

Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

A KU Leuven spin-off founded in 1984 with Flemish-government backing, imec grew into a 6,600-employee, ~EUR 1.2bn-revenue nanoelectronics R&D; hub with 100+ spin-offs since 1986, and was Belgium's top European Patent Office filer for two straight years (2023-2024).

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	3/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

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Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

[imec \(independent non-profit, spun off from KU Leuven with Flemish government backing\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-08

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