

# The Belgian Experience

MDR Tuberculosis -- Steven Callens, Ghent University Hospital

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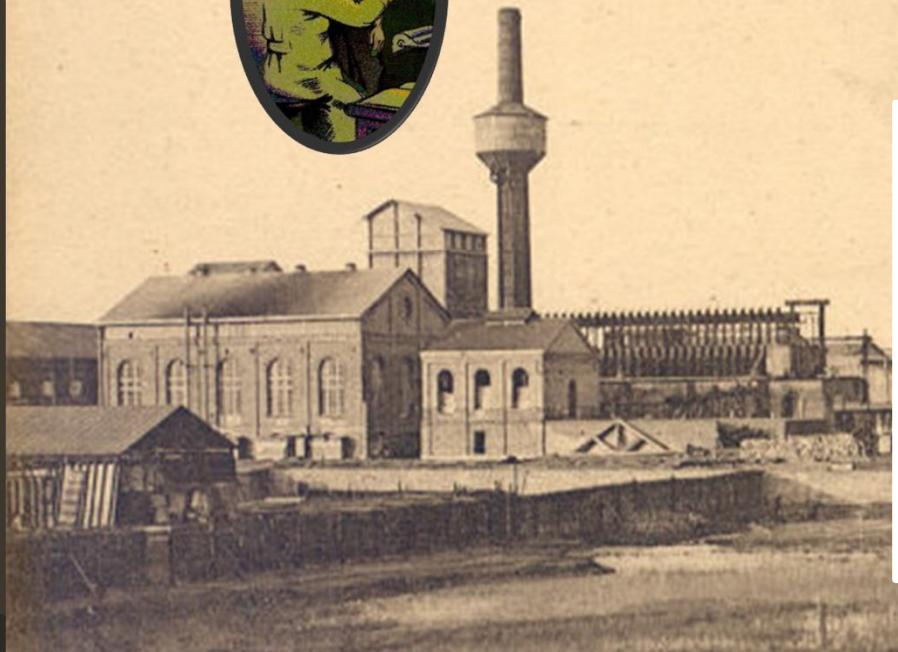
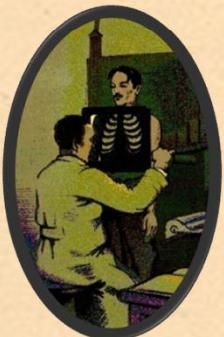
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HOBOKEN Ontzilverings Fabriek  
Usine de Désargentation

1897

Belgium:

16.394 deaths a year



"Indien het belang van een ziekte voor de mensheid gemeten wordt aan de hand van het aantal sterfgevallen als gevolg van de ziekte, dan moet tuberculose als een veel ernstiger besmettelijke ziekte beschouwd worden als de pest, cholera en dergelijke. Eén op de zeven mensen sterft aan tuberculose. Indien men alleen de productieve leeftijdsgroep in beschouwing neemt, voert tuberculose één derde van de mensen af, vaak zelfs meer." (R. Koch)

15. Institut Georges Born. **Wenduyne s/Mer**  
La façade principale.

Gesticht Georges Born  
De voorgevel



1929



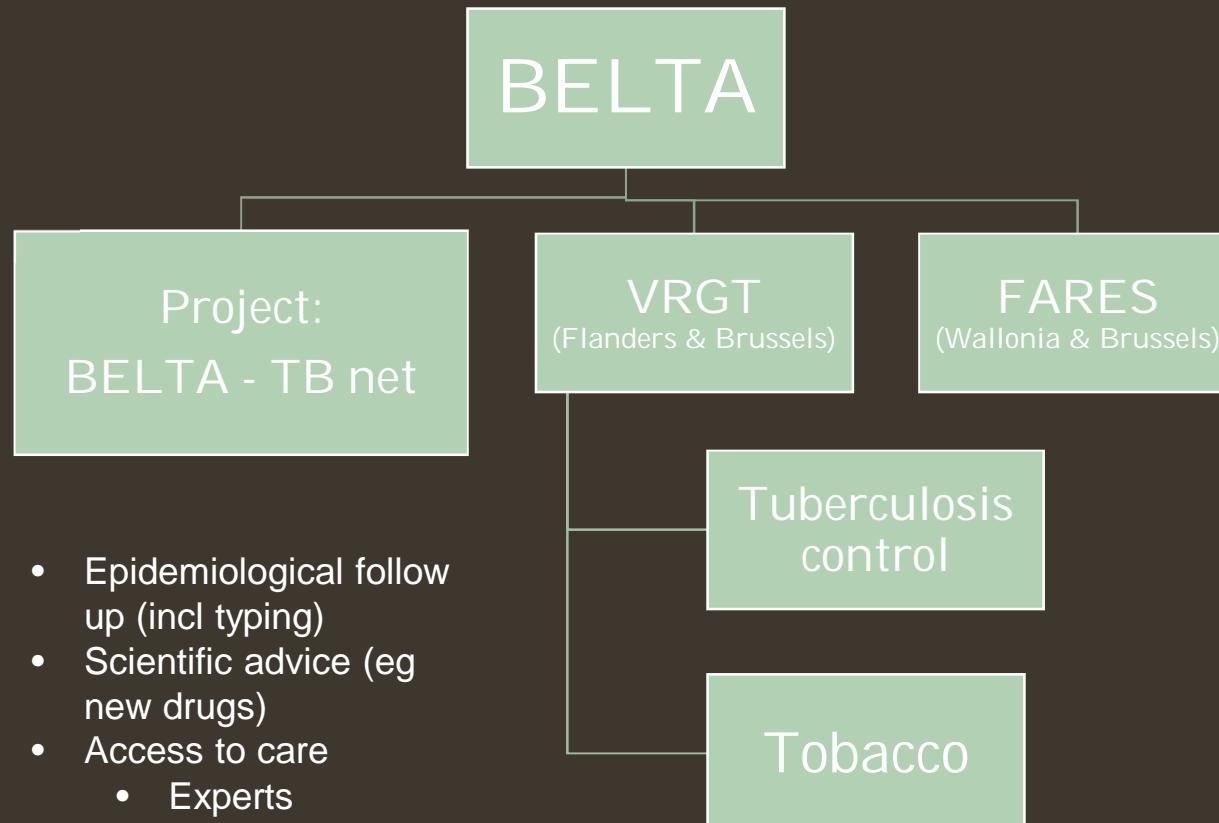
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300 deaths



