

# CIGS in Europe

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# Phase 1

- Comparative study on the identity, role and position of CIGS in Flanders, France and the Netherlands
- Carried out by team from Radboud University, with dr. Sara Kinsbergen as principal investigator
- Conducted in close cooperation and with the support of multiple civil society and government actors from Flanders (11.11.11/4de Pijlersteunpunt, the province of East Flanders and the province of West Flanders), France (La Guilde) and the Netherlands (Wilde Ganzen foundation)
- Thank you!

# Findings phase 1

- A **common identity**, but also **significant cross-country differences**
- Not only across countries, but also between other groups of CIGS, for example between CIGS with a **diaspora** background and non-diaspora CIGS and between **CIGS with younger members** and CIGS with older members.

# Findings phase 1

Flemish and French contexts are more receptive to CIGS compared to the Dutch context (both in terms of support for CIGS and in terms of legal requirements). Government policy and rules and regulations influence identity, role and position of CIGS:

- more **formal nature** of Dutch CIGS
- the decrease of **newly established CIGS** in the Netherlands
- strong **presence** of Flemish and French CIGS **in public sphere**
- more detached **position** of CIGS in the Dutch context, compared to their counterparts in France and Flanders.

# Highlights findings phase 1

Valuable insights for future oriented policy making:

- The strong focus in the Netherlands in the past on professionalisation, in the end pushed part of the CIGS away from support organisation. Is the current Dutch situation the foreland of France and Flanders, where currently similar pushes can be noted?
- And is the current policy and belonging support system in France and Flanders an inspiration of how things could look like for policy makers in the Netherlands?

## PHASE 2

# Way forward: phase 2

- Preparations for the second (and final) phase of this project have started (Nov 2022 – Nov 2023).
- Zooms in on the (different) role and position of CIGS in the Global South. Focus on sustainability of development interventions, by investigating the type of interventions they undertake and how they interact with other stakeholders in the South.
- Main underlying assumption is that the (different) identity and role of CIGS in the Global North as identified in the first phase of the study affects their role in the Global South.
- Case study approach
- Designed and conducted in cooperation with co-funding organisations (e.g., CISU and La Guilde). Organisations can express their interest to [sara.kinsbergen@ru.nl](mailto:sara.kinsbergen@ru.nl).