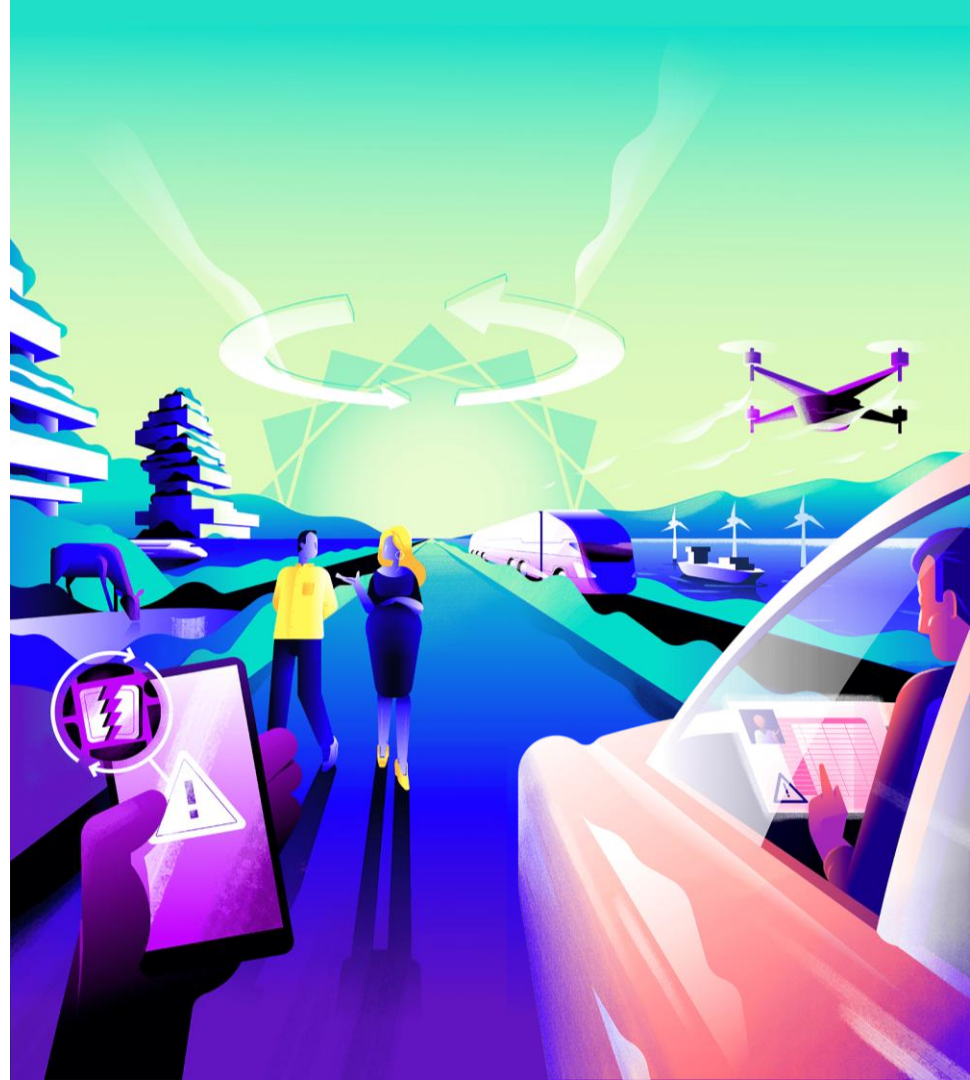


A new world order: technology
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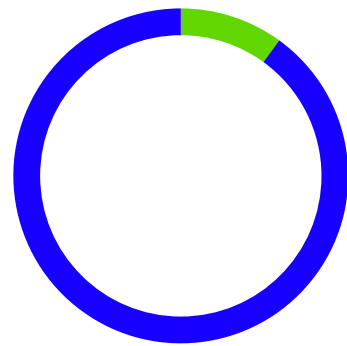