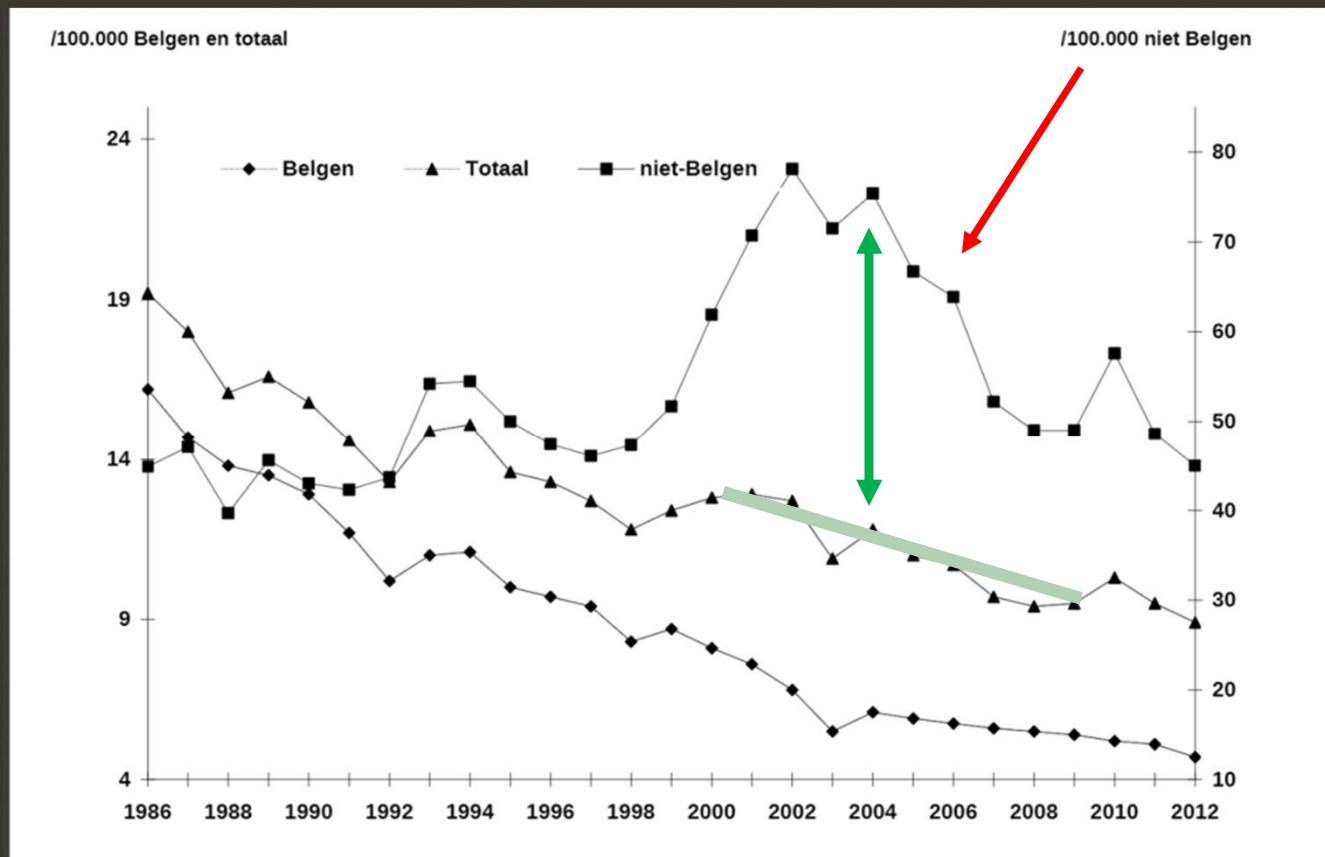
# Belgian Lung and Tuberculosis Association (Belta) = *Oeuvre National* = *Nationaal Werk*

2013

14 doden



# Incidence TB – Nationality: 1986 to 2012



# TBC et immigration

- Non-Belges
  - Belgique : 53,3% en 2012 - 18% en 1993
  - Villes : Bruxelles : 65,7 % ; Liège : 54,6 %
  - 91,3% pays à haute prévalence
  - Nationalité : Maroc /Roumanie/RDC ( ¼ cas)
- Demandeurs d'asile et illégaux
  - Belgique : 17,2% (BXL : 22,5% ; Liège : 18,2%)
- Primo-arrivants : risque TBC plus élevé
- Autre situation à risque = retour pays origine (jeunes enfants)



