



Turbulent

A revolution for hydropower.

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Why did you found your startup in Belgium?

I'm Belgian, but I've lived all over the world. When I started my company, I didn't have a paycheck so I couldn't keep my Chinese wife in the country. I decided to move abroad, and discovered vivid and rewarding startup spaces in Latin America, Asia & Australia. I've returned for the moment because my co-founder missed his family, but I'm not sure for how long.

I think the Belgian government does a great job supporting innovation, but could do more to support starting entrepreneurs. I'm also missing a more open culture where you can talk business and get feedback from all kinds of business owners.



Nationalities

- **Co-founders:**
Belgian.
- **Team members:**
Belgian, Indian, Venezuelan,
Chilean, Italian.

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How have you experienced working with an international startup team?

International teams enrich your life. Foreign colleagues bring in new motivation, resourcefulness and talent. It can be hard to jump through all the bureaucratic hoops to get foreign talent settled in Belgium.

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For example we are still waiting for a Venezuelan colleague to join us due to issues legalizing his diploma. But we have learned so much from the different cultures in our team. We practice all the languages and share all the jokes and songs.

Why did you join Start it @KBC?

Start it @KBC is the pinnacle of the startup scene in Belgium. It's a space where the boundaries between people vanish and true startup spirit lives.

I still miss the space and my group of people in the Boerentoren in Antwerp. It was a great time and I was inspired every day. When I left my office at Start it @KBC, I immediately missed this daily dose of inspiration and motivation.