Technology industry in Flanders

Innovation oriented



Engine of social and economic prosperity in Flanders



10% of the added value of the Flemish economy

2024 data

€ 124,5

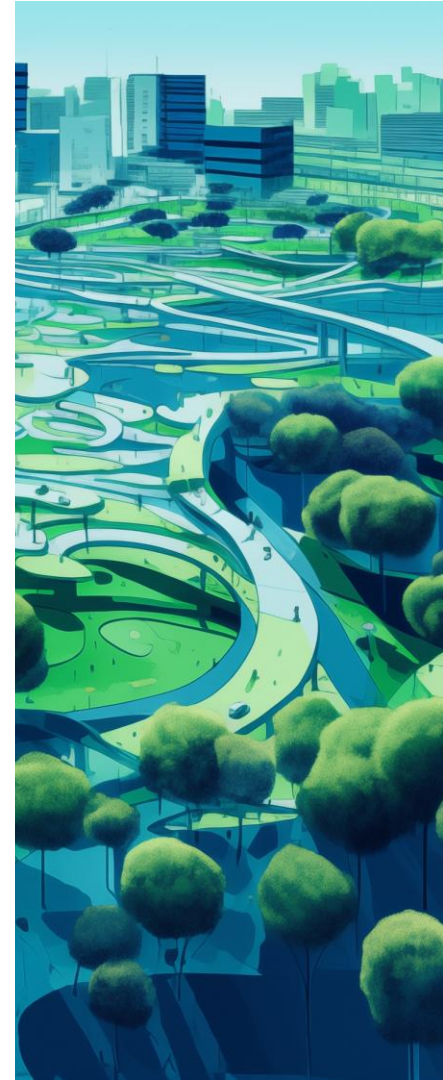
billion in revenue
2025 data

215.600

direct jobs
2025 data

215.600

indirect jobs
2025 data



Innovation-oriented

€7.3 billion in investments (2025)

(estimate based on regional accounts and VAT returns)

€3.0 billion R&D expenditure (2023)

(estimate based on the Commission for Federal Cooperation on R&I statistics)

20,076 R&D personnel (2023)

(estimate based on the Commission for Federal Cooperation on R&I statistics)



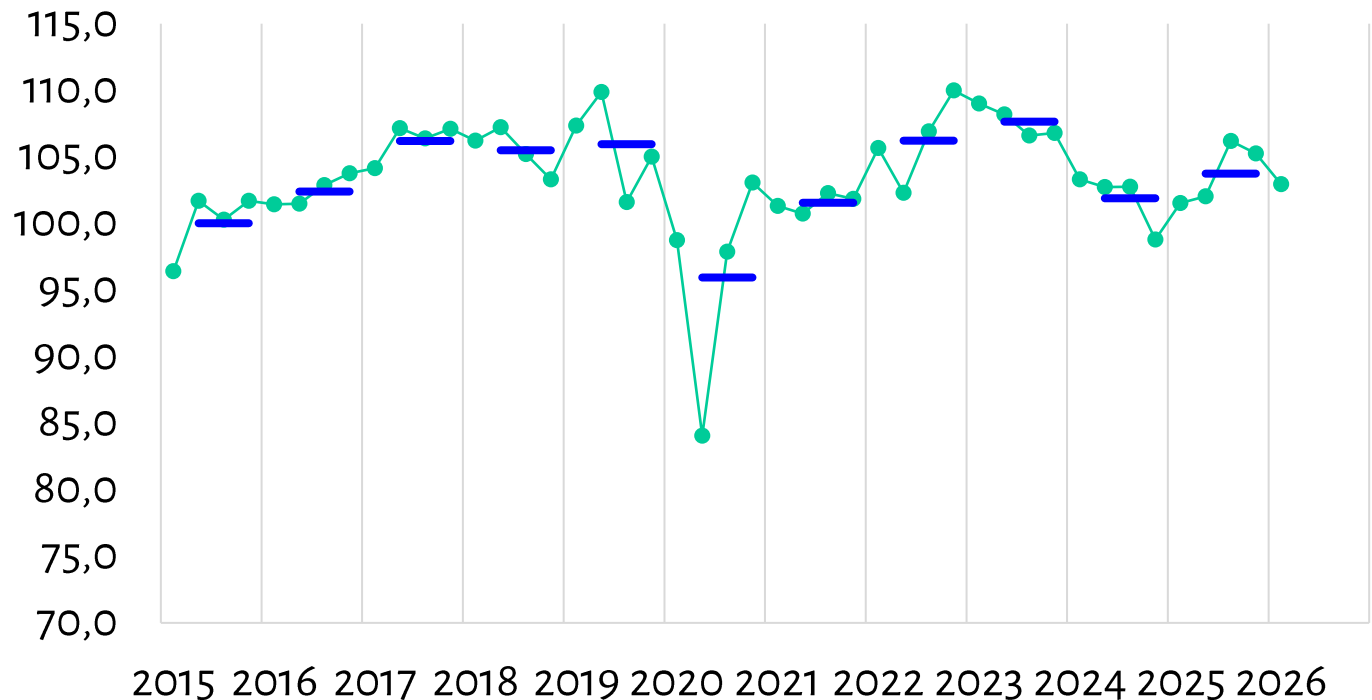
35%
of the R&D investments
of Flemish companies



