



Press Release

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Start it @KBC temporary moving to the 'Tolhuis' in Antwerp

KBC announced on 8 February that the KBC Tower in Antwerp would undergo a substantial renovation over the next two years in order to render it future-proof and also remove the concealed remnants of asbestos from the past that have been found in the building. Consequently, the building will be gradually and totally cleared in the months ahead.

Today, it can provide more information on re-housing the start-up businesses that, via Start it @KBC, have been accommodated at no charge on various floors of the KBC Tower for a number of years.

Antwerp city council and to KBC reached agreement to accommodate these 'Start it' businesses during the renovation in the 'Tolhuis', a site where the city of Antwerp is developing 'The Beacon', a business and innovation hub with offices for reference companies and start-up businesses in the Internet of Things.

The move is to take place before the end of June.

Starting this summer (no later than 1 July) and during the (entire) duration of the works, staff and 'residents' will be moved either to other KBC buildings or to premises elsewhere in the city that KBC will rent while the works are in progress. KBC had announced on <u>28 March</u> where most of its employees would be re-located.

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