



VCOV

waar ouders **samen** scholen ●

# The VCOV: Flemish Confederation of parents and parents' associations

- Umbrella organization/master-organization of the **subsidized private education**.
- The VCOV **represents all the parents and the parents' associations** of the Catholic framework (education) in Flanders. (= 1800 parents' associations)
- The VCOV is an organization **inspired by Christian values**
- Priority concerns:
  - ✓ The VCOV carries out **governmental policies** top-down
  - ✓ The VCOV **promotes the interests of parents**, parents' associations, children and adolescents
  - ✓ The VCOV provides **an interesting forum** for its members



# The VCOV: Educational Objectives

- **Inform:** newsletters, website, local sessions
- **Sensitize:** e.g. declaration of engagements; quality label 'parent-friendly' school
- **Educate:** courses on homework, bullying, dealing with puberty, communicating, volunteering
- **Support:** e.g. conflict management, starting up, guidance, policy
- **Core assignment:** declaration of engagements

# VCOV= 5 federations



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Antwerpen



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Brussel-Leuven-Mechelen



Federatie  
Limburg

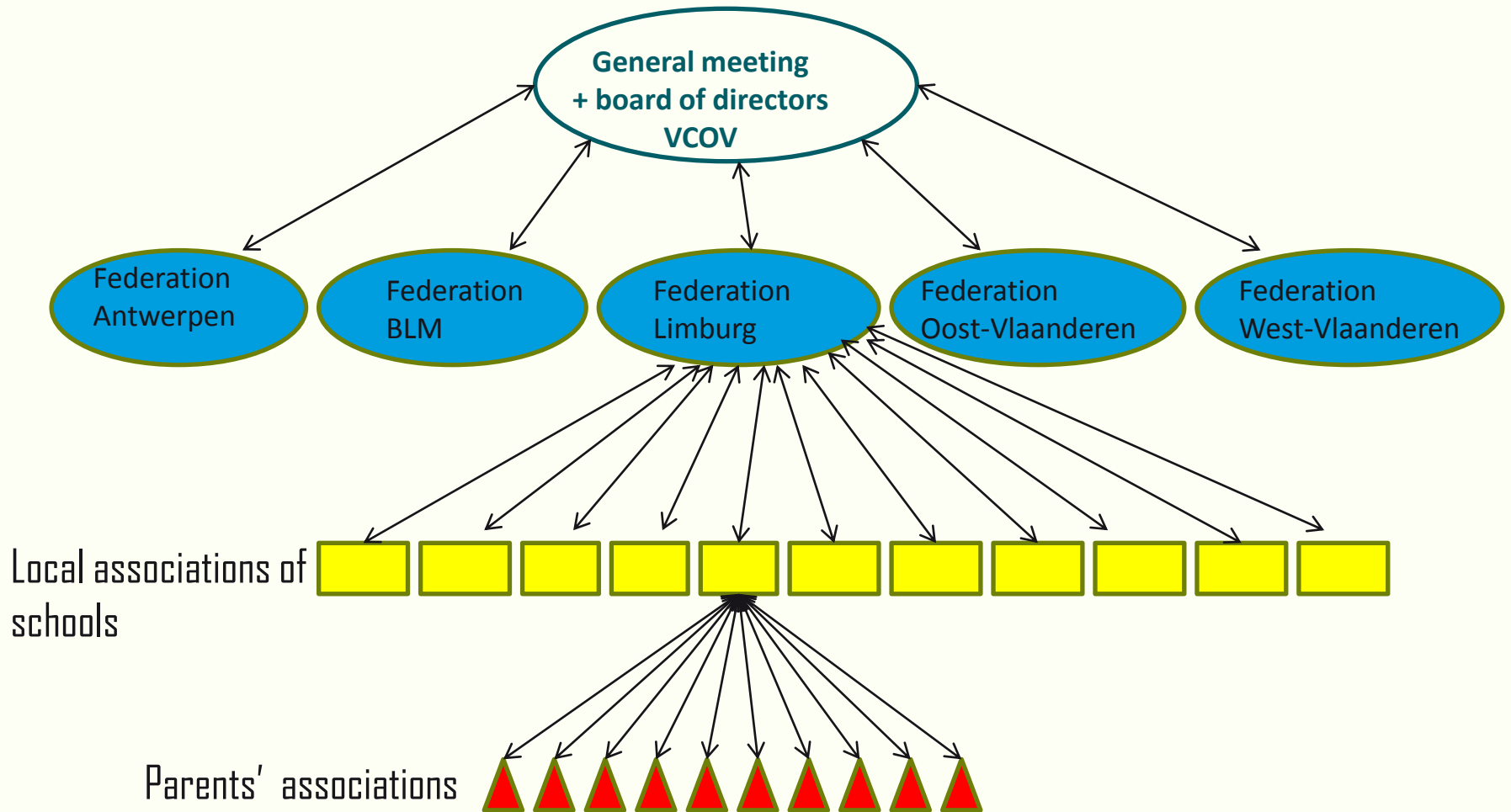


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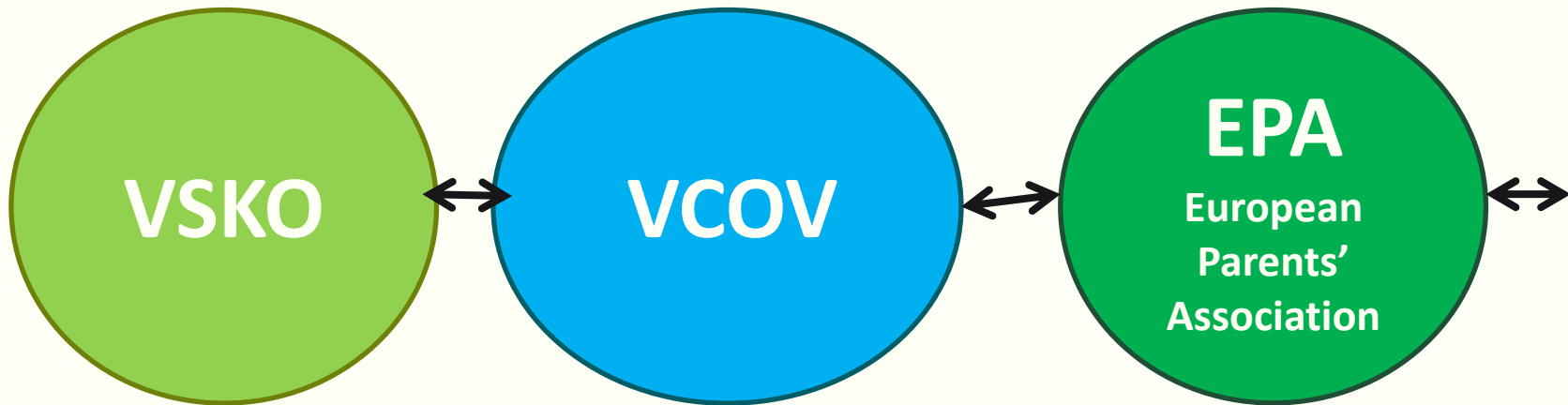


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# Schematic structure VCOV



# Cooperation with Flemish umbrella organization of schools



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# engagementsverklaring

The commitment declaration



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## The commitment declaration

All parents in Flanders have to sign a **commitment declaration** when enrolling their children in schools.