Sector status

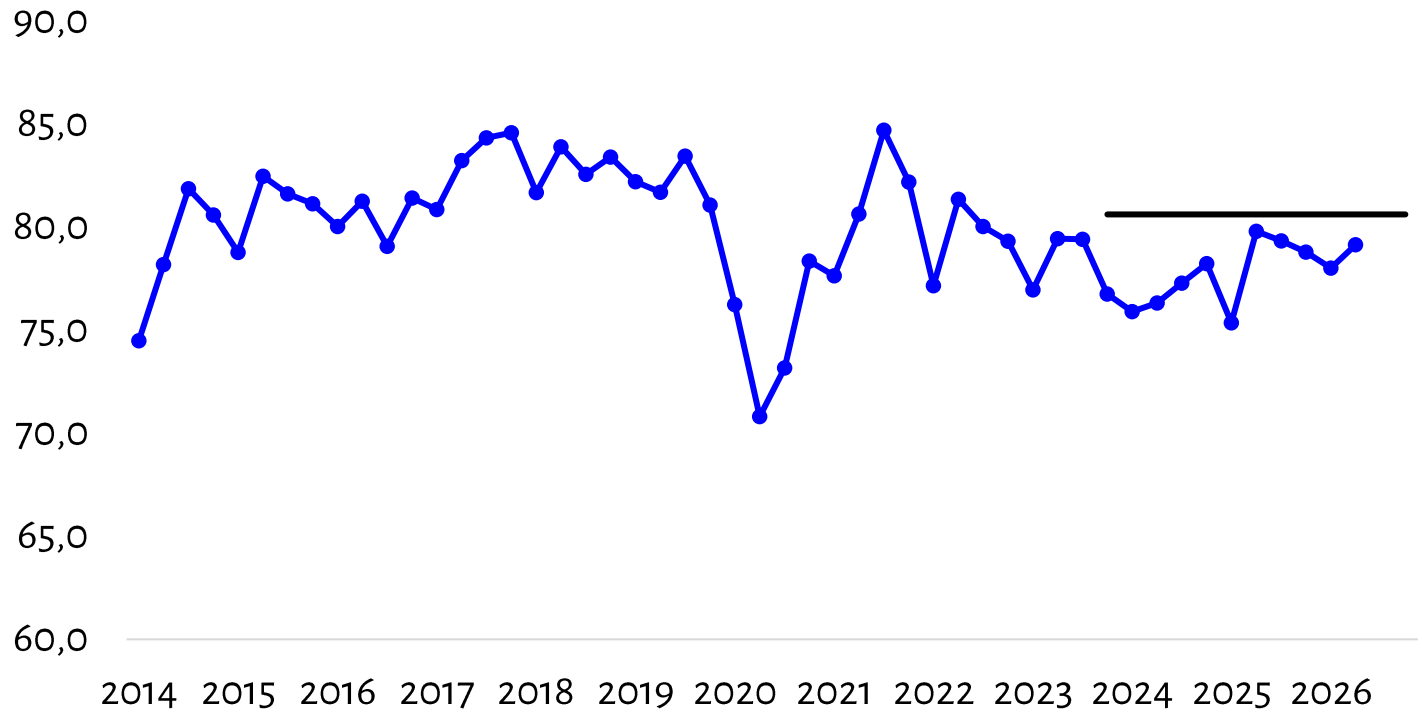


Activity of the Flemish technology industry still 1% below the level of the first half of the year 2024



