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Official Statistics in Flanders

A brief introduction

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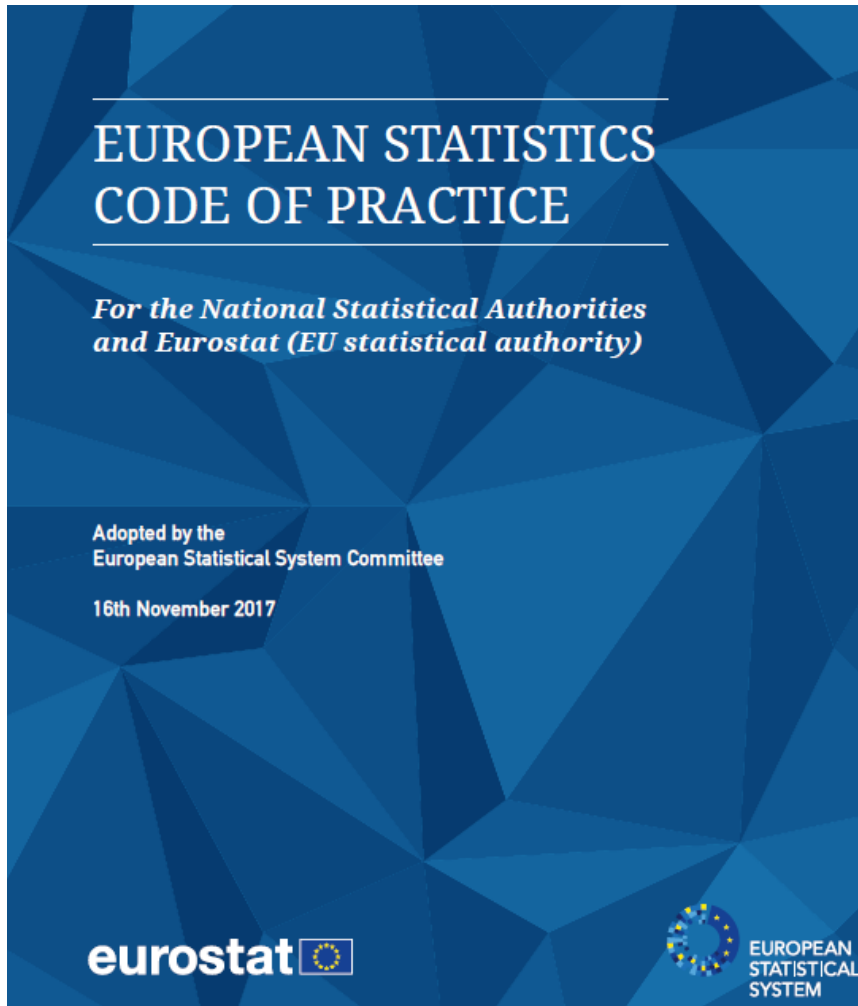


Official statistics and the European statistics code of practice

Official statistics

- A lot of data and figures are generated on a daily basis, also in government
 - Not every figure generated within the government is an official statistic
 - Official statistics
 - Are of public utility and use
 - Pass the high standards of quality, independence, relevance and respect for privacy
- => Production and dissemination within the scope of the European Statistics code of practice

European statistics code of practice



- The cornerstone of the common quality framework of the European Statistical System
- Applicable to all Statistical authorities in the European Statistical System
- Sets the standard for developing, producing and disseminating European official statistics
- Based on 16 principles covering the institutional environment, statistical processes and statistical outputs.