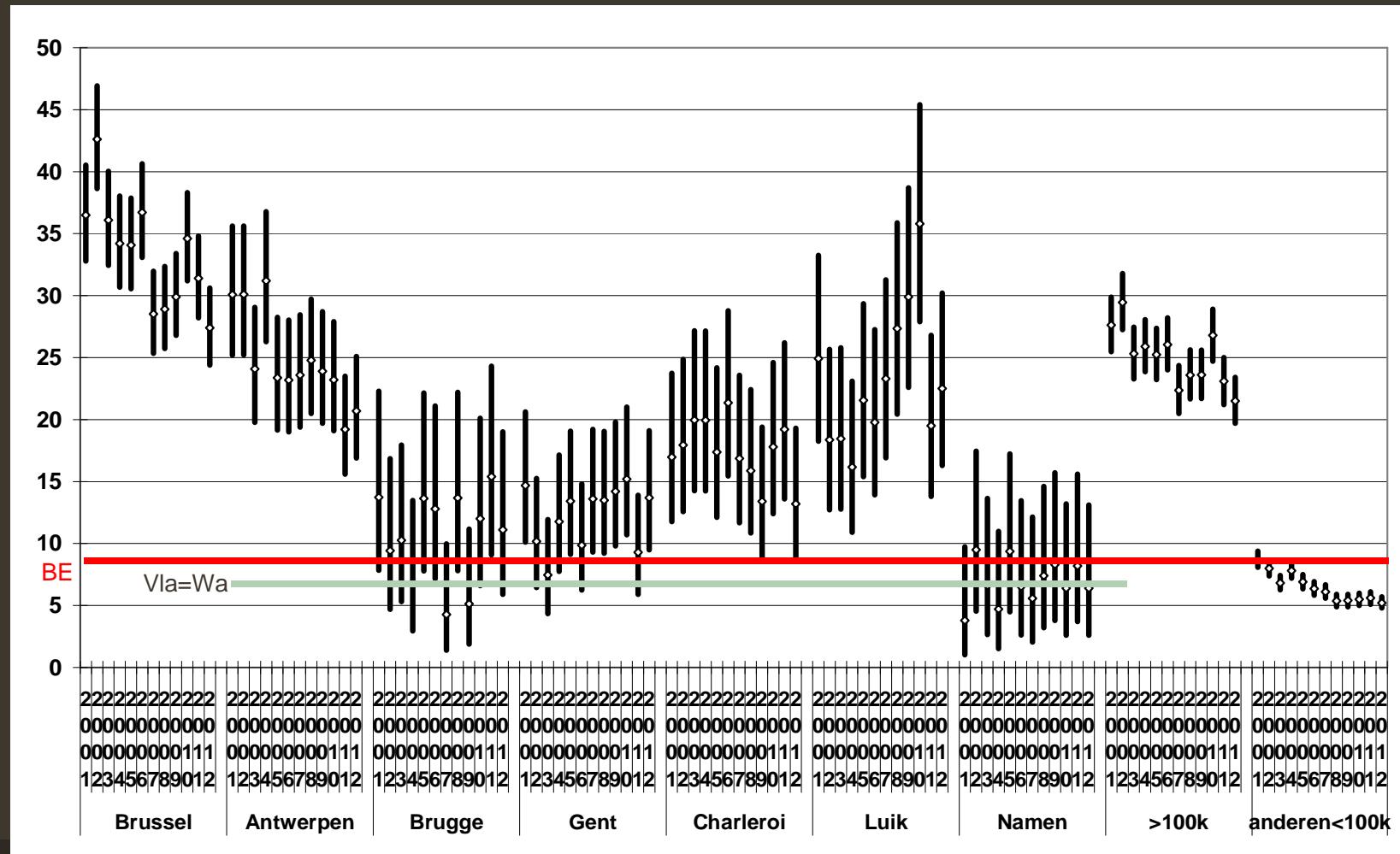
# People seeking asylum in Belgium

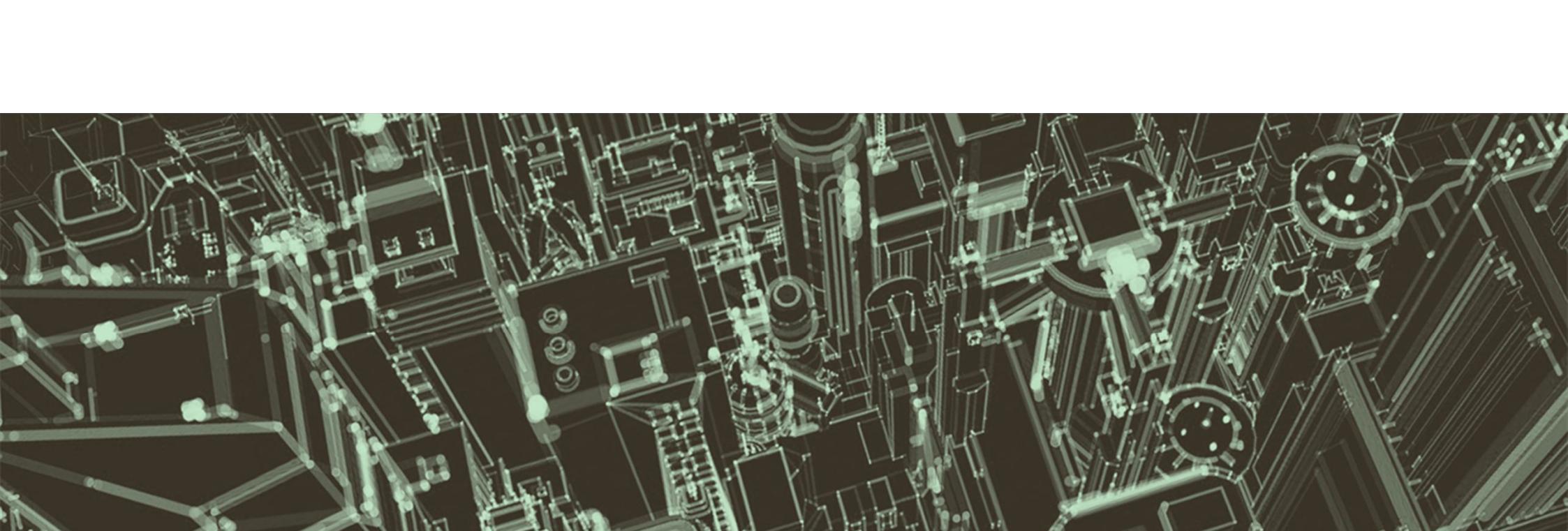
- **Entry screening (CXR)** at foreigners office, coverage 95 %  
2012:  
detection rate at foreigners office  
**160,7 /100 000**
- **Register:**
  - 50 % of notified cases are of non-Belgian nationality
  - So 50% among Belgians
- Of all cases:
  - 10,5 % asylum seeker
  - 6,7 % non-documented

Belgium  
8,9/100 000 (2012)

