AWEX (WALLONIA FOREIGN TRADE AND INVESTMENT AGENCY)

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The Wallonia Export-Investment Agency (AWEX) is the Wallonia Region of Belgium's government agency in charge of foreign trade promotion and foreign investment attraction. The agency has a worldwide network of 109 Economic Commercial Advisors.

AWEX has been ISO 9001 certified since April 2002.

As a foreign trade agency, AWEX carries out a mission of promotion and information for the benefit of both Wallonia and the foreign business community.

Upon request, AWEX assists buyers, decision-makers, importers and foreign prospects by:

- Providing economic data on Wallonia and its export potential
- Disseminating information on products and services from companies located in Wallonia
- Identifying companies in Wallonia for international partnerships
- · Distributing lists of exporters from Wallonia

As an export partner for Wallonia-based companies, AWEX offers a wide range of export-oriented services and activities:

- General and commercial information on foreign
 markets
- Market studies tailored to specific areas upon request

- Organization and planning of marketing activities (international trade shows, economic missions, sector-based contact days...]
- Establishing contacts with international organizations
- Promoting Wallonia's export potential abroad
- Financial support and export financing
- Training in international careers

As a **foreign investment agency**, AWEX has an overall responsibility for the attraction of foreign investment in Wallonia. This includes seeking out and providing information to potential foreign investors. The agency also offers a pro-active follow-up service to investors already established in Wallonia. In addition, it is in charge of identifying new foreign investors for the acquisition of industrial sites under restructuring process.

