

Flemish Competence Cell (First cell embedded in VITO)



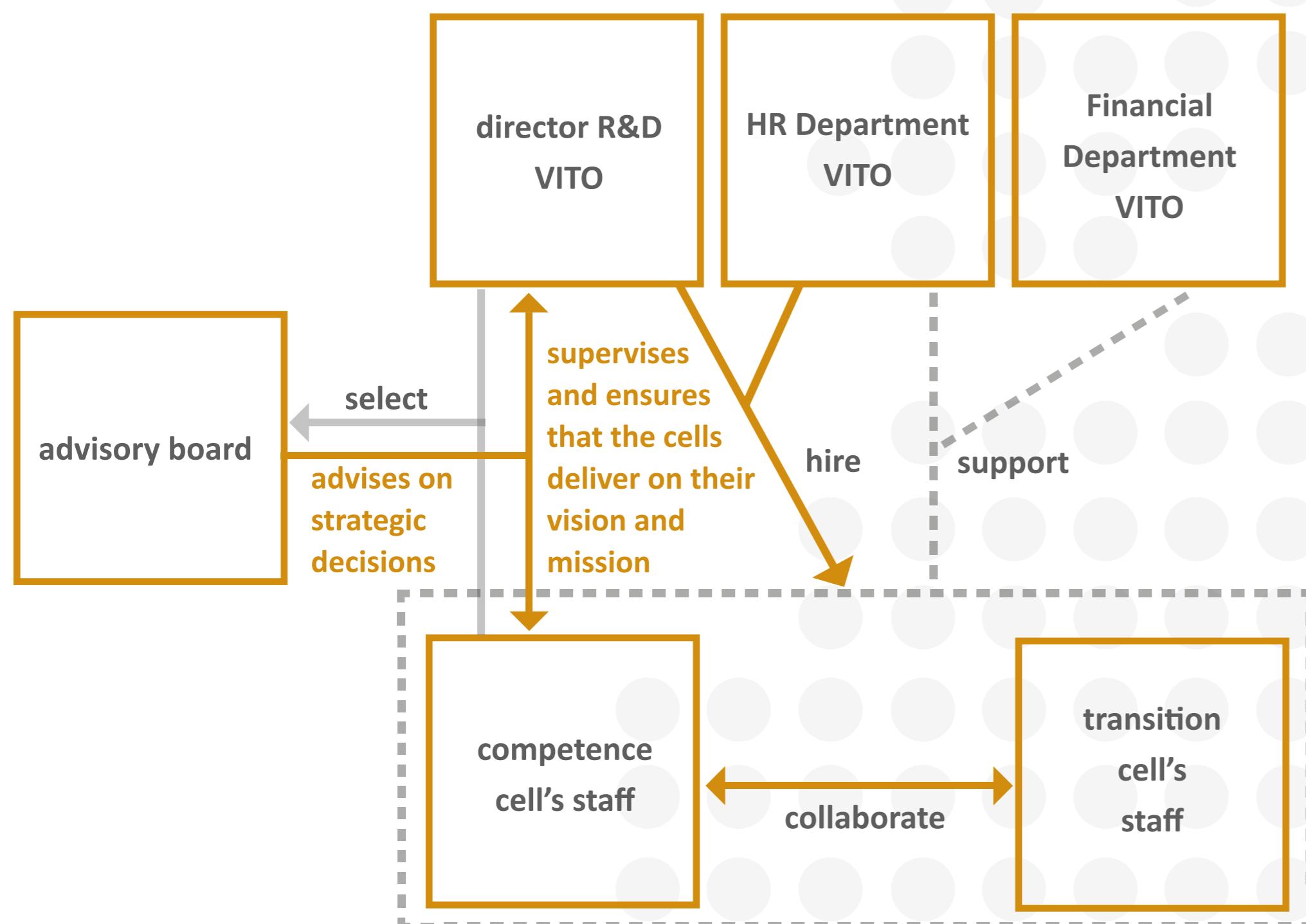
Mission and objectives:

- ◆ Develop support for RRI and to work on a shared vision on the realization of other cells in Flemish research institutes, as well as the establishment of the coordinating entity regulating these cells' interactions
- ◆ Organise transdisciplinary projects in which innovative governance practices are developed to co-design and execute RRI projects that are attuned to context-specific needs, and that connect and mobilise relevant societal actors