**82,8 % of all cases not  
among AS or non-doc's**

# TB = Big City Problem

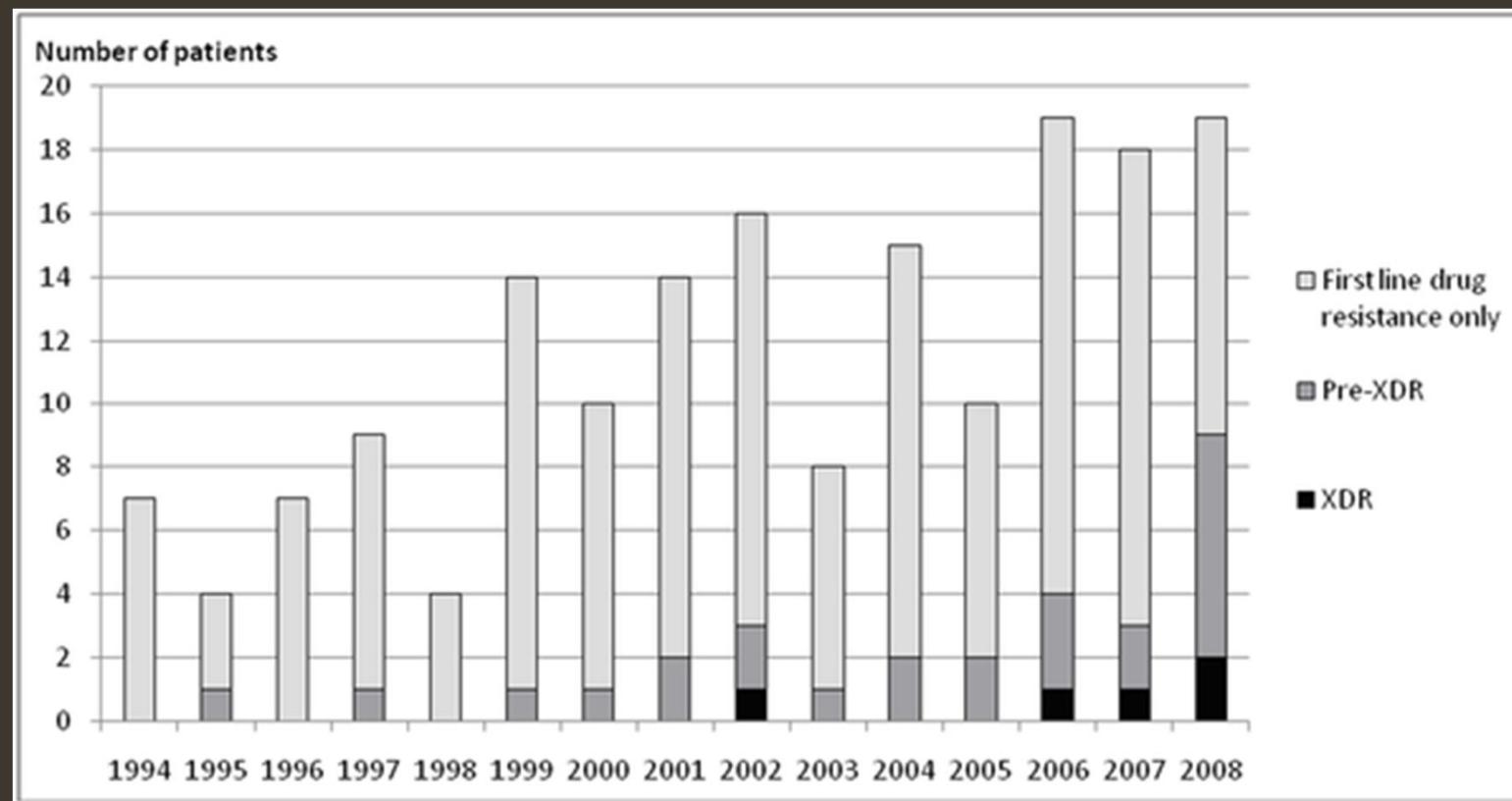




# Multi Drug Resistant Tuberculosis

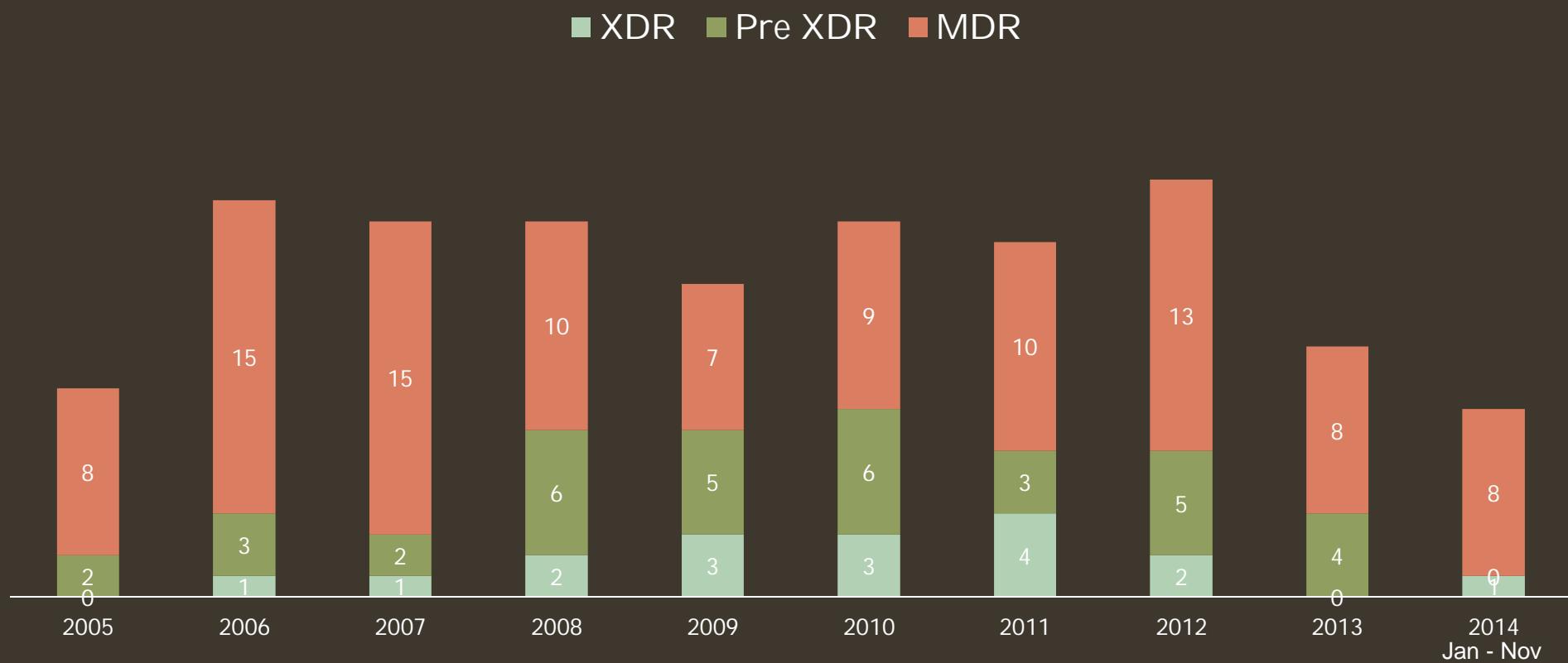


**Figure 1. Number of MDR with first-line drug resistance only, pre-XDR and XDR isolates in the study cohort.**



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# Resistentiepatroon - België