European code of practice -> Protocols

- For Flanders: translated the principles into protocols
- Example: publication and dissemination
 - Release calendar
 - Standard release time
 - Separation of statistics from political comments
 - Preliminary access
 - Publication on the web
 - Methodology is made public

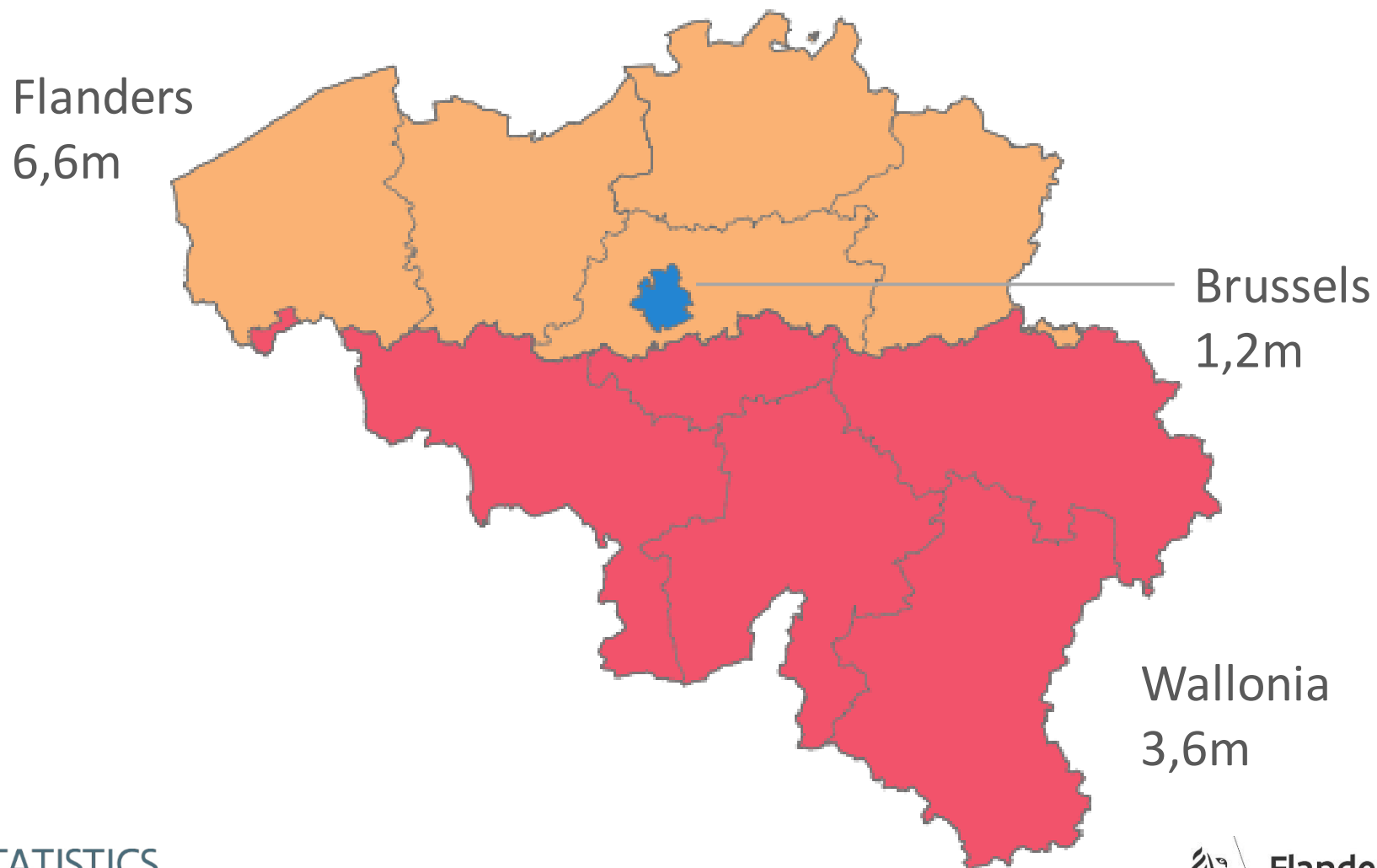
NCA as experimental statistics

- Demand of users
 - International framework
 - Thematic groups in coordination committee
- Development
 - Stakeholders
- Dissemination
 - Feedback / users
- In the future
 - Official (Flemish) statistic