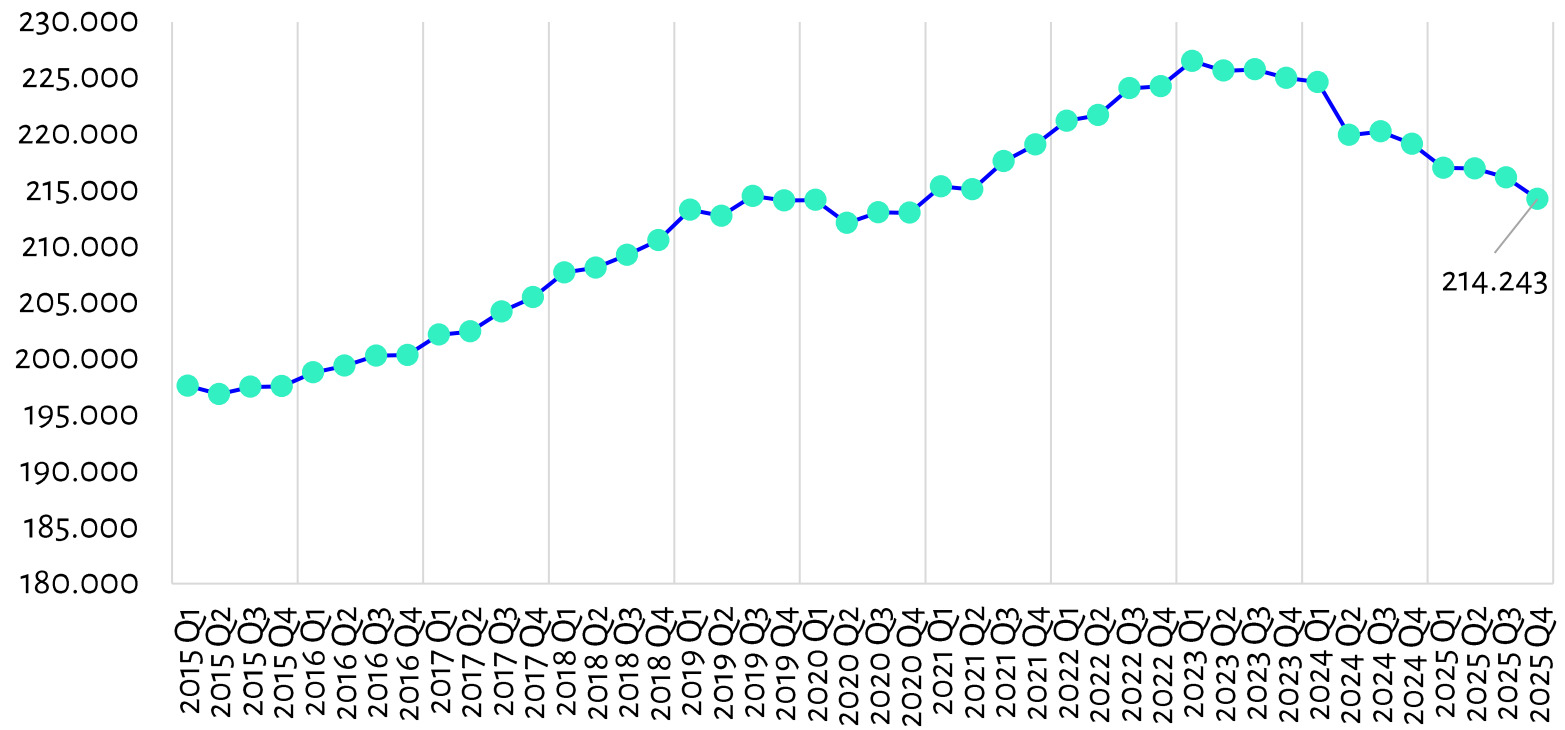
Source : Statbel + Agoria calculations research department

Capacity remains below 80%



Source: National Bank of Belgium, business surveys

Employment



Source: RSZ, StudiesCentre calculations



The new competitiveness

Competitiveness = productivity + innovation + resilience

Energy
(cost +
security)

