



Belgium – Flemish Community

VeLeWe – Vereniging van Leraars Wetenschappen
www.velewe.be



Vereniging voor onderwijs in de biologie, de milieuleer, en de gezondheideducatie
www.vob-ond.be

Schoolsystem

- Primary school:
 - Science (mostly biology) is integrated in “world orientation”
- Lower Secondary:
 - First year: biology and technological education are in the common core curriculum
 - Second year: biology, technological education and (physics) are in the common core
- Upper Secondary school: (General secondary education)
 - Second stage: 2 years: only two profiles with science (max. science lessons/week = 6)
 - Third stage: 2 years: science is in four profiles (max science lessons/week = 6)

National Role and Functions of your STA

- Promote the scientific, pedagogical and didactical communication between all partners in science education
- Support teachers in their jobs for teaching physics, chemistry and biology
- Promote the collaboration with other associations and teachers of other subjects
- Offer links to the teachers for information about science and didactical science

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- Ministry of the Flemish Community Department of Education
- Department for Educational Development (DVO)
- Flemish Education Council (VLOR)

Strong points

- Associations with together about 2000 members
- Conference during the month of November with workgroups, lectures, didactical market
- Four journals in one year and yearbook

Weak nesses

- Associations without official sponsoring
- Science Teachers are not an official members at the national level in educational decision making
- VeLeWe and VOB is totally reliant on volunteers' free time

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