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Statistics Flanders and the Flemish Statistics Authority

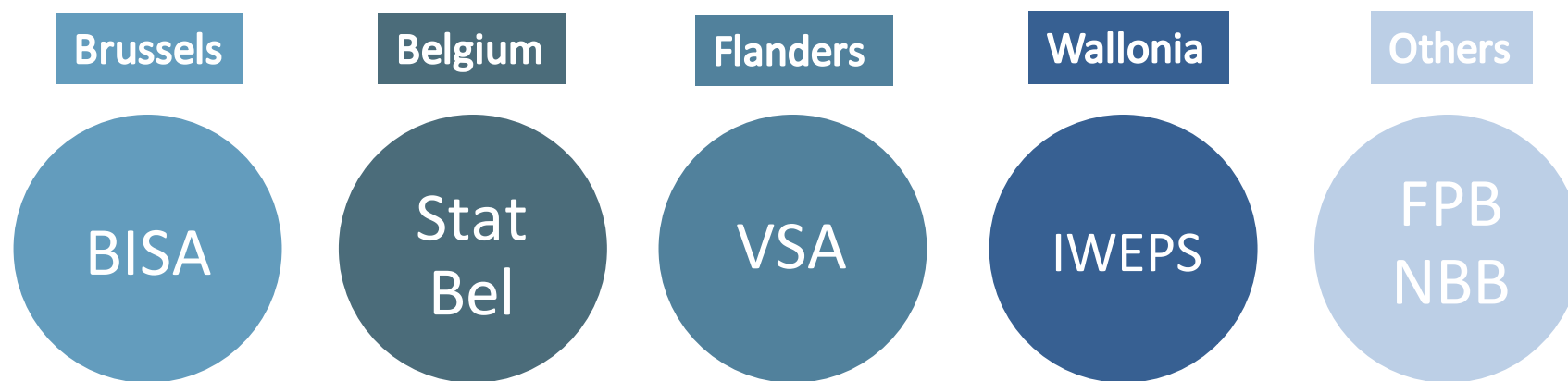
Belgium as a federal state



Statistics: regional decentralisation

- 6th reform of the State 2011: devolution of the formal statistics competence to the three regions
- Creation of 3 regional statistical authorities: Flanders, Wallonia, Brussels
- Federal level agency (Statistics Belgium) continues to exist, but regional authorities on an equal footing
- Cooperation agreement for the 4 statistical authorities
- Interfederal Institute of statistics: the coördination of all statistical authorities

