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COVID-19 Crisis - Wallonia and Brussels have mobilised more than 190 research projects and business initiatives which use a new platform: WWW.COVID19-WB.be

Since the beginning of the health crisis, a great many business and scientific research projects were quickly set up in Wallonia and Brussels to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on health and society in general. A large number of experts from all fields of science have affiliated themselves with it.

Here in Wallonia and Brussels, on the initiative of Royal Academy of Medicine and the Royal Academy of Science, Letters and Fine Arts, supported by the universities, the **Fund for Scientific Research (FRS)** has been tasked with cataloguing this information and making it available online.

This has now been accomplished and a first version of this index was published on www.COVID19-WB.be on Wednesday 20 May 2020. The website currently has nearly 250 initiatives concerned with the fight against the pandemic and its consequences: scientific research (universities and FRS) is represented by more than 160 projects, business initiatives account for about another 30 projects, and there are about 50 expert references from various scientific fields.

The site was developed to be constantly improved over time: other projects may be regularly added to the current version.

The website represents a unique database demonstrating the value, dynamism and diversity of the scientific research (both fundamental and applied) and the businesses in Wallonia and Brussels. The website is available in English.

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