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Deloitte opens new site in Oostkamp (West Flanders)

New sustainable office on innovation campus in West Flanders focuses on the future

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Deloitte has opened a new office on the O'Forty site in Oostkamp. The market leader in professional services will bolster its presence in the province with this office and bring its multidisciplinary solutions even closer to entrepreneurs in West Flanders. The office on the innovation campus moreover fits in with a broader strategy of sustainability, digitisation and the new way of working—themes that are higher than ever on the agenda of clients and employees because of the coronavirus crisis. After all, the organisation continues to invest in recruiting new talent to support its growth.

Built for the future

With the new premises, Deloitte's staff opt for the office as a meeting place rather than a permanent workplace. The function of the office has evolved significantly due to the accelerated digital transformation of its services, with teleworking and hybrid meetings, where some participants are physically present and others virtually. In the new office in Oostkamp, employees can meet with each other and clients in a safe way, with flexible workstations and space to stimulate formal and informal consultations, as well as breakout and brainstorming sessions. Extra-long tables make contacts with colleagues easier, while individual booths provide an opportunity for quick consultations in pairs. Employees can devise the digital solutions of tomorrow together with their clients in extended zones, equipped with video and audio technology that supports hybrid meetings.

Sustainability for the long haul

"We know that it is not possible to be a market leader without giving priority to sustainability. The new office in Oostkamp fits in with our sustainability strategy, and is perfectly in line with Deloitte's goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2030," said **Piet Vandendriessche**, CEO of Deloitte. The new building meets the BEN (nearly zero energy) standards. The solar panels generate electricity that is used for the common areas, while the new campus is perfectly accessible by public transport. The charging stations for electric cars and e-bikes encourage alternative forms of sustainable transport. *"As a major employer in Belgium, we have the responsibility and an opportunity to do our bit for a more sustainable world and are working proactively to set the tone,"* Vandendriessche concluded.

Multidisciplinary solutions for entrepreneurs, opportunities for talent

Deloitte provides its clients high-quality, multidisciplinary and digital services from the new office in Oostkamp. Jan Goemaere, Partner Deloitte Accountancy: *"In addition to Accounting & Reporting, we combine all advisory competencies in our new office in Oostkamp and consolidate our position as the trusted advisor for entrepreneurs in West Flanders who want to strengthen their business with accountancy services and tax, social security, legal, M&A and strategic advice. In this way, we remain close to the local entrepreneurs and the families behind them."*

Not only entrepreneurs, but also promising talents can attain their ambitions with this new office. "We are developing an attractive and sustainable workplace for talent in Oostkamp," said Vandendriessche. "Despite the health crisis, we continue to recruit talent with a view to the long term, and the new office invites young talent to choose Deloitte as a sustainable and innovative employer. Furthermore, we offer our employees the opportunity to work closer to home and to clients, thus avoiding unnecessary travel."

Deloitte: a strong presence in West Flanders

The office in Oostkamp and a new satellite office in Roeselare that will open in spring complement the recently refurbished office in Kortrijk. Entrepreneurs in West Flanders will thus be provided easy access to all Deloitte competencies nearby in their own region.

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