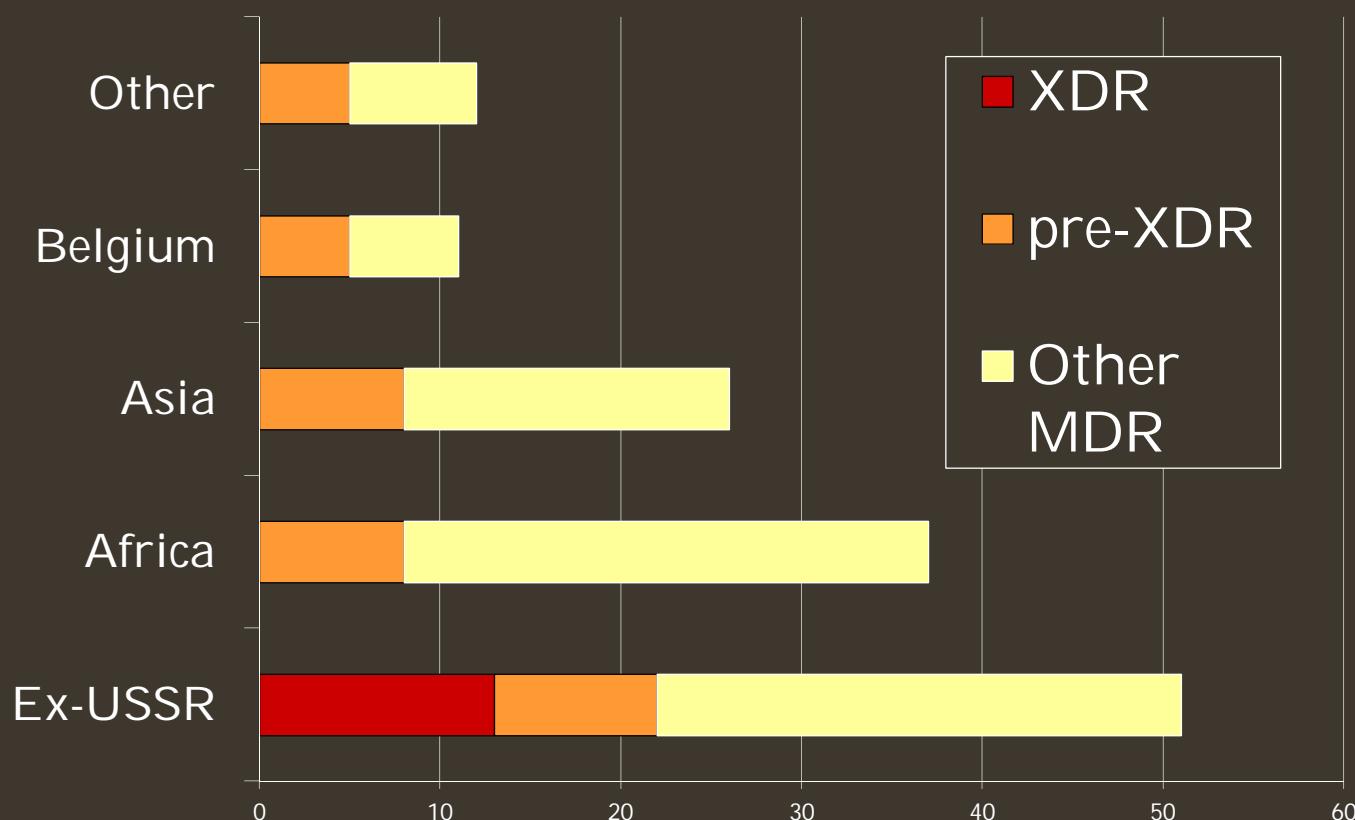


# DST results 2010

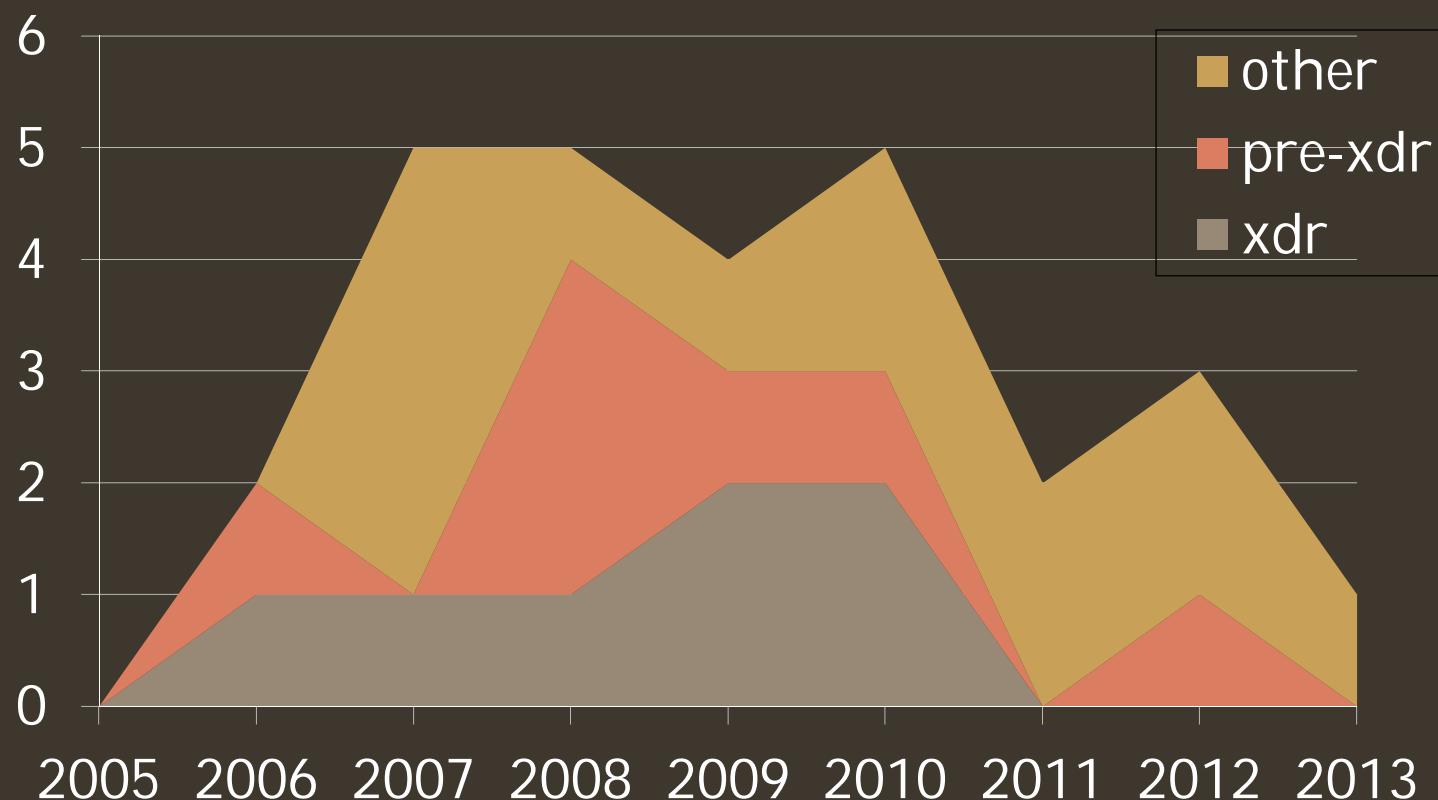
# DST results 2013

RMP	INH	EMB	PZA	RFB	AMK	CAP	OFL	MOX	PTA	PAS	LIN
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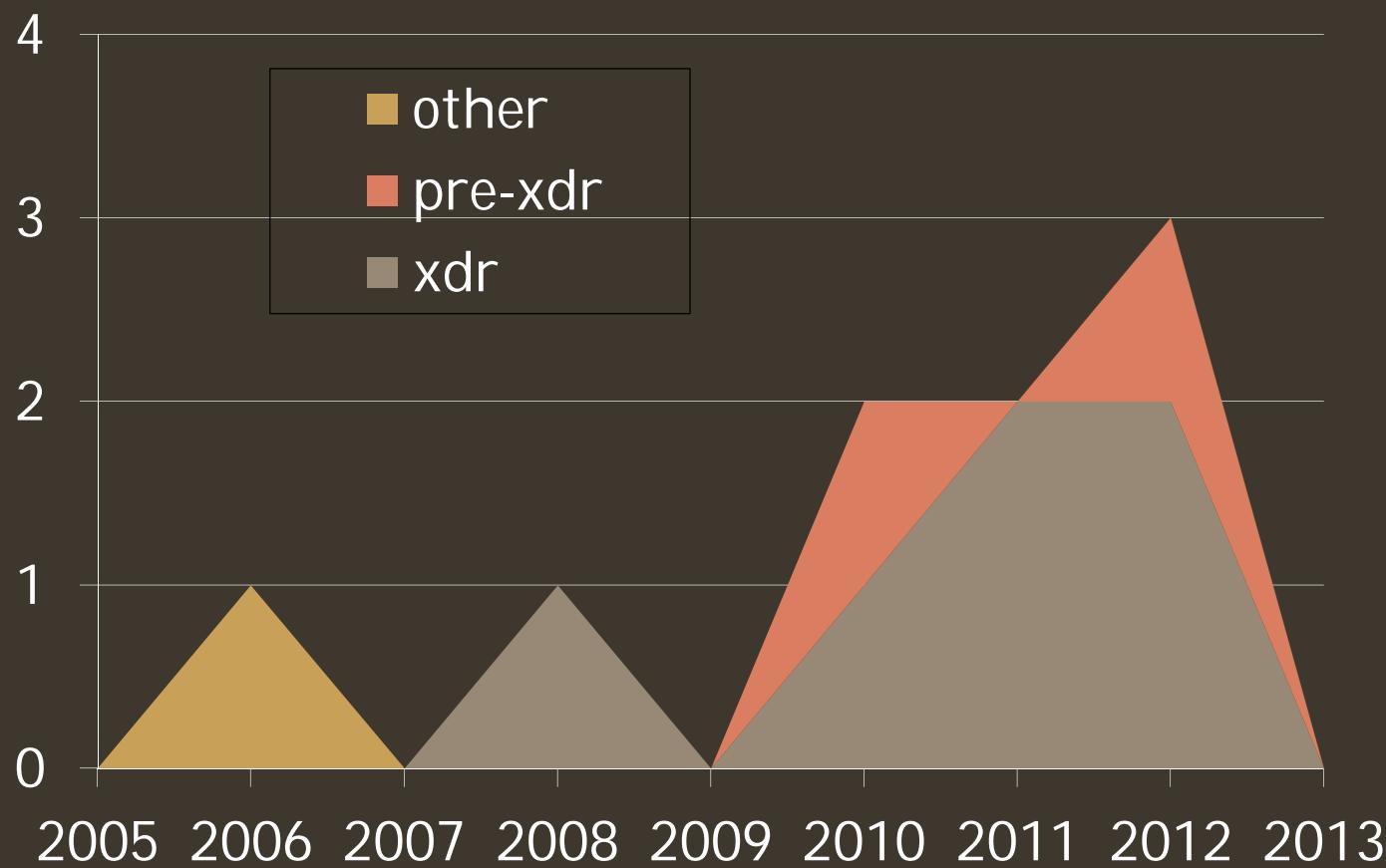
# Resistance pattern according to country of origin (absolute numbers)



# Evolution of resistance patterns in patients from Chechnya



# Evolution of resistance patterns in patients from Georgia



# 15 yr Treatment Experience : Saint Pierre - Brussels

- 84 episodes
  - Completion: 41 MDR-TB, 1 XDR-TB
  - Failed treatment: 3 MDR-TB, 2 XDR-TB
  - Lost To Follow up: 16 MDR-TB
  - Cure: None (but no sputum can be obtained)
- Treatment duration:
  - 406 days (288-589)
- Median time to sputum conversion
  - MDR-TB: 69 days (range 37-116)