Regional decentralisation

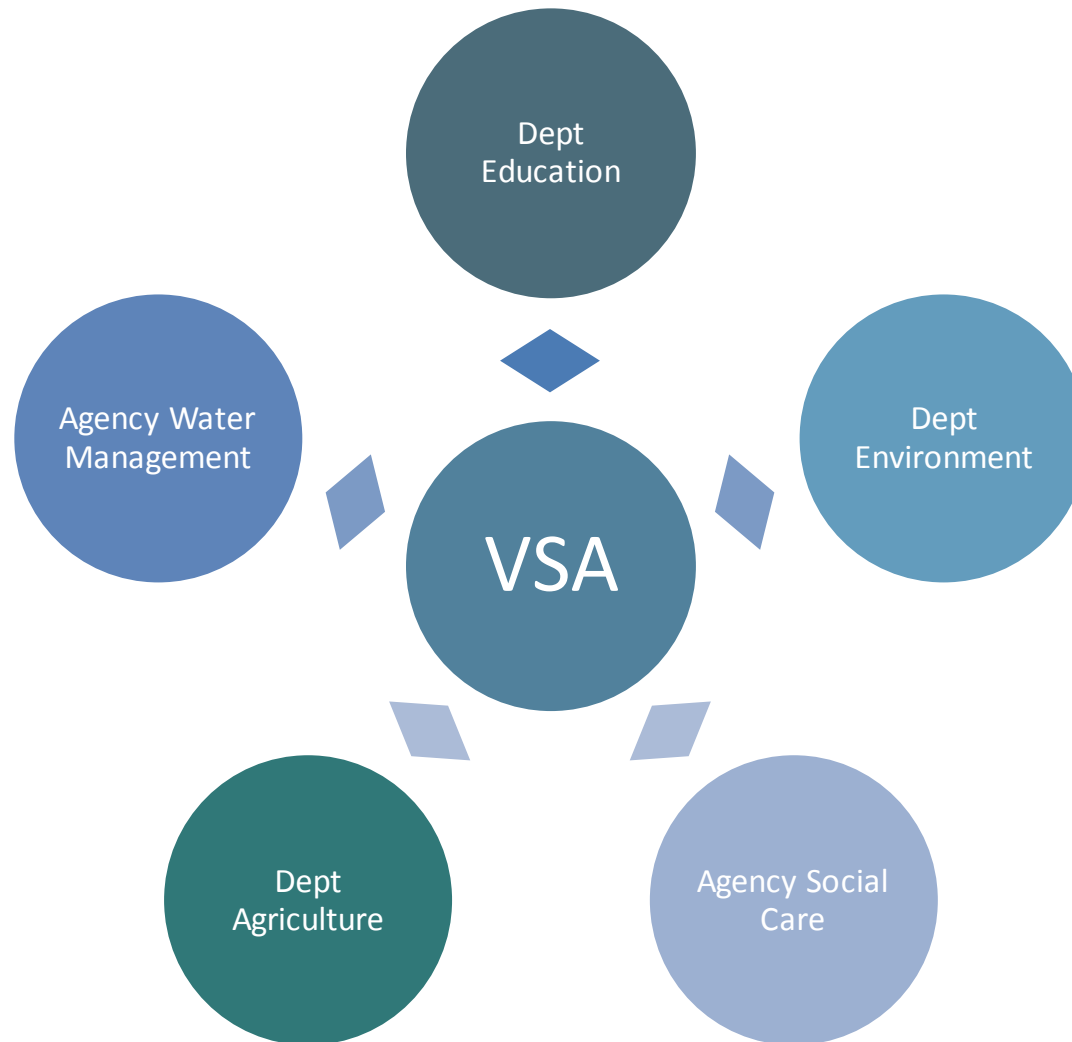


Interfederal Institute for Statistics (IIS)

Architecture: setup of Statistics Flanders

- Create of a fully operational Flemish official statistical system
- Decentralised:
 - departments/agencies of the Flemish government have responsibility for the production of statistics in their policy area
 - central coordination is task of the Flemish Statistics Authority
- Flemish Statistics Authority + departments and agencies = Network Statistics Flanders

