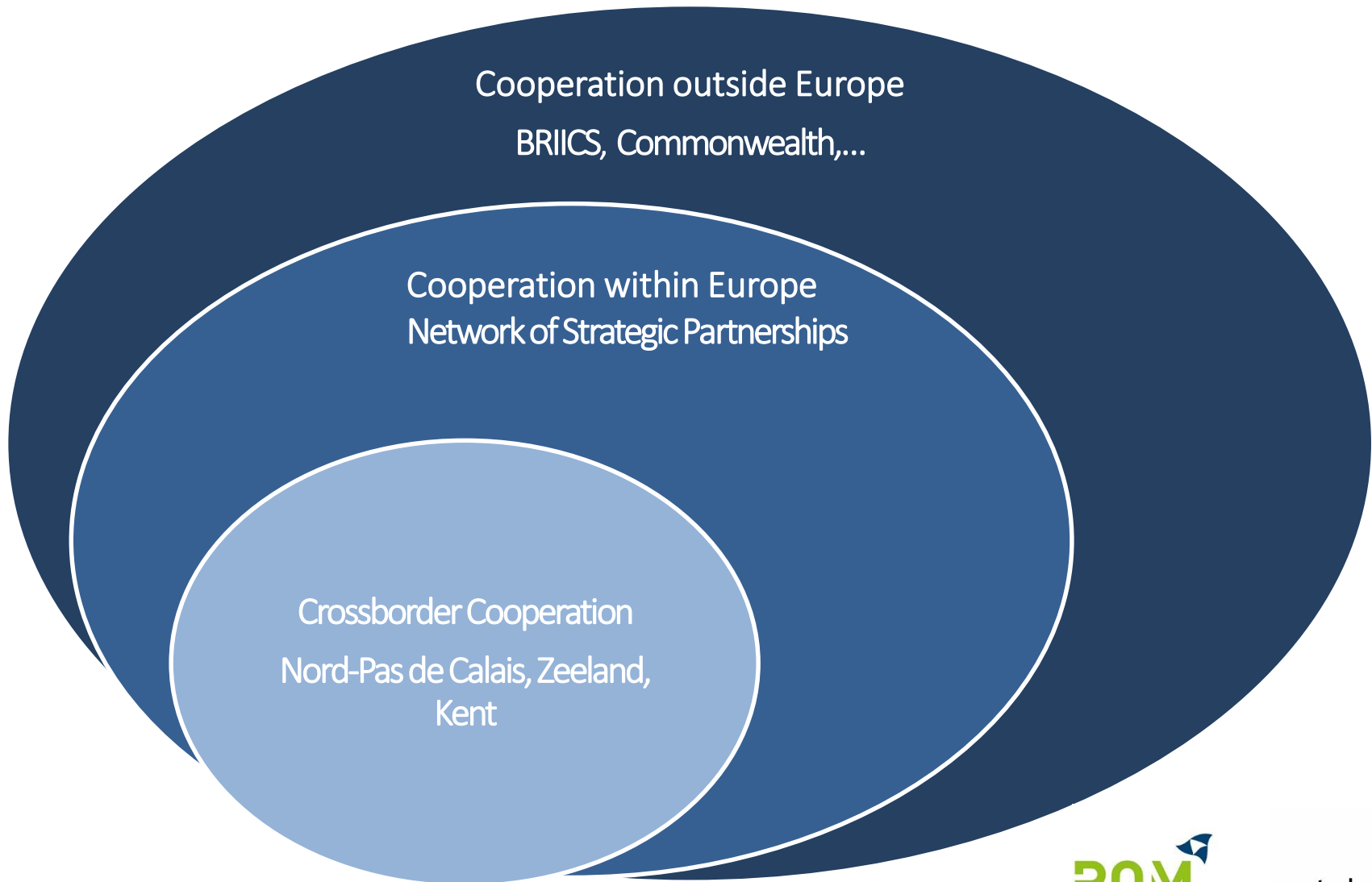
POP. DENSITY

369 pers /km²
(EU: 112 pers / km²)

GEOGRAPHY

Coastal Province

International cooperation strategy West-Vlaanderen



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Pillar 1 : cross-border cooperation

- ❖ Grafted on the **proximity** of the regions and the resulting **natural socioeconomic coherence and opportunities**.
- ❖ This cooperation is characterised by a **broader thematic** approach.
- ❖ Formalised in **MoU's** /Existing Protocols and cooperation agreements

Pillar 2 : Cooperation within Europe

- ❖ Mainly **economic cooperation** in a **wider European context** with similar socioeconomic profiled regions.
- ❖ Focus on **provincial economic policy lines** and the policy lines of **key stakeholders/partners** of the province (such as university colleges, ports, chambers of commerce...)
- ❖ **Strategic partners**, operating on **projectbasis** in a “Light network”

Pillar 3 : Cooperation Outside Europe

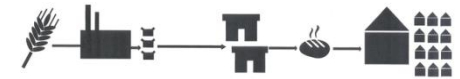
- ❖ **Briics** and **Commonwealth**
- ❖ Economic cooperation, focussing on **specific niches**
- ❖ Operating on **Ad-Hoc** basis

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International cooperation within
Network of **CROSS BORDER REGIONS,**
STRATEGIC PARTNERS and **BRIICS**



Syddanmark (DNK)
Bremen en Bremerhaven (DEU)
Västsverige (SWE)
Oberösterreich (AUT)
Kent /South East Local Enterprise Partnership (GB)
Eastern Scotland (GBR)
Franche Comté (FRA)
BRIICS
...



Focus on 3 activities in the value chain

Public Authorities
Higher Education and Centres of expertise
Private sector

R&D
Production
Logistics

New Materials
Food
Blue Energy
Mechatronics
Care economy

Develop and strengthen **TRIPLE**
HELIX connections



*Bonus : Link to European
and other funding
opportunities !*

Focus on 3 **CLUSTERS**