  - XDR-TB: 97 days (range 85-188)
- Median hospitalisation time
  - MDR-TB: 105 days (61-149)
  - XDR-TB: 288 days (262-305)

# Treatment Outcome: 1.103 patients (All TB)

Resultaat	Aantal	Procent
Therapeutisch succes	754	68,4%
Sociale zekerheid geregulariseerd	125	11,3%
Verdwenen	109	9,9%
Overleden	22	2,0%
Stop behandeling wegens nevenwerkingen	5	0,5%
<u>Therapiefalen</u>	2	0,2%
Getransfereerd naar buitenland	45	4,1%
Stop behandeling wegens herziening initiële TB-diagnose	23	2,1%
Stop toediening tweedelijns-medicatie	18	1,6%

# Treatment Experience MDR-TB: Belta TB

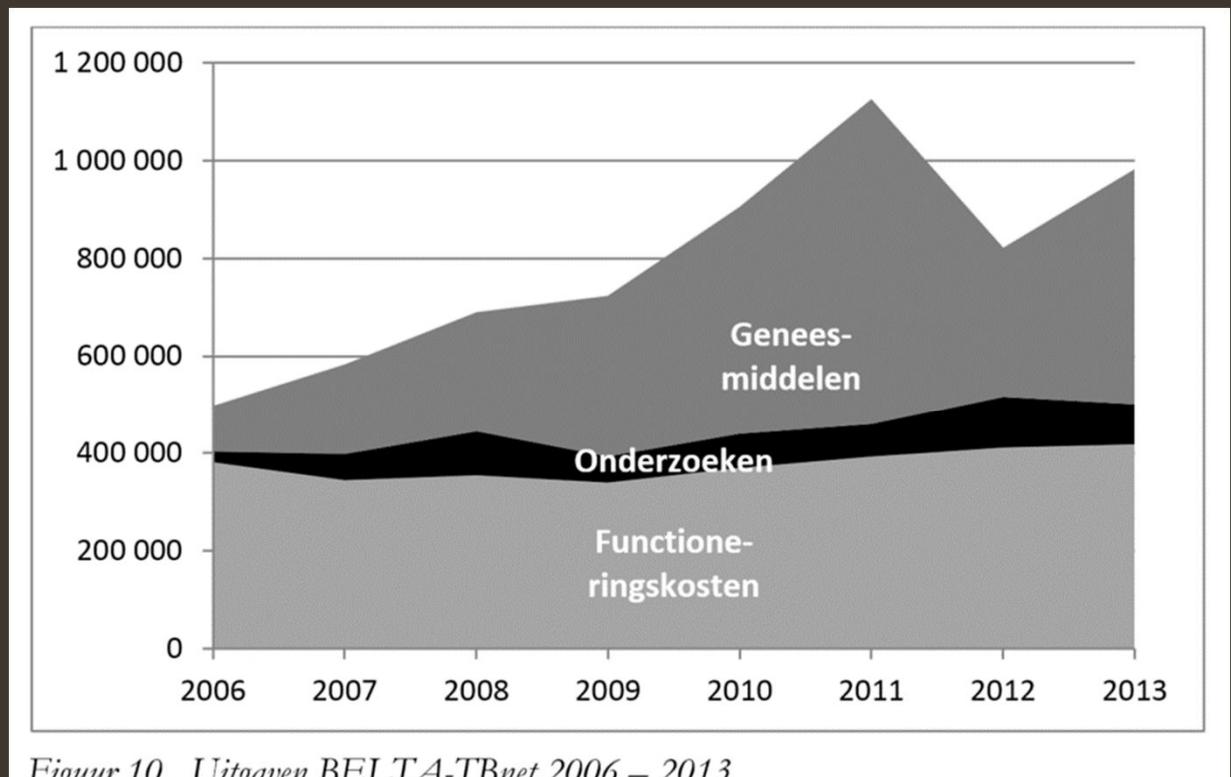
- Cohort MDR-TB 2004 -2011
  - Treatment duration 529 days
  - Cure rate: 67.8%
    - Before Belta TB net: 63.0%
    - **After Belta TB net: 75.8%**
  - Overall Belta TB: 68,4%
  - Europe: 53.6% (2010)

