KMO-portefeuille — Flanders' Training-and-Advice Subsidy for SMEs, Evaluated Then Discontinued

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Flemish demand-side subsidy that co-funded SME training and advice, used by about 55,000 SMEs a year. An external 2016–2022 evaluation found productivity gains only in firms under 20 FTE. The scheme is closing; no new applications since its budget ran out in October 2026.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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