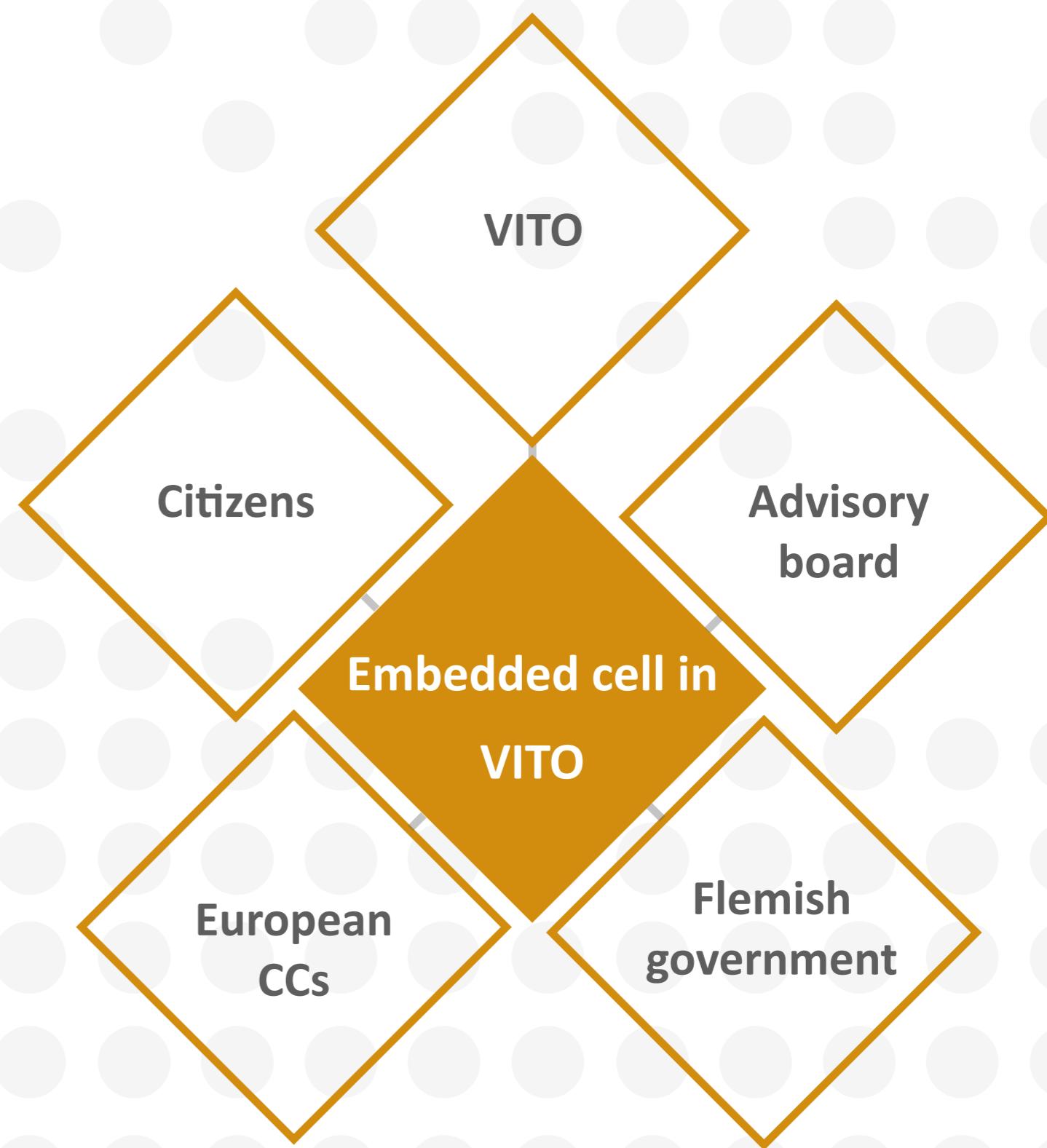
Our main activities:

- ◆ Working on a shared vision on co-RRI in Flanders
- ◆ Working on a shared vision on the establishment of the coordinating entity, its mission, and tasks
- ◆ Awareness raising and advocacy of co-RRI in Flanders
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Setting up co-RRI trajectories

Governance structure



Network of partners



Internal drivers:

The parameters that drove this structure are:

- ◆ Autonomy and transparency, in order to create openness about its position within the Flemish research and innovation landscape
- ◆ Possibilities to cooperate with VITO's transition cell
- ◆ The possibility to reflect about the approach and to respond on changes by means of, amongst others, an external advisory board

External drivers:

The outreach workshop's discussions made clear that research and innovation institutes in Flanders are more in favour of the establishment of co-RRI cells embedded in the institutes themselves, joined by a coordinating entity. The cell presented here is the first one established in Flanders.

Tips

Take the time to discuss the vision, the mission and the goals of the competence cell with all relevant stakeholders.

Pitfalls

No pitfall, having VITO has a back-up helped.

Competence cell's ID:

Location: Mol, Belgium

Action scope: Belgium and Europe

Legal Form: embedded within existing research institute
(VITO)

Starting date: 2018



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