Type patiënt (duur van de behandeling)	Kostprijs (in €) van de geneesmiddelen* voor de totale duur van de behandeling			Meerprijs (in 2013) ten opzichte van de multisensibele behandeling
	2011	2012	2013	
Multisensibel (6 maanden)	366	368	368	
Ongecompliceerde MDR (18 maanden)	14.542	14.307	13.826	±38 maal duurder
Pre- XDR (24 maanden)	41.422	41.229	32.027	±87 maal duurder
XDR (24 maanden)	105.502	67.067	62.967	±171 maal duurder

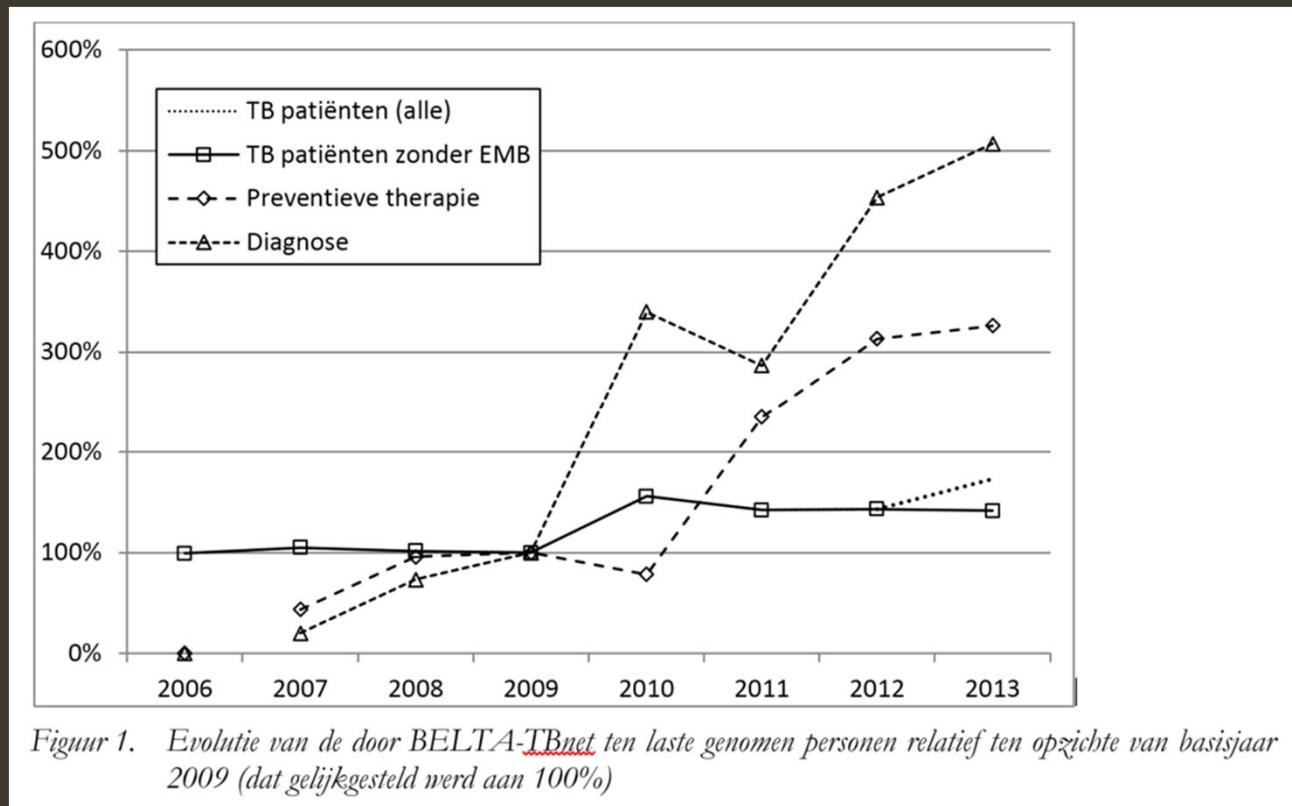
\* Hospitalisatiekosten, daghospitalisatie, thuisverpleging, niet-TB-medicatie, raadplegingen en opvolgonderzoeken niet meegerekend

# Expenses Belta TB Net

- Cost of drugs is not rising as much as number of cases
  - More efficient use of drugs?



