## Reopening of the Honorary Consulate of Belgium in Krakow

After years of inactivity, the Honorary Consulate of Belgium in Krakow will reopen its doors under the supervision of M. Philippe De Brouwer, new honorary Consul.

The consulate will be based at Valians' offices in Cracow and will have many aspects to support Belgian citizens and businesses.

" First there is the formal aspect as being a **point of contact for Belgians travelling** in the area. This includes things like for example helping when someone lost his/her documents and needs to travel back. The second aspect is to be the local contact person for the Belgian embassy and keep **contact with local authorities**. Finally, the third aspect is that it is a **door-opener to forge communities, bring people together, support trade and exchange of ideas and people.** 





As a long term ambition, the Honorary Consul will help platforms such as the Belgian Business Chamber, "Wallonie Acceuil" and "Vlaanderen in de Wereld" to get foot on the ground in Krakow so that after Warsaw we get an active community of people that meet, do charity, do business and make this place even more welcoming.

We choose to be located in Valians International offices for many reasons : The most important reason is probably the alignment of interest. **Part of my mission is welcoming companies in Cracow** which is not different for Valians. Valians is a flexible company and

has a can-do mentality. This is important because it makes our collaboration scalable, especially in the context of re-opening the consulate after years of inactivity. So, we don't know what to expect, what cases we will have, what the workload will be, what the needs for office, assistance, etc. will be. As a first example of our mutual support and appreciation, we plan together with Valians International to organize in autumn something like an "open Belgian Day" that should appeal both to business people but also to private individuals. For any requests the best way to reach me is the consular email honorary.consul@de-brouwer.com, in urgent matters you're welcome to call my mobile +48 790 715 002 and of course post can be send C/O Valians"

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