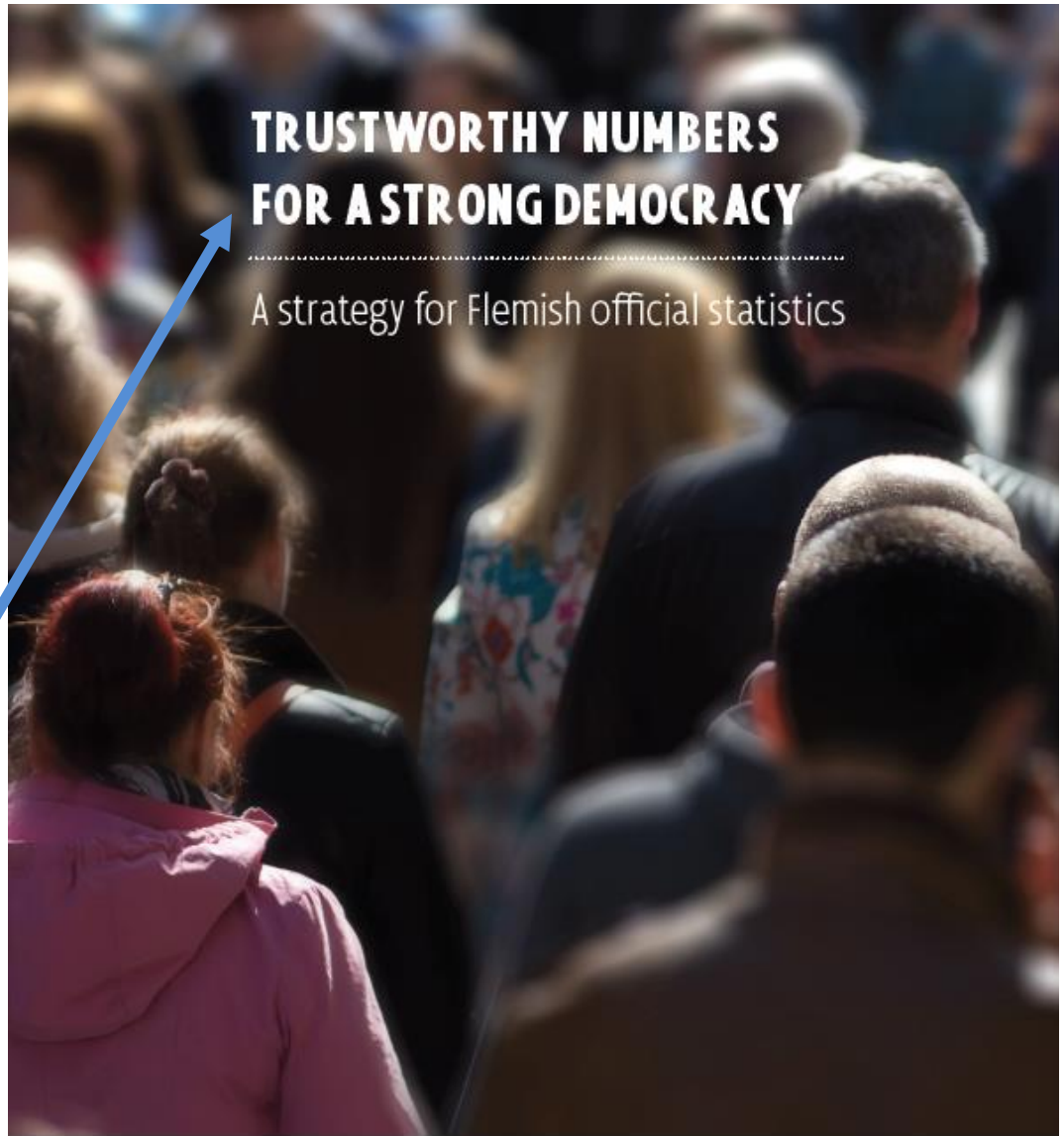
Functional decentralisation: Statistics Flanders



