

MPNs for critical infrastructure in Belgium

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Born and raised in B2B connectivity, we combine innovation, expertise, and talent into (mobile) connectivity solutions that will make both your business and society grow. 0G to 5G.



Challenging the Belgian status quo as National Operator

European leader in
Mobile Private Networks



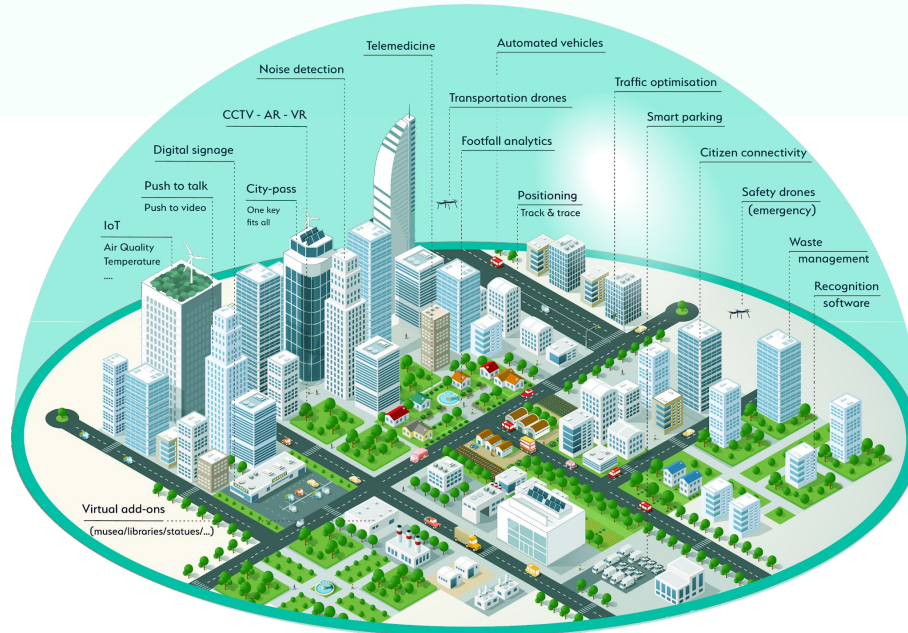
Operator of the BE & NL
0G IoT networks



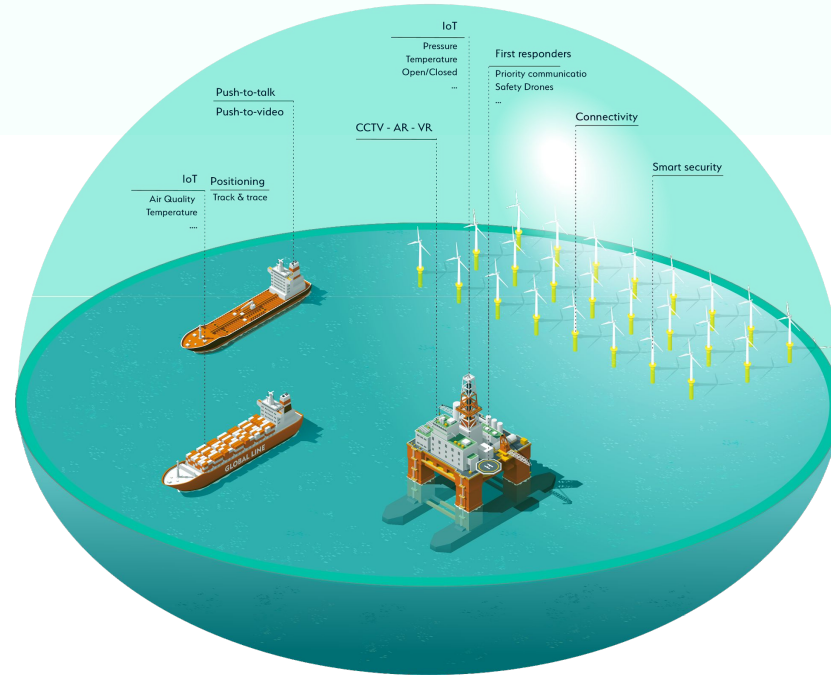
Unlocking opportunities with
Safety Drones