The commitment declaration contains the **mutual agreements** between parents and the school in **four areas**:

- Parents-teacher meetings
- School attendance
- Student supervision and coaching
- Speaking Dutch at school

# EPA: Alcuin Award 2011



- Candidacy of the VCOV: **'the Win-Win game'**
- The win-win game is a domino based game
- It is an original way to **facilitate the dialogue** between parents and schools. While playing parents and school discover their different expectations in a fun way.
- The playful nature of the game lowers the threshold: people feel more secure to express their feelings
- There are no losers, only winners!

**Quality label to work on  
a parent-friendly school where parents are involved and  
participate**



**We are looking for European partners for this project**

PRIMEUR IN VLAANDEREN

Label ouder-  
vriendelijke  
school



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## 8 criteria

1. School infrastructure
2. Reception
3. Parent ↔ school communication
4. Parent-teacher meeting
5. Activities for parents
6. Parent participation
7. School fees and school regulations
8. School environment



Home

Ouderparticipatie

Ouderinfotheek

Ouderacademie

Meer dan een feestcomité

Oudervriendelijke school

Stem voor ouders

SOS Ouders

Nieuwsbrieven

Links

Vind ik leuk 69 personen vinden dit leuk.



**VCOV-aanbod 2011 - 2012**

Nieuws



**Ben je benieuwd naar ...**

het persbericht nav de publicatie 'Relatie gezin en school'?

Standpunten

### Login

Gebruikersnaam:

Wachtwoord:

Login

[Wachtwoord vergeten?](#)



**Voorbije activiteiten**

Overzicht en verslagen van de voorbije activiteiten

Discussieer mee



**Idee van de week**

Een nieuw initiatief van prof. Pauwels: het [voetgangers-examen](#).