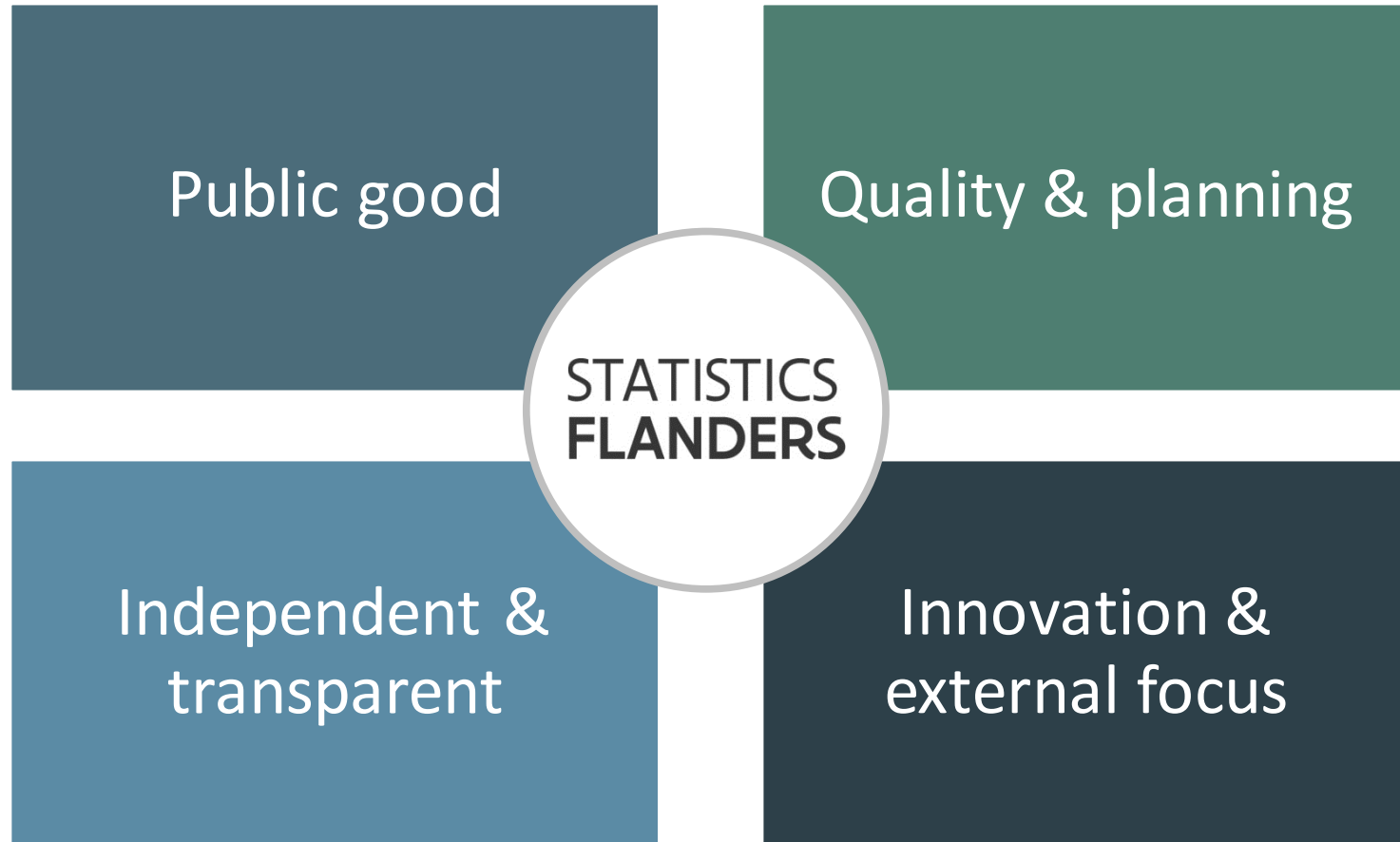
Strategic framework

- sets out how we want to develop, produce and disseminate official statistics in Flanders
- based on international principles on official statistics and on discussions with a broad group of stakeholders
- ultimate goal of the network:

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Strategic framework



Statistics for everyone

Statistics serve society as a whole

Statistics should be relevant and accessible to the
broadest possible range of users: public good

User consultation

high-quality statistics through better planning

We produce correct and recent statistics

We will follow international quality standards

We plan production and dissemination and communicate transparently

We work independently and with transparency

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We make clear arrangements between political parts of government and the civil service