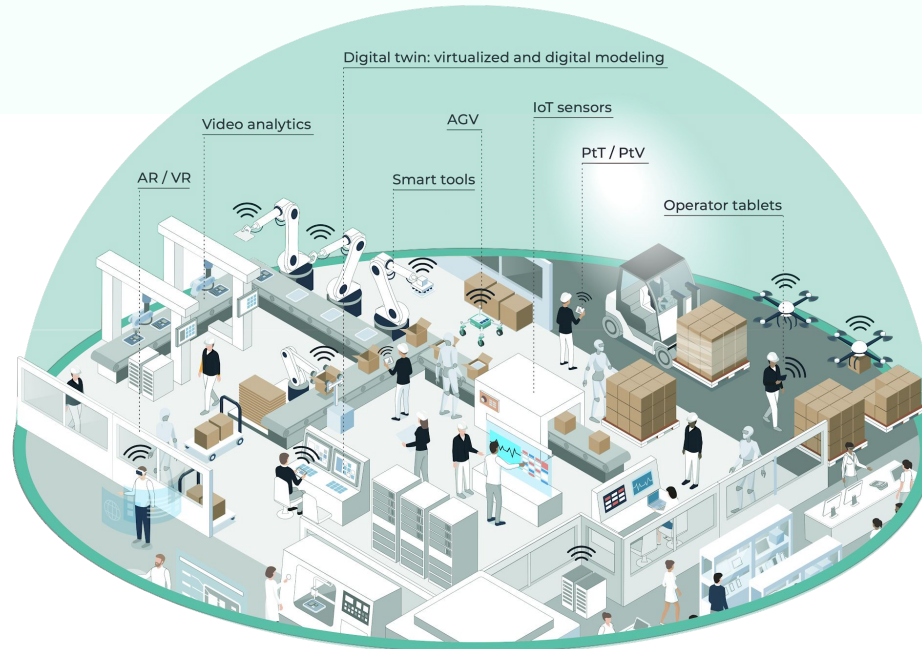
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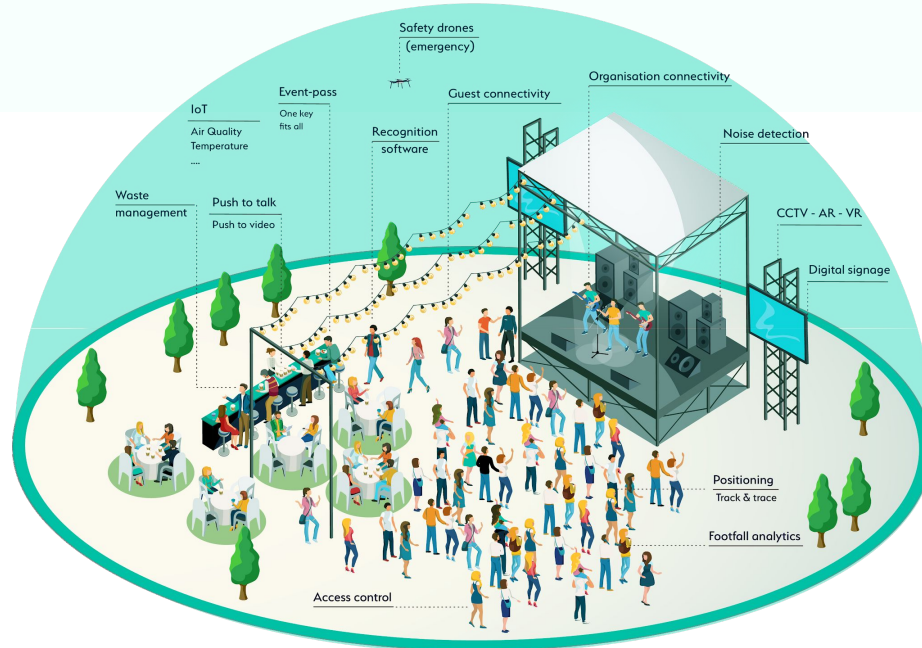
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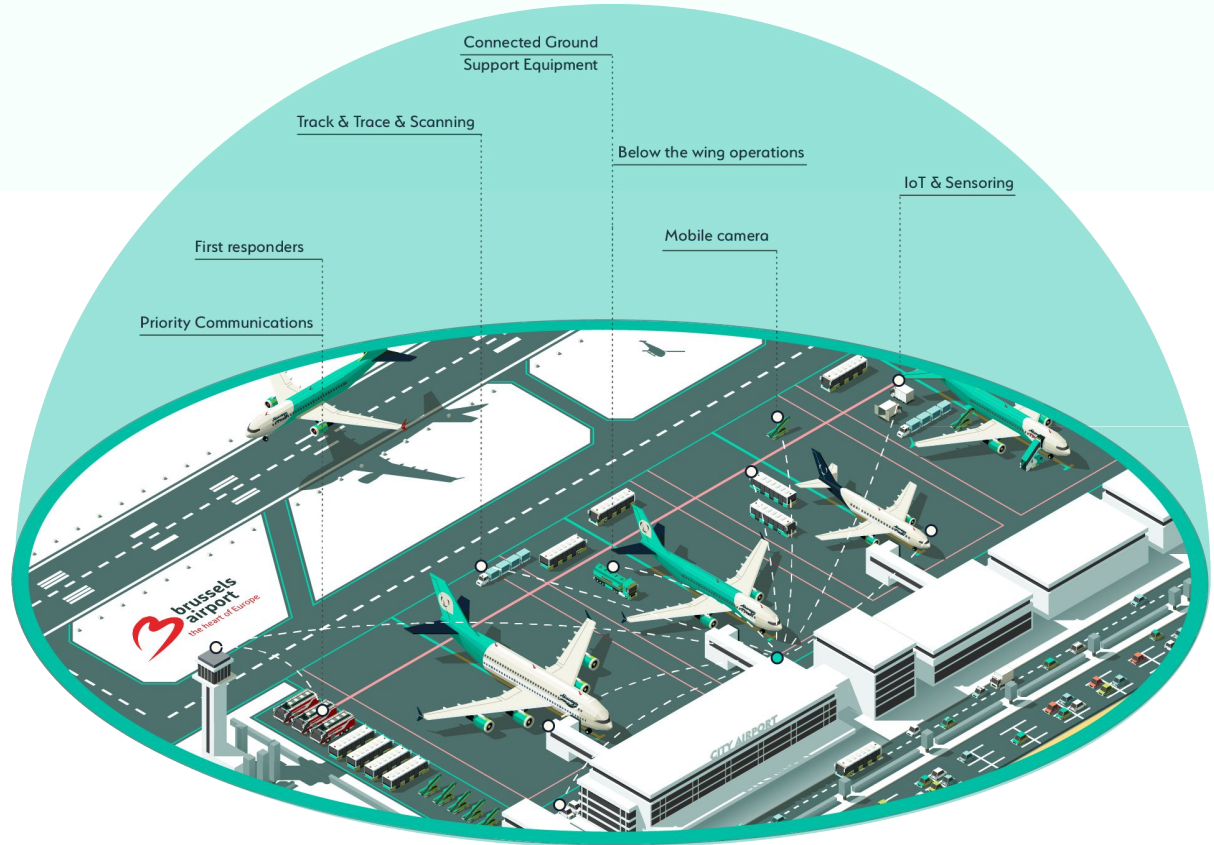
Entertainment