1001 ideeën

### Activiteiten

[Alle](#)

Oudercafé  
Locatie: VBS  
Ambachtstraat 7 bis,  
9150 Kruikeke  
Spreekster:  
Datum: 09-11-2011  
[Meer info](#)

Identiteit in diversiteit  
Locatie: WCO Sint-Hubertus, Stationsstraat 25, Neerpelt  
Spreekster: Mieke Van Hecke  
Datum: 16-11-2011  
[Meer info](#)



**Ludo's Eigenzinnige Selectie**

Elke week vers nieuws uit onderwijsland.

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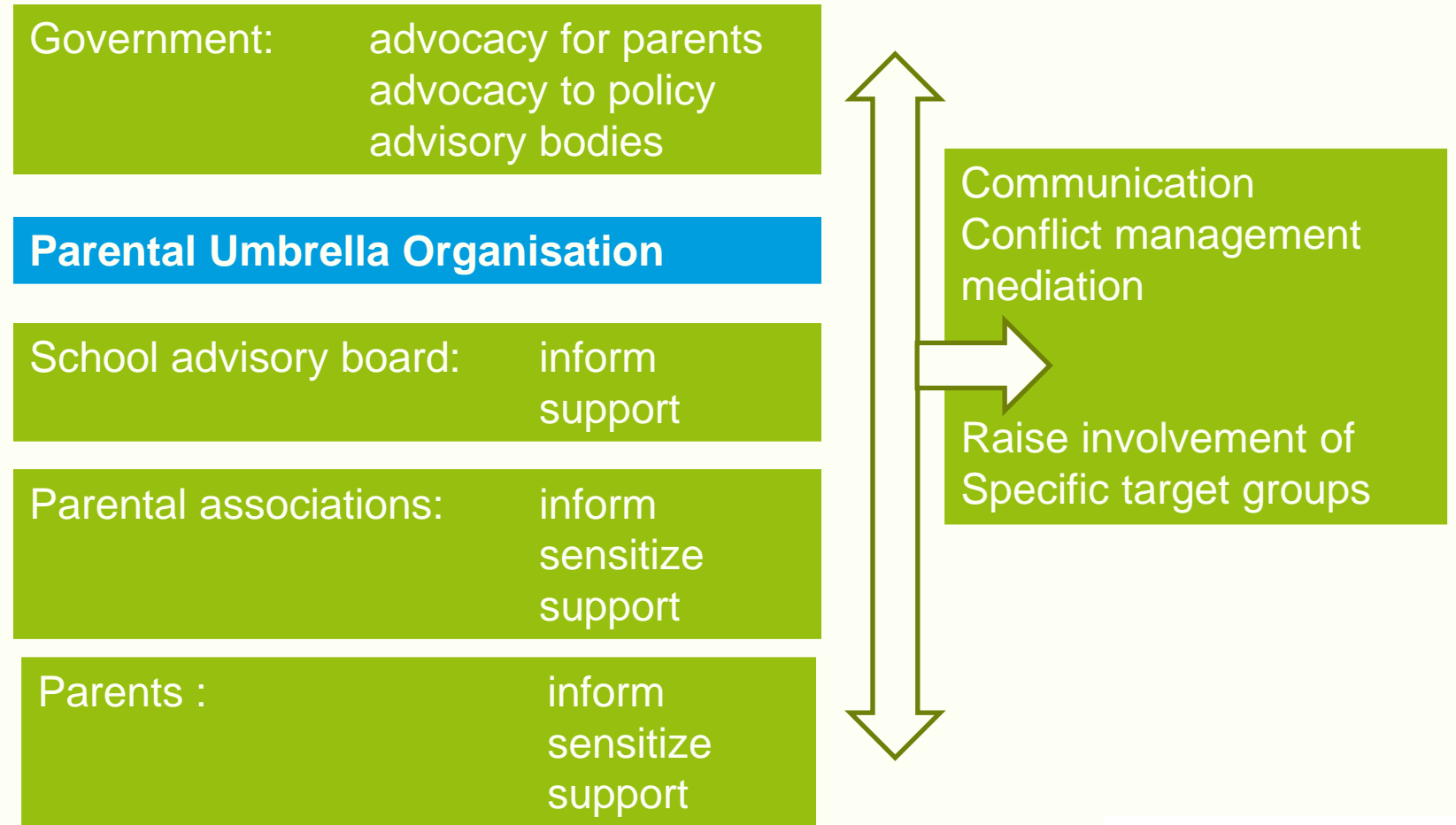


**Filmpjes en kiekjes**

[Ontbijt je fit in Turnhout](#)

VCOV in beeld

# Diagram of Participation



# How are parents involved?

