

Structural embedding of science shops in a governmental science communication policy

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In general, universities have three responsibilities related to governmental funding: research, education and societal services. Within the latter part of the mission, the Flemish government coupled the funding of a network of science shops to the realization of various other objectives related to science in society actions and to science communication. These other objectives include contributions to the realization of the Lisbon objectives, raising interest for technology in education, and enhanced science communication. The core of the initiative is a Flemish network of science shops configured in a central-regional (CR) structure.

Nowadays, Science Shops are one of the core actions in communicating science to the community. This thanks to the structural funding and embedding of science shops in the governmental science communication policy.

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