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Database on media organisations within Belgium

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Part of Work Package 2: Media organizations' characteristics and value chain









Media Clusters Brussels: DELIVERABLE 2.2a

Database on media organisations within Belgium

Media Clusters Brussels – MCB – is a collaborative and interdisciplinary research project of the Brussels Capital Region involving the three leading universities of Brussels, VUB, ULB and USL-B. The aim is to analyse the many facets of the media industry located in the Brussels Capital Region and explore the development of clusters.

The Projet de Plan Régional de Développement Durable / Ontwerp van Gewestelijk Plan voor Duurzame Ontwikkeling for Brussels (2013), approved by the Brussels Regional Government on 12th December 2013, identifies the cultural and creative industries as one of the four key sectors of the metropolitan economy, and more specifically proposes a media city at Reyers as the first strategic cluster (Pôle Reyers) to develop. However, despite the fact that the Brussels Region is committed to foster the development of the media sector, there is up until now hardly any empirical data available about the structure and dynamics of the media industry in Brussels. This project aims at creating socioeconomic value for the media industry in the Brussels Region and beyond by providing decision-makers with the in-depth knowledge they need regarding the media industry in Brussels while accompanying the phases of implementation of the Pôle Reyers. The overarching research question is: How can the structure and dynamics of the media sector in the Brussels metropolis be enhanced to improve its social and economic roles?

MCB is divided in six **Work Packages**. Work Package 1 offers a general overview, definitions and common framework of the project. Work Packages 2 & 3 focus on Brussels media institutions by studying Brussels' media clusters from a macro and socio economical perspective. Work Packages 4 & 5 focus on the media workers within Brussels from a micro perspective and Work Package 6 on the communities the media workers form to create interactions and communities of learning from a meso perspective. These three points of interest, media institutions, media workers and media communities, enable MCB to grasp all dynamics of media clusters in Brussels.

More information on the Media Clusters Brussels project is available on the Internet (<u>www.mediaclusters.brussels</u>).

The project is financed by Innoviris under the Anticipate programme (Prospective Research – Anticipate – 66 – 2014/2018).

Scope of the database

This database is part of **Work Package 2** – Media organisations' characteristics and value chain. Work Package 2 is committed to the analysis of the media institutions integrated in the media clusters of Brussels and focuses on a socioeconomical analysis of the actors from a macro view. The database was built on the findings of Deliverable 2.1 and creates the first research step of Work Package 2 towards a quantitative analysis of the media clusters in Belgium. The output of this Deliverable is an extensive database of media institutions that will be used for further analysis in Deliverable 2.3.

Deliverables that are built on the findings here are:

Deliverable 2.3

Source

Bel-first database / Publisher: Bureau van Dijk Electronic Publishing

- Accessible through VUB

Bel-first covers 1.2 million companies in Belgium and 25,000 in Luxembourg, which includes 500,000 companies with accounts (active and inactive status), 275,000 companies without accounts and details of 425,000 sole traders that are active but not required to file accounts.

Search Strategy

	_	Step result	Search result
Legal status: Active companies, File in a provisional legal situation	on '	579.702	579.702
2. NACE-BEL 2008, Principal codes only: 1811 - Printing	•	27.445	17.932
of newspapers, 1812 - Other printing, 1813 - Pre-			
press and pre-media services, 1814 - Binding and			
related services, 1820 - Reproduction of recorded			
media, 4761 - Retail sale of books in specialised			
stores, 4762 - Retail sale of newspapers and			
stationery in specialised stores, 4763 - Retail sale of			
music and video recordings in specialised stores, 5811			
- Book publishing, 5812 - Publishing of directories			
and mailing lists, 5813 - Publishing of newspapers,			
5814 - Publishing of journals and periodicals, 5819 -			
Other publishing activities, 5821 - Publishing of			
computer games, 5911 - Motion picture, video and			
television programme production activities, 5912 -			
Motion picture, video and television programme post-			
production activities, 5913 - Motion picture, video and			
television programme distribution activities, 5914 -			
Motion picture projection activities, 5920 - Sound			
recording and music publishing activities, 6010 -			
Radio broadcasting, 6020 - Television programming			
and broadcasting activities, 6311 - Data processing,			
hosting and related activities, 6312 - Web portals,			
6391 - News agency activities, 7311 - Advertising			
agencies, 7312 - Media representation, 7722 - Renting			
of video tapes and disks			
Region, province, subregion&town: Brussels capital region, Flemish Region, Walloon Region	•	815.462	17.597
4. Legal status: Active companies		498.634	15.089
5. All companies		839.432	15.089
6. All companies/associations with accounts	•	657.862	0
Boolean search : 1 And 2 And 3 And 4 And 5			
		TOTAL	15.089

Exported Data

- 1. Name
- 2. Category of the company
- 3. BvD ID number
- 4. Address
- 5. Postcode
- 6. Posttown
- 7. Province
- 8. Subregion
- 9. NIS Code
- 10. CIM zones
- 11. Nielsen region
- 12. Language
- 13. Legal form
- 14. Date of incorporation
- 15. Range of employees
- 16. Number of employees (Last year)
- 17. Last avail. yr" "Turnover th EUR
- 18. Last year Net added value th EUR
- 19. Last avail. yr" for
- 20. Website address
- 21. Email address
- 22. Phone number
- 23. NACE Rev. 2 main section
- 24. NACE BEL 2008, code principal
- 25. Ibid, text description
- 26. Primary business line
- 27. Main activity
- 28. Main products and services
- 29. History"Net added value th EUR
- 30. History Turnover th EUR
- 31. History Average number of employees

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List of Institutions

See the following link for the database:

 $\frac{https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_TqvdMpAjD0u_bTN60jZmJdka-RZx00bqgcaUBZFFBA/edit?usp=sharing$