Brussels airport Use cases

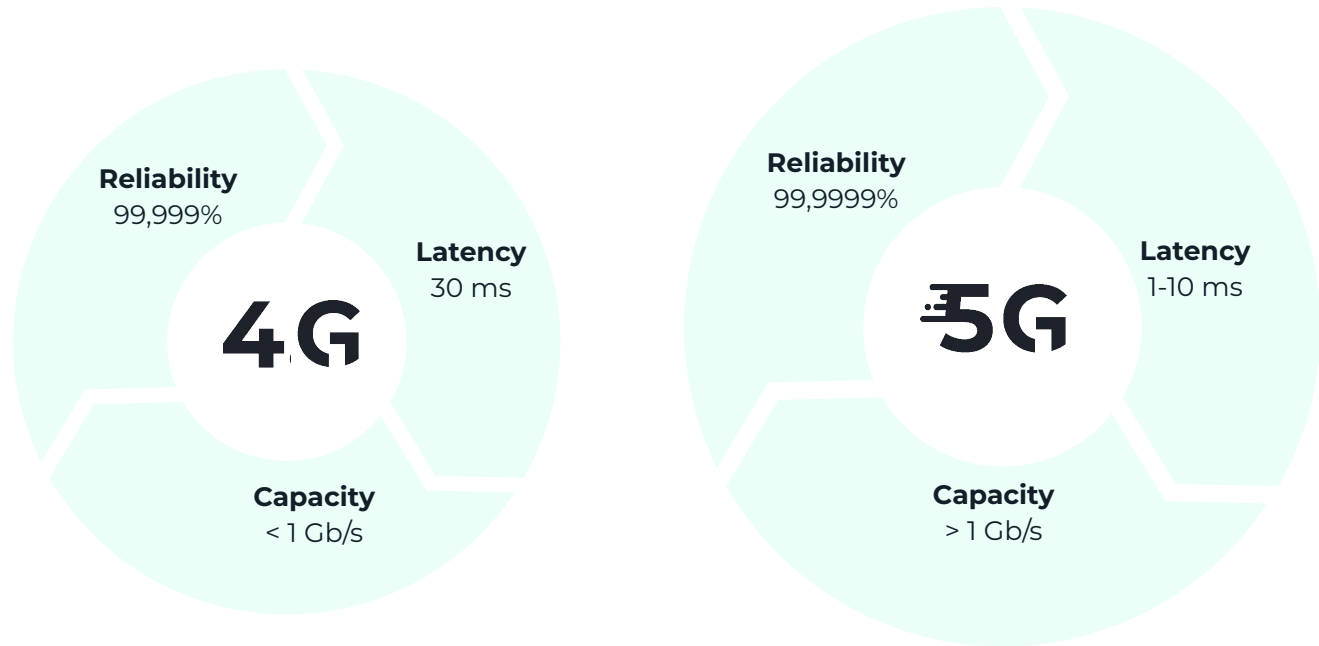
Together with Brussels Airport Company we defined 130 use cases for a Mobile Private Network at the airport.