Materials
& supply
chains

Data &
AI

Talent &
skills

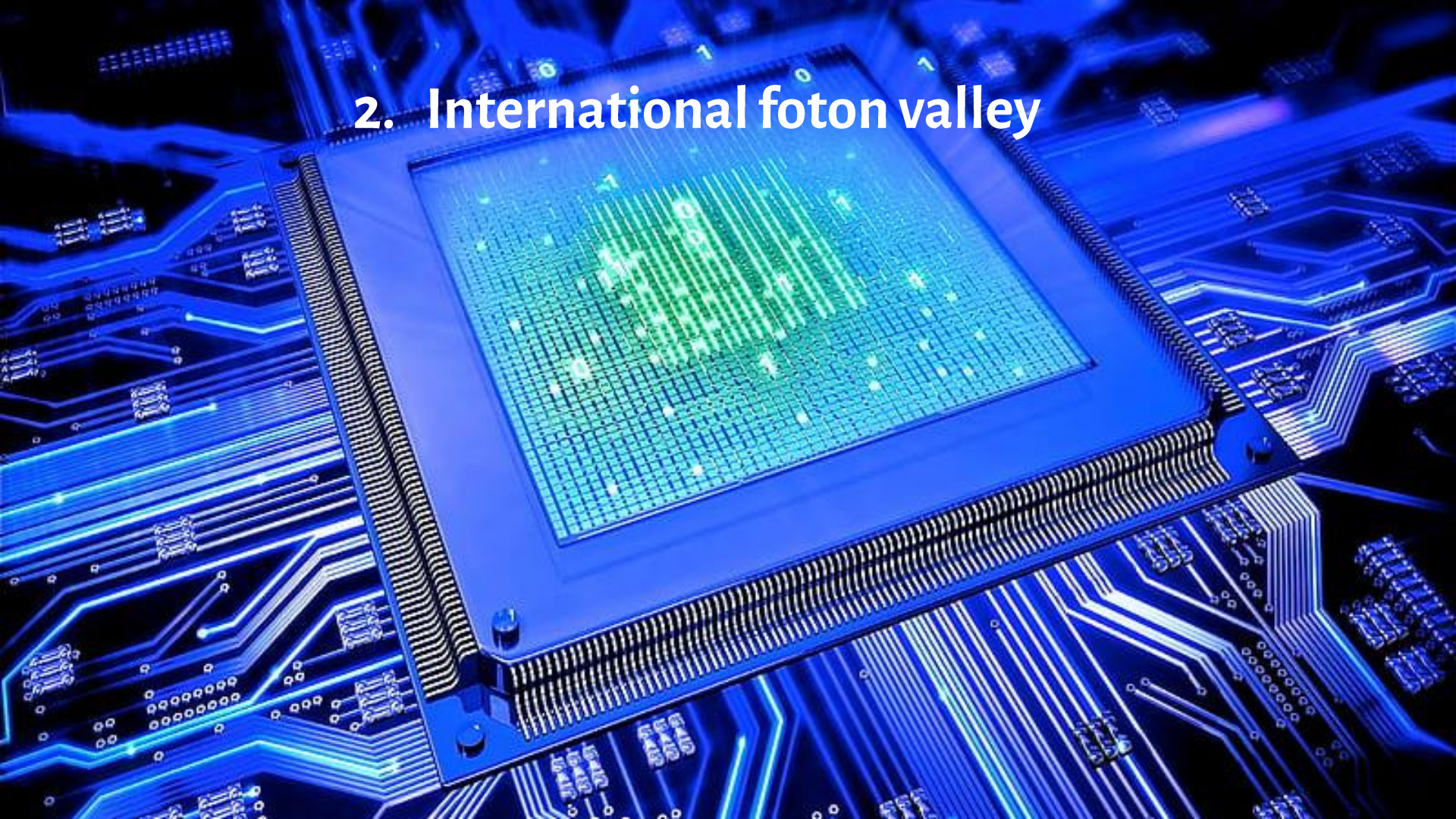


**Winning through acceleration of innovation,
scale and focused long term investments**

1. Recyclage van kritieke grondstoffen



2. International foton valley

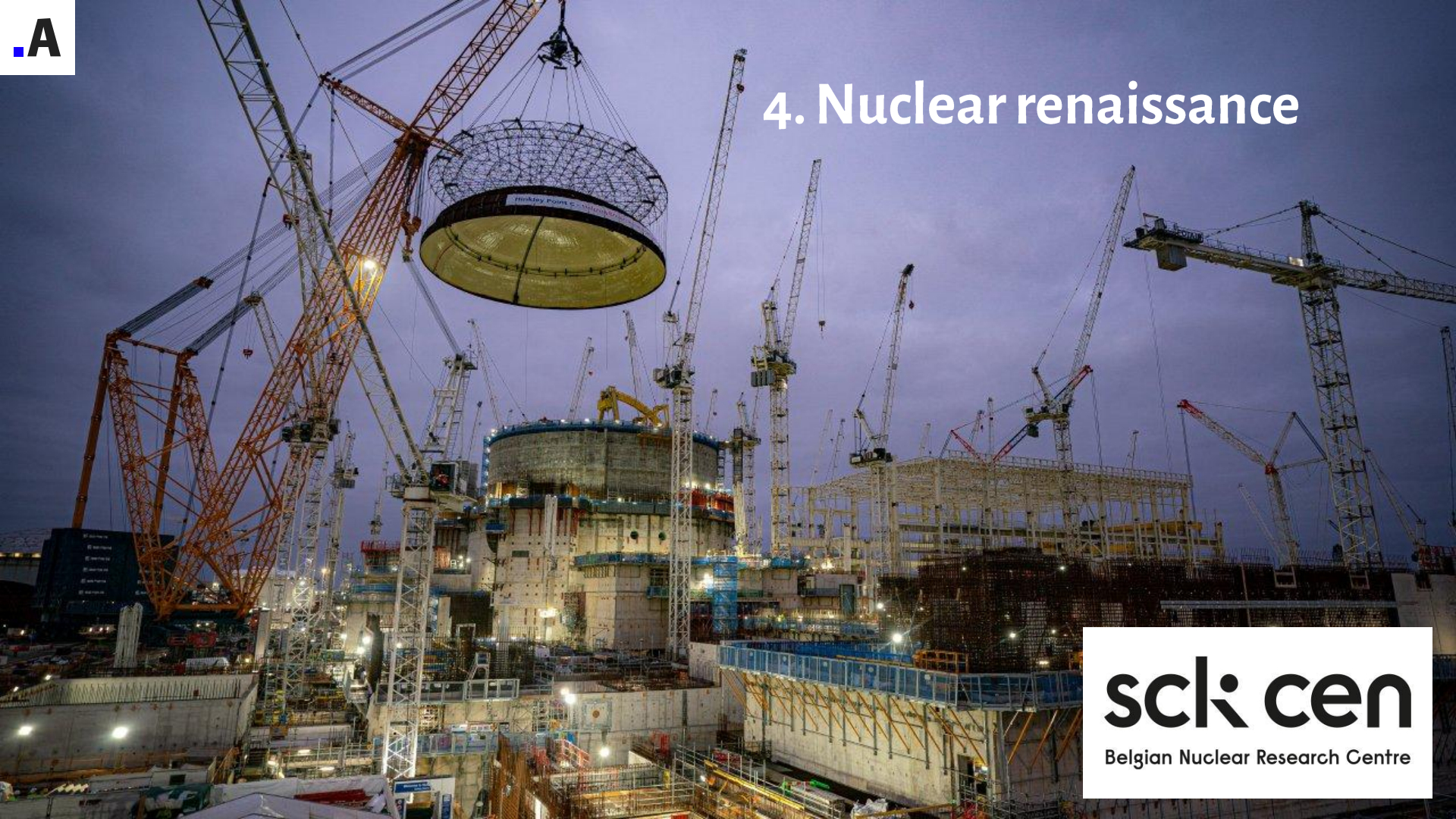


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3. Defense technology



4. Nuclear renaissance



Statement of Commitment by Industry Federations and SOC's

- Accelerate the translation of research into industrial impact
- Align research agendas with industry needs
- Enable scalable collaboration and strengthen strategic position on the European level



Tijdens het negende Industrieforum bij technisch textielbedrijf Sioen in Ardoorie ndertekenen de vier Vlaamse industriefederaties samen met de CEO's van de vier Strategische Onderzoekscentra (SOC's) een engagementsverklaring om de samenwerking tussen de industrie en de vier SOC's te versterken. © CamerAmuze

Vlaamse industrie en onderzoekscentra slaan handen in elkaar om kennis sneller naar bedrijven te brengen

De vier Vlaamse industriefederaties en de vier Strategische Onderzoekscentra (SOC's) willen nauwer samenwerken om wetenschappelijke kennis en onderzoek sneller en efficiënter te vertalen naar concrete industriële toepassingen. Tijdens het negende Industrieforum bij het technisch textielbedrijf Sioen Industries in Ardoorie, en in aanwezigheid van minister-president Matthias Diemendaele, werd daaromtrent een engagementsverklaring





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