

Factsheet Flemish CIGS

This factsheet zooms in on Citizen Initiatives for Global Solidarity (CIGS) in the provinces of West and East Flanders and compares them with the total of Flemish CIGS that participated in a study conducted in 2021-2022. The factsheet is part of a larger, country-comparative by Radboud University, the Netherlands, on the identity, role and position of CIGS in Flanders, France and the Netherlands

Please note that it is expected that CIGS from East Flanders and West Flanders are overrepresented in the sample compared to CIGS from other provinces. Therefore, comparisons should be interpreted with caution.

	West Flanders	East Flanders	Flanders (total)
No. of CIGS in sample	52	49	160
% of diaspora CIGS	42.6%	26.4%	39.9%
% of CIGS with young members	16.7%	13.2%	15.2%
No. of members	Median = 5 (average = 9.42)	Median = 10* (average = 10.16)	Median = 7 (average = 11.02)
Budget (euro)	Median = 20,050 (average = 36,700)	Median = 13,2504* (average = 21,856)	Median = 20,000 (average = 34,882)
Age organisation	No differences between provinces in age of the organisations.		
Formalisation	No differences between provinces in level of formalisation (annual report and policy plan were used as indicators).		
Budget sources	In East Flanders there is less support for CIGS from schools than in the other provinces.* Data suggests that there is less support for CIGS from NGOs in West Flanders compared to the other provinces (taken together). NGO support for CIGS appears to be most common in Antwerp and Limburg.		
Activities in Flanders	CIGS in East Flanders appear less in the media than CIGS from other provinces.* CIGS in each province have similar reasons for organising activities in Flanders.		
Activities in global south	No differences between provinces in activities in global south.		

Table 1. Comparison of CIGS from West Flanders and East Flanders.

*p < 0.05: Significant difference (at 0.05 level) between CIGS in this province and CIGS from the other provinces are marked bold.

Note: The average number of members and budget should be interpreted with caution considering the data was not normally distributed.

Key findings: zooming in on CIGS from West Flanders and East Flanders, we find that CIGS in these provinces have similar characteristics to each other and to CIGS in Flanders as a whole. We do find some differences between provinces however. Most noticeably, CIGS in East Flanders are smaller than CIGS in other provinces, both in terms of budget and number of core members.