5 mission critical
90 business critical
35 commercial



Private 4G networks support

95% of today's industrial and critical applications





We create chemistry

We defined 21 MPN use cases with BASF, of which 5 critical ones:

- Mission-Critical PTT
- Man-Down detection & response
- Location-based emergency warning system
- Remote control of emergency activities
- Traffic displays

Of the mission critical ones only 2 are truly enhanced by 5G, but cannot be deployed yet due to existing UE's

Of the total 21 uses cases only 4 rare truly enhanced by 5G



We defined 12 MPN use cases with Takeda, of which 3 critical ones:

- Autonomous indoor positioning with collision detection
- Remote control of AGV's
- Mission-Critical PTT

Of the mission critical ones all are truly enhanced by 5G, but the relevant 5G features are not yet available or reliable.

Of the total 12 uses cases only 3 are truly enhanced by 5G



Creating the airfield of the future

By integrating a modem in all airside light fixtures we can

- Create a digital twin of the air strip
- Get real-time sensor readings

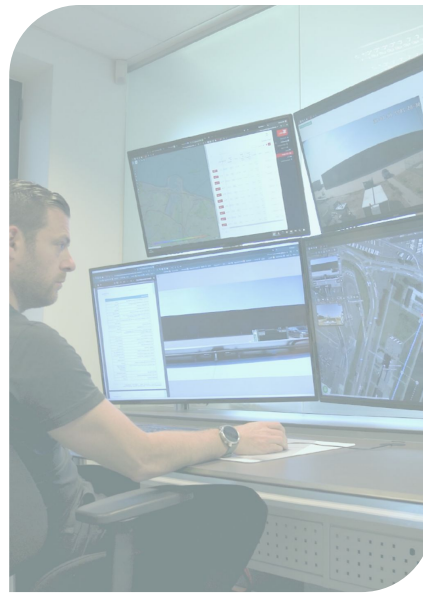
All phase 1 project requirements can be fulfilled using 4G

In phase 2, when realtime control is introduced, 5G (URLLC) becomes a hard requirement

2005
2005
2006
2008
2009

SENSE

Deploying Safety Drones across all regions in Belgium



2 m. emergency calls

Per year in Belgium

40 pilots

Working from 5 remote control centers

70 Safety Drones

Deployed over 35 zones all over Belgium

+1000 flights

Were done during the POC phase from 2021 to 2023

Mission Critical MPN use cases

Key learnings



Mission-critical use cases often create the need for an MPN but don't drive the budget.

Mission-critical use cases are often a small subset of the relevant use cases for a client.



Often it makes more sense to start with 4G and define a clear path towards 5G.

UE availability, 3GPP feature availability, brownfield UE landscapes and network stability can complicate reliable mission-critical use case deployment



Mission-critical use cases can require reliable connectivity beyond a small geographical area.

The requirement for reliable communication can go beyond the private network area, and may require creative hybrid networking solutions.



Thank you



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