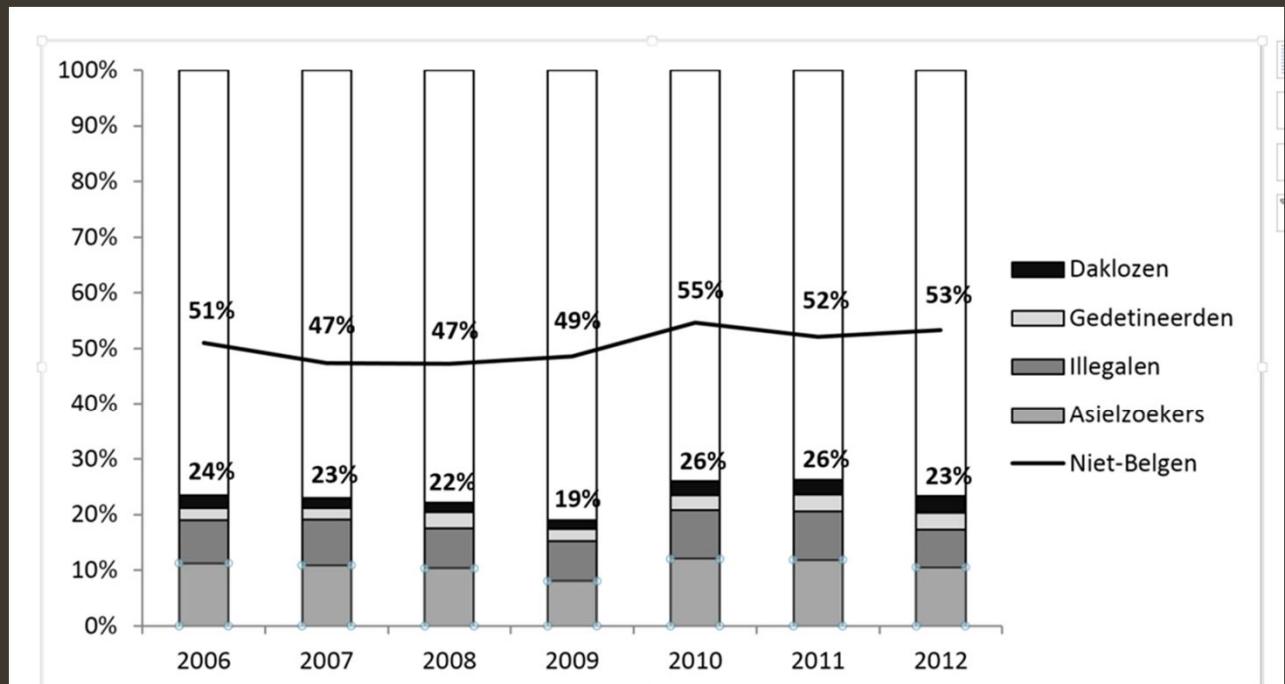
# Interventions Belta TB net



- BeltaTB is better known
- Increasing assistance for
  - Diagnosis
  - Preventive therapie
- Belta TB net ensures access in case of stockout

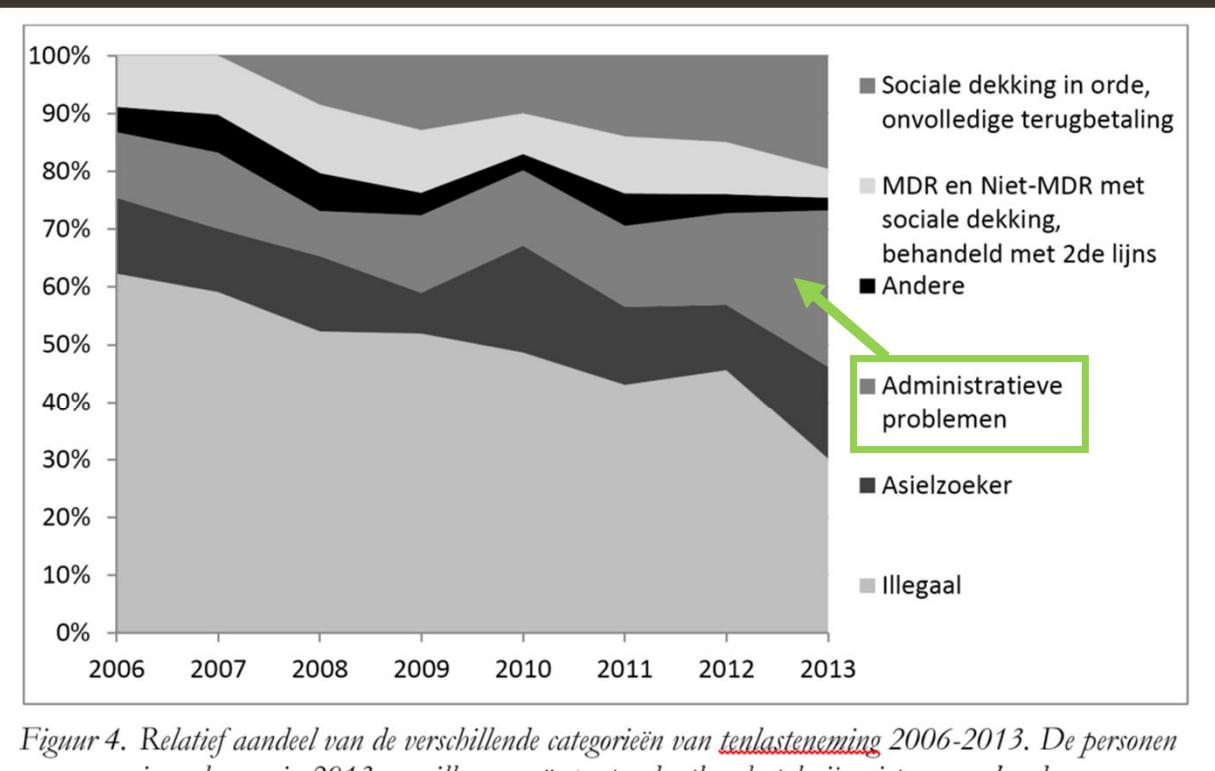
# Where does the money go?

- Half of recipients are foreign nationals
- But only 24% belongs to risk population



Figuur 3. Evolutie van het relatief aandeel van asielzoekers, illegalen, gedetineerden, daklozen en niet-Belgen binnen het totaal aantal TB-patiënten in België 2006-2012.

# Who gets the money?



- Increasing number of cases need financial assistance
- More administrative problems

# Conclusion

- Dedicated National Organisation & Group of Experts
- Wide access to treatment
- Problem seems stable in numbers
  - As more access is available in country of origin
  - Vigilance is needed
- High cost of treatment
  - Clinical approach → rational
  - Public health response → essential

The infographic features a top row of six icons with corresponding text labels: 'IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM' (hand with a stethoscope), 'STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEM RESPONSE' (stethoscope), 'WORK IN PARTNERSHIP' (two hands shaking), 'DEVELOP NEW TOOLS' (microscope), 'MOBILIZE RESOURCES' (dollar signs), and 'MONITOR TRENDS AND MEASURE IMPACTS' (!). Below this is a section titled 'BEST PRACTICES IN PREVENTION, CONTROL AND CARE FOR DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS'. Underneath is a large red title 'BELGIUM'. At the bottom, a red text box states 'BELTA-TBnet, an example of best practices in the context of MDR-TB management'.

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