



CFE Group completes new Flemish Government office building, paragon of circularity and sustainability.

"The Flemish Government is demonstrating the future of Brussels office buildings with the Marie-Elisabeth Belpaire building. We are at the brink of a large-scale renovation wave in our cities where existing offices are being upgraded with circular materials and smart technology. As CFE Group, we bring a unique combination of expertise needed to deliver this kind of project."

Raymund Trost, CFE Group CEO

--- Facts & figures ---

- Due to the **Zebra concept**, floors alternate between office, residential or other functions, allowing for life **seven days a week**.
- **70%** heating & cooling comes from heat pumps via **16 wells** on the site going **up to 80 metres deep**
- **600 indoor trees** and **2,300 potted plants** fed with **rain and drainage water**
- **40.000 m²** of raised floors with **Cradle to Cradle** certification
- **One digital 3D model** of the building managed all **25 subcontractors**
- **750 workers** were working daily on site



A rapidly growing portfolio of large-scale renovations

Marie-Elisabeth Belpaire is a new addition to the CFE Group's fast-growing portfolio of highly sustainable buildings. Other large-scale renovations with the CFE signature include **Gare Maritime, Seven, Ravenstein 36, Chancelier, Canal Centre Pompidou** and **Usquare** in Brussels, **Maritiem Huis** and **De Post Groenplaats** in Antwerp.

For these projects, CFE combines its expertise in **large-scale reuse of materials** (less waste) with its **smart Vmanager technology** to drastically reduce a building's energy consumption.

Why CFE bets on large-scale renovation

- **38%** of total CO2 emissions come from buildings, both from the construction phase (materials) and from use (heating)
- **60%** of offices in Belgium are older than 15 years and have never been renovated
- **75%** of offices have an EPC score C or lower and therefore very high energy consumption
- **95%** of Belgium's real estate stock must be renovated by 2050 to meet climate targets

Also large-scale timber construction

Besides renovation, CFE also specialises in large-scale and highly sustainable constructions with **bio-based materials** such as wood that emit drastically less CO2 than concrete. It recently delivered three timber-framed buildings that are among the largest in Benelux: **Wood Hub** in Auderghem, **Baarbeek** in Antwerp and **Wooden** in Luxembourg. In 2025, the group will start a new project with a wooden bearing structure, called **Kronos**, in Luxembourg that will house, among others, the new headquarters of KPMG.

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About CFE

CFE is a multidisciplinary group active in Belgium, Luxembourg and Poland in four core activities with a significant growth potential that shape tomorrow's world: real estate development, multitechnics, construction & renovation and sustainable investments. With a turnover of 1,200 million euros, more than 3,100 employees and long experience and expertise gathered since its foundation in 1880, the CFE group has the ambition to challenge the status quo and create positive change by providing a successful answer to environmental and societal challenges to ensure the well-being of future generations. The group realises this ambition by putting sustainability, innovation and respect for its employees at the heart of its strategy and by offering its clients total solutions.

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