We have an independent and transparent policy on publication: what, when, how

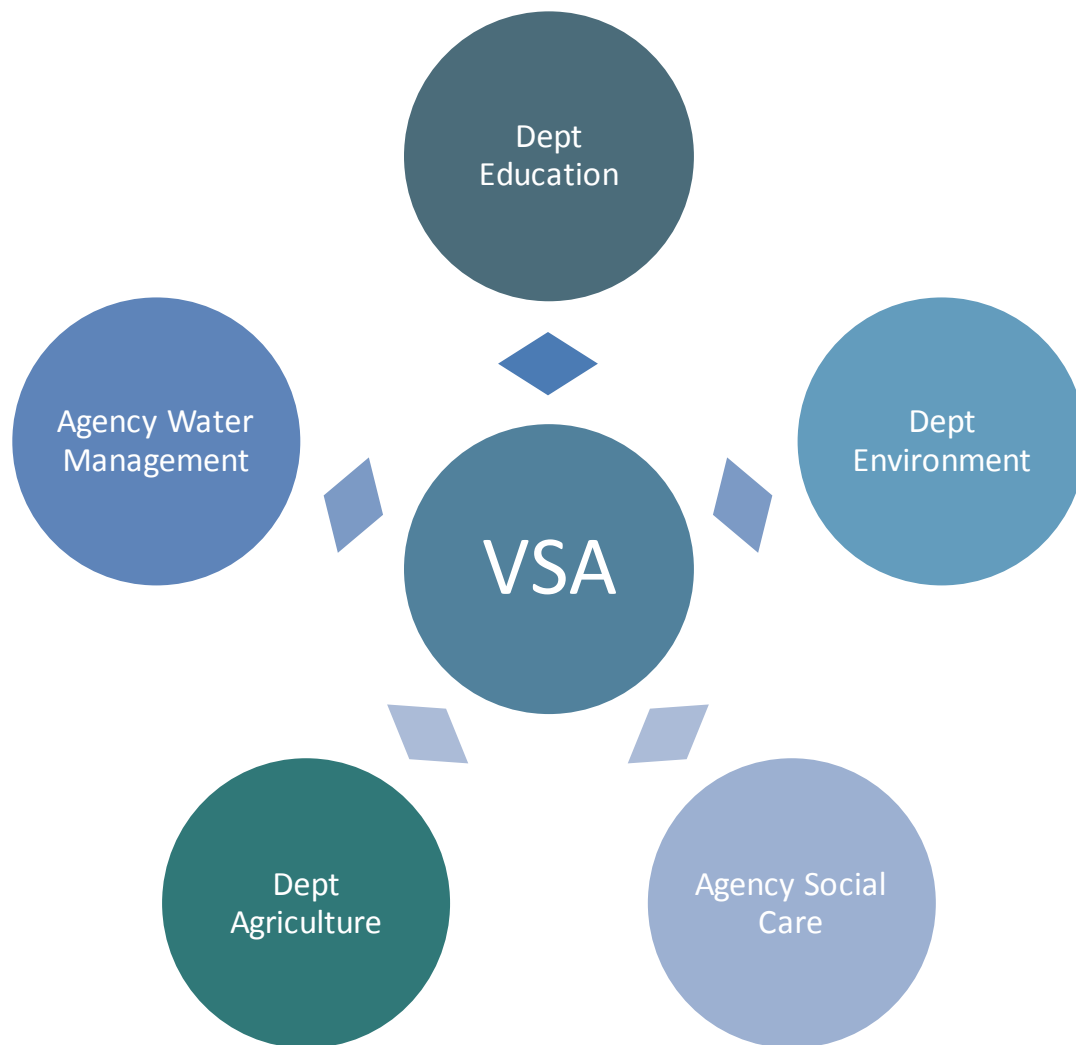
We work in innovative ways and focus on the future

We stay informed about new technologies and developments in new data sources and statistical methodologies

We work with external experts, organisations and partnerships

We are an innovative learning network

Network Statistic Flanders



Flemish Statistics Authority (VSA)

- 32 FTE
- Services of the Chief Statistician
- Part of Chancellery – Centre of government
- Report to Prime Minister
- Responsible for facilitating the coordination, production and dissemination of statistics (of/from) Flanders
- Position based on the Decree of Flemish Statistics

Operational aims

- Coördination and setup of a system for statistics development, production, dissemination
 - Statistics development, production, dissemination
 - Development and implementation of a coherent data strategy and –infrastructure
- In each one a link with NCA is found: users demand, development and dissemination, input from official Flemish statistic, becoming an official statistic one day

Questions

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